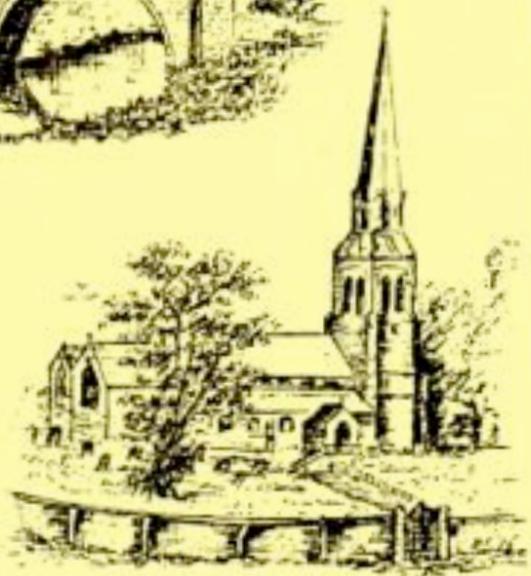


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'The Bridge'



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On a church outing to the seaside each family had brought a picnic. At lunchtime they spread their blankets on the sand and settled down to eat. Seven year old Patrick loved to say grace before every meal, and his mother and father, brother and sister bowed their heads as he recited his favourite prayer: "God is great and God is good. Let us thank him for this food." Then, hearing the sound of an ice cream van, he added, "And I would thank you even more if we could have some ice cream! Amen." As you can imagine it drew a ripple of laughter from everyone nearby, apart from grumpy-faced Mrs Grey, who audibly whispered to her husband: "Children should be taught not to pray for treats!" Poor Patrick was very upset, and his mother tried to reassure him that he hadn't done anything wrong.

Having overheard it all from where he was sitting, the vicar stood up and approached Patrick. He sat down and with a wink, said to the tearful boy: "Don't worry, Patrick, a little ice cream is good for the soul!" After they had finished their picnic, their father took the children to the ice cream van and bought them each a treat. The younger ones tucked in with glee, but Patrick looked thoughtfully at his. Then, without warning, he marched over to Mrs Grey and held out his ice cream cone: "I would like you to have this," he said, "because a little ice cream is good for the soul."

So often we are afraid of praying for what we really want, because we don't like to face our own selfishness. But if we allow ourselves to get into the lukewarm habit of praying for things we don't really care about, our prayers will go completely cold because they lack the vitality of truth. Patrick really wanted an ice cream and he wasn't afraid to ask for it, but if his parents and the vicar had allowed him to think that he had done something wrong in praying for it, he could easily have been put off praying for good.

If we filter our prayers through what we think we ought to want, or who we think we ought to be, we are not being honest with ourselves and we are certainly not fooling God. The beauty of inward, silent prayer is that we can acknowledge our darkest thoughts and deepest desires, no matter how selfish or shocking they may be. They say that the only stupid question is the

one left unasked – and by the same token we might say that the only incorrect prayer is the one left unprayed. The best we can hope for is to exchange personal experiences and then keep trying to find different ways to pray and go further on the journey of prayer.

But that is no compromise – in fact it is one of the most exciting adventures we will ever undertake. Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson wrote: “To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive” – and we will never get anywhere if our aim is to arrive at a correct way of praying. Because whether our prayers are for the welfare of others or for ourselves, whether it is ice cream or revenge we want, praying, like anything else we humans undertake, is a messy, imperfect business, and there is no getting it right or wrong. There is just persisting with it.

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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Dates for your Diary -September

- 6** Wedding St. Peter's 3pm - Michael David Forster & Stephanie Louise Hanson
- 9** **BEELEY WI** - Meal out to celebrate 95 years of Beeley WI
Toasting 95 years of memorable meetings and great companionship through Beeley WI. Venue - The Old Smithy Beeley. Raffle - Fiona
- 14** **Bakewell & Ashford Film Society** 7.30pm at The Medway Centre, Bakewell - new season starts with *Philomena* (UK Cert. 15. 98 minutes)
- 15** BEELEY PARISH COUNCIL Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall. **All welcome**
- 17** **CHATSWORTH WI** - Monthly meeting 7.30pm Edensor Tea Cottage
Speaker: Pat Hall - Life can be funny
Competition: A joke
Teas: Mrs Morris Vote of thanks: Mrs White
- 19** St. Peter's, Edensor - I am Memorial Service for Arthur Lucas-Hill

Early Notice

Friday 17th October - St. Peter's Church, Edensor 7.30pm - Peter Gould and Derby Cathedral Choir concert. Tickets will be 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.

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 £20 from Dave Perkins 01246 386385; Liz Bradshaw 01246 582421; David Jackson 01246 583452 - bar available.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club July Draw 2014

1st Prize £30 - no. 95 Margaret Jackson
2nd Prize £20 - no. 73 Sarah Titterton

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

LOST IN EDENSOR

Mobile phone belonging to Ian Woodhead, Gardener.

If found please contact
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FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY - WEDDING 25TH JULY

Richard William Palmer & Sophie Elizabeth Bilton

ST. PETER'S EDENSOR - WEDDING 26TH JULY

Paul Christopher Lugaric & Laura Elizabeth Webster

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY - FUNERAL SERVICE 21ST AUGUST

Pamela Teresa Page aged 79 years

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR HARVEST FESTIVAL

*Sunday 28th September - 10.45am
Everyone Welcome*



We will be celebrating our Harvest Service this year on Sunday 28th September at 10.45am and you are warmly invited to join us.

Donations of flowers, fruit and vegetables for decorating the church would be appreciated and can be left in church on Friday 26th or before 10.30am on Saturday 27th, when we will be arranging them; we are also asking people for non-perishable foods i.e. tins or packets and all the food items donated will be sent to the Padley Day Centre in Derby, which helps the homeless.

Following the service there will be a 'bring & share' lunch; we do hope you will join us for this special service of thanksgiving.



Saturday 13th September - Sponsored Ride & Stride

St. Peter's Church will be open on Saturday 13th September to welcome Riders & Striders. On this day people from across Derbyshire set out on foot or bicycle to visit as many churches as possible to raise money for the Derbyshire Churches and Chapels Preservation Trust through sponsorship. St. Peter's has received financial support from the Trust in the past. If you would like to join in to raise money in this way information on open churches and sponsorship forms are available at www.derbyshirehistoricbuildings.org.uk/bikeride.php

STAY SAFE:

- Safety is of paramount importance – do not sacrifice safety for speed!
- If you are cycling, please ensure that your bicycle is roadworthy.
- Cyclists are strongly recommended to wear a helmet and reflective clothing, and to lock their cycles when leaving them unattended.
- When cycling or walking on the roads please observe the Highway Code.



CHURCH OF ENGLAND TO HAVE WOMEN BISHOPS

Since the General Synod of the Church of England gave its final approval for women to become bishops in July, the first woman bishop could potentially be appointed by the end of the year.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "This is the completion of what was begun over 20 years ago with the ordination of women as priests. I am delighted with the result. ... My aim, and I believe the aim of the whole church, should be to be able to offer a place of welcome and growth for all. ...It is not winner take all, but in love a time for the family to move on together."

The Archbishop of York, Dr. John Sentamu, said: "Generations of women have served the Lord faithfully in the Church of England for centuries. It is a moment of joy: the office of Bishop is open to them. To those who ask 'what took you so long?' my answer is that every decision has a cost and there will be those within our body who will be hurting as a result of this decision. Our answer to the hurting should not be 'get over it'

but rather 'we will not let go until you have blessed us. We move slowly because we move together... As the African Proverb says: 'Whoever walks fast, travels alone. Whoever walks far, walks in the company of others'."

The legislation approved this summer includes a House of Bishops declaration, underpinned by five guiding principles and a disputes resolution procedure. Following the vote on the measure which enables women to become Bishops, the Synod voted on enabling legislation (Canon) and also rescinded existing legislation (Act of Synod) as part of a package of measures being proposed.

Following the vote, the measure moves to the Legislative Committee of General Synod and then to the Ecclesiastical Committee of the Houses of Parliament where the legislation will be considered. Subject to Parliamentary approval, the measure will return to the General Synod in November of this year where it will come into force after its promulgation (legal formal announcement).

Appeals for aid for Gaza

Tens of thousands of people in Gaza urgently need help, following this summer's escalating violence in the region. Various UK Christian relief agencies have responded with appeals for money so that they can send essential relief into the area. If you would like to donate towards this cause, either one of the following agencies might interest you.

Episcopal Relief and Development (part of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem) is providing Al-Ahli Hospital with funding for food and fuel. www.episcopalrelief.org

Christian Aid is providing relief to the Palestinian Medical Relief

Society which runs clinics in Gaza, and also to the Agricultural Development Association, which helps fishermen and farmers in Gaza. www.christianaid.org.uk

Janet Symes, Christian Aid Head of Middle East said: "The horrific escalation of violence in the region means the levels of need on the ground will continue to rise at a dramatic rate. The current crisis is a result of decades of political failure. Without genuine dialogue and a determination from all sides to achieve a just peace, Palestinians and Israelis will be destined to live through the horrors of violence again and again."

Children's Society welcomes new recommendations

The Children's Society has welcomed recent recommendations that all children in care should continue to get support from services until they are 25, and also the ban on placing children in B&Bs.

Responding to the Education Committee's report calling for improved support for young care leavers, Children's Society points out that: "Many children in care are there because they have been

abused, neglected or trafficked. ... Many are inappropriately placed in B&Bs, where they are vulnerable to exploitation and don't have supportive adults around them.

"It's important that young people in care have the support they need for as long as they need. Being abandoned by services just because they turn 18 or placed in B&B is not appropriate for any young person. And it is not appropriate for vulnerable children in care."

Animals that heal the sick

Philip Barron considers the good to be found in animal companionship.

It is being increasingly recognised that animals can help restore the health of suffering human beings. As the American child psychologist Dr Boris Levinson put it recently, "a pet is an island of sanity in what appears to be an insane world".

Dr Levinson is credited with the insight that, in the 1960s, led to the introduction of animal-assisted therapy (AAT), or pet therapy – the idea that animals can help humans to cope with, or recover from, certain medical conditions.

Dr Levinson came up with the idea of AAT after finding that he was better able to reach a withdrawn 9-year-old boy every time his dog (called Jingles) was in the room with him. With the dog present, Levinson

found that he was able to gain the trust of the boy, something that previous therapists had failed to do.

At first, physicians were sceptical, but an increasing number have used companion animals in therapy sessions in care homes and elsewhere with good results. The benefits include personal and social development, increased self-esteem, improved mental health, better social skills and increased empathy. Among those who benefit are patients with heart problems, ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) and other types of impaired mental health.

In America and the UK, interaction with horses has proved beneficial for people with dementia and other disorders. In Sussex, a project called Intuitive Horse continues to get good results.

CHATSWORTH HEALTH CLUB

supported by St. Peter's Church, Edensor

This year Chatsworth Health Club is proud to be sponsoring

Derbyshire Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse Service

This month we are collecting

BACK TO SCHOOL ITEMS

This could include:

Pencils/pens/rubbers/pencil cases; note books/rulers etc.

items of clothing - skirts; trousers; shirts; sweatshirts etc.

(2nd hand items in good condition are acceptable)

Thank you for your continued support

8th September -

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In both eastern and western churches, Mary has always been held as pre-eminent among all the saints. The unique, extraordinary privilege of being the mother of the One who was both God and Man, makes her worthy of special honour. Thomas Aquinas believed she was due *hyperdulia*, or a veneration that exceeds that of other saints, but is at the same time infinitely below the adoration, or *latría*, due to God alone.

The gospels of Matthew and Luke give Mary most mention. Luke even tells the story of Jesus' infancy from Mary's point of view. Her Song, or Magnificat appears in Luke 1:46-55.

The virginal conception of Christ is clearly stated in the gospels. But after Jesus' birth, Mary fades quietly into the background. During Jesus' public life, she is mentioned only occasionally, as at the wedding at Cana. She reappears at the foot of the Cross (John's Gospel), and is given into John's care. In the early chapters of Acts, Mary is with the Apostles, and received the Holy Spirit along with them on

Whitsunday. But her role was not the active one of teaching and preaching.

Mary's significance grew with the centuries. By the fifth century she was called Theotokos, The Mother of God, and from the seventh century onwards, she was given four festivals: the Presentation in the Temple (2 February), the Annunciation (25 March), the Assumption (15 August) and her Nativity (8 September).

Marian devotion has played an enormous role in the church down the years. Mary has been the object of countless prayers, accredited with performing many miracles, and the subject of thousands of artistic endeavours. She has had hundreds of chapels or parish churches named after her. During the Reformation many images of Mary were destroyed. The Second Vatican Council 1962 made an extended statement on her, stressing her complete dependence on her Son, and regarding her as a model of the Church.

Principal Marian shrines of today include Lourdes (France), Fatima (Portugal), Walsingham (England), Loreto (Italy), Czesochowa (Poland) and Guadalupe (Mexico).

The Way I See It : Read any good books lately?

Canon David Winter ponders the power in books...

At one end of the Broadway in the town where I live there is an empty shop, as prominent as a missing front tooth. Until this Spring it was an excellent general bookshop, which had served as a kind of cultural centre and browsing point for hundreds of customers for a couple of decades. Now it's to be turned into flats - and a 'small retail outlet'. Judging by current practice, that will be a hairdresser, nail bar or take-away. Food for the mind will be replaced, I have little doubt, by food for the tummy or pampering for the body.

So, a few polite questions. When did you last buy a book? Was it a present for someone? Did you buy it online? Was it in electronic form? And - more pertinently - if you read it, did you enjoy it? These are questions that are troubling authors, publishers and booksellers. Overall, book sales in the UK are fairly steady - a little down in some categories (children's books, sadly) and a little up in others (celebrity recipes, as you might have guessed, and memoirs of football managers). But the local bookshop - whether independent or part of a chain - is fast disappearing from the high street, and with it the wonderful

experience of simply browsing (what a lovely word) - plucking books off the shelf, reading the blurb, noting the author's name and finally deciding whether it will tuck nicely into the bag on holiday, or sit engagingly on the coffee table of an Autumn evening.

Mind you, some erstwhile readers probably agree with the old Preacher in the Bible. He was not a great fan of literature: 'Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh', he said. On the other hand, there is plenty of incentive to reading elsewhere in the Bible, especially in the New Testament: 'Give attention to reading', Paul's assistant Timothy is urged. And it is assumed that Christians will read the Bible, or listen to it being read.

Books declutter the mind, help us to imagine and enjoy the experience of others, inspire us with great lives and stretch our knowledge and our interests. The bookshop and the library are Aladdin's Caves, rich with treasures. Our society will be impoverished if we stop reading books, whether it's on paper, Kindle or even listening to a 'Book at Bedtime' on Radio 4. But let's keep the joy of browsing, too!

Still dreaming of that White Christmas

*Tim Lenton remembers the man
who gave us White Christmas...*

Irving Berlin, perhaps best known in this country for the iconic evergreen *White Christmas*, was an amazingly prolific and popular songwriter who wrote an estimated 1500 songs – though he never learned to read or write music. He died 25 years ago this month at the age of 101.

Many of his songs were patriotic, in praise of the USA, his adopted country. *God Bless America* is often thought of as an alternative national anthem. But he was born Israel Baline in Russia, in what is now Belarus.

His father, who had been a cantor in a synagogue, died prematurely after the family moved to New York to escape Jewish persecution, and the young Israel went out looking for jobs to help his family. In the early 1900s he became a singing waiter, which led him to start composing songs. He never stopped, becoming a workaholic with an instinct for the right lyrics and tunes to grab people's attention.

His songs were loved worldwide. His first major international hit, *Alexander's Ragtime Band*, was

composed as early as 1911. He wrote in an uncomplicated, simple and direct way, saying that he aimed to "reach the heart of the average American".

According to composer George Gershwin he was "the greatest songwriter who ever lived". Another composer, [Douglas Moore](#), calls him a "great American minstrel" – someone who has "caught and immortalised in his songs what we say, what we think about, and what we believe".

He wrote the scores for 19 Broadway shows and 18 Hollywood films, and his songs topped the charts 25 times, many becoming popular themes and anthems.

Irving Berlin supported Jewish charities and organisations and was generous with his money. He was honoured in 1944 by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for "advancing the aims of the conference to eliminate religious and racial conflict".

Smile.....When Adam met Eve

The topic for my class was palindromes, which are of course words or sentences that are the same read forward and backward. I asked the question 'What is the first thing Adam said to Eve?' I was expecting 'Madam, I'm Adam', but one student had a better reply: "Wow."

14th September - Holy Cross Day

On Holy Cross Day the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ's victory over death. Holy Cross Day goes right back to 14 September 335, and we have the mother of a Roman Emperor to thank for it.

Helena was a devout Christian, and after her son, Constantine, was converted, they agreed that she should travel from Rome to Israel, and seek out the places of special significance to Christians.

Of course, much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans around 135 AD. But even so, Helena finally located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them - the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

That church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14 September 335.

The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing his *De Corona* (3:2) around AD 211, noted that Christians seldom did

anything significant without making the sign of the cross.

What is its significance? Well, people often put their initials or some sort of personal mark on something to show that it belongs to them. The Cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to him. Even in the book of Revelation, we read that the servants of God are 'sealed' or 'marked' on their foreheads as a sign that they are his.

A preacher once put it this way: if you were explaining to someone how to make a cross, you would say: "Draw an I." That is you standing before the Lord, saying, 'here I am'. Then cancel that vertical stroke with a horizontal stroke – as if to say: "Lord, I abandon my self-will and make you the centre of my life instead. I abandon myself to your love and service."

On Holy Cross Day, we recall Jesus' wonderful promise: "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)



Winning your friends to faith

Here is the fifth in a short series of articles that is geared to help and inspire any Christian who does any kind of ministry – from reading the Bible in church to making the coffee after the service to attending a home group. This is adapted from a chapter from the new book by Richard Bewes, 'Equipped to Serve' (Christian Focus).

A journalist once asked the Christian singing troubadour, Garth Hewitt, what his aim was on stage, when singing to a largely secular audience. "I feel I'm up there," replied Garth, "mainly to create doubt – in the mind of the ardent unbeliever. By my lyrics, by my in-between comments, I'm largely on an undermining mission."

The part played by creating doubt. Naturally, in the heart of Christians shines the burning desire that the dying world around us shall be won to outright faith in Jesus Christ. But there may have to be an earlier stage in the progression from unbelief to faith. That is where Garth Hewitt was operating – as also was the ancient writer of the book of Ecclesiastes – who teased his readers, and goaded them into thinking. Even in the romantic third chapter on 'A time for everything', there lurked - in the round of seasons and activities – his searching question for the reader, In life without God, are we being made to dance to a tune? Today, it may be the tune of the endless flow of text messages.... the iPad crammed with Apps.... the dance routine of twenty-first century back-packers

who have successfully been there and done that. Ecclesiastes - himself a believer - deliberately adopts the atheist stance and so exposes its poverty to the world.

The writer and columnist Matthew Parris, a professed atheist, admitted this most honestly in a book of his: *10,000 constituency letters answered, 3,000 newspaper columns written, 2,000 parliamentary sketch columns, 200 reviews of morning papers in TV, 100 hours of interviews on week-end world, fifty Party Conferences, nine books, seven General Elections All done, gone, knocked off and finished.... How much anxiety, how much hope and intelligence flares through the night like a fire blazing unwatched under the cold stars, illuminating nothing, warming no one. Flames leap.... but they are earthbound....* (Chance Witness, Penguin 2002, p. 485).

The part played by friendly curiosity. Who are your friends? Do they share your interests? Are they at work? Are they into sport, fashion, films, politics? Do they have any religious beliefs at all? Or maybe some form of New Age teaching?

For many, the question can still be uneasily present about the meaning of life. The extensive diary of a well-known and successful British entertainer was published after his death in the 1990s: *August 22nd: I wonder if anyone will ever know about the emptiness of my life? I wonder if anyone will ever stand in a room that I have lived in, and touch the*

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things that were once a part of my life, and ask themselves what manner of man I was. How to ever tell them? How to ever explain?

A question that can help us to understand a friend's mind-set is, "How would you describe your basic belief about life? What keeps you ticking?" It is no answer to reply, "Actually, I have no world-view." Every man, woman and child on earth has some perception as to what life here is all about. Nor is "Well, I'm an atheist" any kind of answer. We are not asking our friends what they don't believe, but what they do believe about the meaning and purpose of their existence.

TIP: Be sure to have done some thinking on your own world-view! Be aware of the four major truths that undergird the whole teaching of the Bible that leads to Christ: Creation, the Fall, Redemption through the Cross and the final Triumph at Christ's return. Once we have those four mighty planks in our minds we shall have a handle on earth's every issue; sport, wealth-creation, art, work, politics, education,

violence and war; sex and the family, illness, death and the after-life. To discuss each other's world-view – with no holds barred – is a product of trusting friendship.

The part played by prayerful patience. We should resist the mental temptation to consign the sceptics prematurely to the pit of their own making. The Psalmist of old refers to 'a pit that is dug for the wicked.' But Augustine of old, in his comment on Psalm 94:13, argued that because it is yet being dug, there is still time for a change of mind!

Behold, thou hast the counsel of God, and the reason why he spareth the wicked; the pit is being digged for the sinner. Thou wishest to bury him at once; the pit is yet being dug for him: Do not be in haste to bury him.' (Exposition on the Psalms).

The message is clear: Stay in prayer and never write anybody off.

(From 'Equipped to Serve,' by Richard Bewes, Christian Focus: 01862 871011)

A grain of sand at a time

This autumn, do you feel overwhelmed with all the things that you need to get done? Then think of your life as an hour glass. There are thousands of grains of sand in the top of the hour glass; and they all pass slowly and evenly through the narrow neck in the middle.

We are like that hour glass. When we start in the morning, there are hundreds

of tasks which we feel that we must accomplish that day. But if we do not take them one at a time and let them pass through the day slowly and evenly, as do the grains of sand passing through the narrow neck of the hour glass, then we are bound to break our own fragile physical and mental structure. Do not attempt more than God designed you to do.



**THE WAR TO
END ALL
WARS: Part: 9
WWI: THE
GREAT WAR:
Life On The
Home Front**

THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

by David Winter

Until the Great War, battles had been fought by soldiers in designated places: Bosworth Field, Bannockburn, Agincourt, Waterloo, and so on. Until that momentous August a century ago, the civilian public's only roles in war were as remote spectators of the conflict - and occasionally victims of the victors. When the wars happened in far-away places, people only heard of them long after they were over, if at all.

However, the Great War was new and different. Since the Napoleonic Wars and even the Boer War of the 19th century, many things had changed. One was the advent of the daily newspaper - cheap, instant and popular. The papers ensured that their readers knew what was going on, and with the invention of the telephone at the end of the Victorian era, the reports from correspondents could be immediate and vivid. The internal combustion engine now propelled buses and lorries - and eventually tanks and armoured cars. And the invention of the aeroplane and its rapid development in the early years of the War brought a whole

new dimension to conflict. It was no longer local, fought out on 'battle fields', but anywhere that the combatants came together. The submarine, the Zeppelin and the aeroplane were to play significant roles in this new kind of warfare.

All of which meant that everyone in the warring nations felt involved. They were spectators no longer, but participants. All over Britain the arsenals were buzzing with activity, producing the vast quantities of shells and bombs which were being hurled across the trenches on the western front. As most of the men were in the forces, those vital munitions were largely made by women. For the first time, in many cases, women from the poorer sections of society were able to earn a decent wage in the munitions factories, or in other jobs previously seen as exclusively male.

The civilian population also experienced the war in more immediate ways. London was bombed - first by the Zeppelin airships, and later by aircraft. Casualties were low - about a thousand civilians - and the attacks infrequent, but they were a cruel reminder that modern war knows no frontiers. Late in the War the German navy tightened its grip on the major seaways, largely through the activity of submarines, and food shortages became a problem.

The mood of the nation remained positive, however. The newspapers

tended to present events on the western front in a patriotic way, disguising to some extent the true horror of what was going on. It was widely accepted that we were fighting in a noble cause. The Allies were on a mission to save the world. In a famous sermon, the Bishop of London called on the nation to kill Germans, 'not for the sake of killing . . . but lest the civilisation of the world itself should be killed'. That mood began to change as the years rolled on and the casualty

figures (which were published daily) got higher and higher. There was never any significant 'anti-war' movement as such, but more a general feeling that things just couldn't go on like this. Something would have to give if that 'civilisation' was to survive. But in the end it was economics, not military tactics, that decided the day.

**21st September -
St Matthew**

Matthew was one of 12 apostles. But he began as a publican i.e. a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy

emphasised the family ties of Christ. In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

**Church Commissioners
confirm Wonga exit**

Church Commissioners for England were recently "pleased to announce" that their indirect investment exposure to Wonga in their venture capital portfolio has been removed. The Church Commissioners no longer have

any financial or any other interest in Wonga.

At no time have the Commissioners invested directly in Wonga or in other pay day lenders. The indirect exposure of the Commissioners through pooled funds represented considerably less than 0.01% of the value of Wonga.

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 Well-Stocked Kitchen' by Joachim Beuckelaer

At this time of the year churches up and down the land will be celebrating Harvest, and congregations will gather to give thanks for the good gifts of God's creation. That abundance and fruitfulness are there in this month's painting from the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. It is called 'The Well-Stocked Kitchen' by Joachim Beuckelaer. He was born in Antwerp in 1533 and under the guidance of his uncle, he learnt how to paint market and kitchen scenes. He then set up as an independent artist in his hometown. This painting was completed in 1566, just nine years before his early death at the age of 42.

The canvas is dominated by a lavish display of food: vegetables and fruit, poultry and game, along with jugs, pots and pans. Two girls in the kitchen are busy preparing this food for what will be a great banquet. There is more than enough for a wonderful feast, and at harvest we thank God for such profusion. But harvest celebrations also remind us

of two important truths present in this painting.

The first message is that a feast here often means a famine somewhere else, and at harvest we focus on poverty and hunger in many parts of our world. Foodbanks nearer at hand remind us that financial problems have resulted in hungry mouths in our own communities. Here in this painting, behind the kitchen girls we can see an old man who has come in from the street to share in the feast: a reminder that plenty close at hand can serve the needy elsewhere.

The second message announced by Beuckelaer is that this food on display can feed the human body for 70, 80, even 90 years. But what about food for the soul? As we look beyond the lavish display of meat and vegetables, as we look beyond the kitchen girls and the old man, we see through the archway Jesus talking to Martha and Mary. The artist is saying to us that we should let the good things of creation lead us to the good things of redemption. The offer of daily bread that greets our eyes and can feed our stomachs, as we look at the foreground of the painting, can open up a vision of bread for all and living bread for the soul.

At harvest time, we rejoice that God desires to share all these gifts with us. He invites us to feast on creation

and to feast on redemption. The exuberance of food shown in the kitchen can lead us to the wonderful food of God's grace in the life and teaching of Jesus. Beuckelaer is inviting us to look on these good tokens of God's creation in the kitchen and give thanks: they are signs of the world in which God gives us material gifts for our well-

being and happiness and to share with all around. But he is also inviting us to look on the things that God wants even more to give us. It is then that we can turn to Jesus and, like Martha and Mary, find nourishment for our souls as we feed on the living bread he offers us.



Sales this month totalled a meagre £418. However the new catalogue has just appeared and promises great things. Here is an extract from the press release which accompanied it.

Please ask me if you would like a copy of the catalogue.

“The new Traidcraft range offers more than 450 ethically-made products, which celebrate indigenous craftsmanship from Africa, Asia and Latin America. Many are handcrafted by artisans using traditional skills.

The autumn range features beautifully handcrafted homewares, stylish jewellery and accessories and children's toys, as well as groceries, gift foods and drinks. Each item is unique – and each has its own story.

Highlights in the new range include:

- A bright and vivid patterned handmade paper wrap adds a touch of fair trade pizzazz to presents. Produced at Get Paper Industries, Nepal, this paper is environmentally friendly - produced using cotton and paper waste (p 66).
- A decorative fire screen has been handmade by artisans at Noah's Ark, India and features a beautiful Tree of Life design. With a lovely antique-style finish, this piece is perfect for placing next to blazing winter fires.
- New to the range, unique, speciality medium roast coffees make a perfect gift for the discerning coffee lover. With fair trade beans sourced from Rwanda and Ethiopia, these coffees are bright, lively and fresh.

Buying fair trade products from Traidcraft means you're helping a range of producers in Asia, Latin America and Africa”.

Peter Bird (02629 813087
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Bakewell and Ashford

Film Society opens its new season on Sunday September 14th at 7.30 pm at The Medway Centre, Bakewell with the 2013 biographical drama *Philomena* (UK, Cert. 15, 98 minutes).

A world-weary political journalist picks up the story of a woman's search for her son, who was taken away from her decades ago after she became pregnant and was forced to live in a convent.

There will be a short introduction to the film and refreshments will be served during the interval. Enjoy high definition, wide screen and multi-channel audio at BASH's film nights.

Our 2014-15 programme of films is available at www.bashfilms.org.uk also at The Medway Centre and various outlets in Bakewell.

Full membership for one year: £24.00 (10 films), Temporary membership: £8.00 (2 films)

Guest of member: £5.00 (1 film). To join BASH fill in an application form, available at on our website and The Medway Centre, and either bring it with you, post it or email to: Cheryl Mayfield, BASH treasurer, 22 Catcliffe Cottages, Bakewell, DE45 1FL 01629 814770, cherylmayfield@stainedglass1.plus.com

New arrangements for housing retired clergy

The Church of England Pensions Board has published the outcome of its review of rental housing for retired clergy, following a consultation process which took place last year.

The main changes to the rental scheme are: that clergy will be able to start looking for a retirement property much earlier; they will be

able to choose their future home from a large pool of high quality properties in the certain knowledge of what the costs of each property will be, and they will pay a subsidised rent based on the value of the property they choose. None of these changes will take place before 1 April 2015. The scheme that has been reviewed is the Church's Housing Assistance for Retired Ministry (CHARM) rental scheme.

What makes for retirement 'heaven'?

Living in your own three bedroom house with a spouse and a dog, at least 10 miles from your family, and with two holidays a year, is, it seems, the perfect way to retire. At least those

are the findings of a recent survey. It also discovered that people enjoy retirement even more when they include new hobbies, new skills and do volunteer work. The study was carried out by Anchor, a housing and care provider.

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

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 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.

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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September Sudoku ☞

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Remembering Roy Castle – 20 years on

Tim Lenton recalls the entertainer Roy Castle.

Roy Castle OBE – a man of many, many parts – died 20 years ago this month. As well as being known to almost everyone in the country as a TV presenter (he hosted the very popular *Record Breakers* for some 20 years) he was also a talented jazz trumpet player, a singer, dancer, actor, comedian and Liverpool supporter.

He appeared in several films, including *Dr Who and the Daleks*, and starred with comedians such as Jimmy Edwards and Ronnie Barker, a close friend. Everything he did was wholehearted and often innovative. For many, he was a cult figure.

Eric Morecambe introduced Roy to dancer Fiona Dickson, who became his wife in 1963, and they had four children, including Ben, a top-flight jazz saxophonist known to Greenbelters for his performances with Duke Special. Roy and Fiona were

committed Christians who attended their local Baptist Church.

Roy found he had lung cancer in January 1992, and despite some remission, succumbed to it on 2 September 1994. Never a smoker, he felt he had caught the disease through playing in smoky jazz clubs.

Earlier in 1994 he had raised money through a Tour of Hope for the erection of the building that would become the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. By that time he had been made an OBE. He had also received the Carl Alan Award, an honour voted for by members of the professional dance industry. His record for the fastest tap-dance – 1,440 taps a minute – set in January 1973, has never been bettered.

Roy's wife Fiona continued to campaign after his death for the abolition of smoking in public places, which came into effect in almost all public buildings by 2007. Many places that took the step voluntarily continue to display the Roy Castle Clean Air Award.

SERVICES & ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
7	9.30am	Holy Communion	Barbara Hawksworth	Rupert & Liz 3 rd - 6 th
14	9.30am	Holy Communion	" "	
21	9.30am	Holy Communion	Pauline Mather	Fiona & Claire 17 th -20 th
28	9.30am	Holy Communion	" "	
5 Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion	Mrs Swain	Rupert & Liz 1 st - 4 th
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
7	10.45am	Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
14	10.45am	Holy Communion	J Bowns/M Pindar	
21	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mrs Thomas + I	
28	10.45am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
5 Oct	10.45am	Holy Communion	Jean Clarke & Mrs Jackson	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	
7	Mr & Mrs Bosett	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Wedding flowers	
14	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Mrs Nelson	
21	M Douglas/Diana Maskery	Mr & Mrs Carter	Gloria Sherwood	
28	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mr & Mrs Nelson	Harvest Decorations*	
5 Oct	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	<i>to be arranged</i>	
<i>*If you would like to help with decorating the church for Harvest please meet at St. Peter's at 10.30am on Saturday 27th September.</i>				
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
7	Ezekiel 33: 7-11 Matthew 18: 15-20	David Jackson <i>Trinity Twelve</i>	Oscar Porter <i>Children in service</i>	
14	Philippians 2: 6-11 John 3: 13-17	Duke of Devonshire <i>Holy Cross Day</i>	Sarah Porter <i>S.S Fiona Swain</i>	
21	2 Corinthians 4: 1-6 Matthew 9: 9-13	John Bowns <i>St. Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist</i>	Claire Cadogan <i>S.S. Sarah Porter</i>	
28	2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 Luke 12: 16-30	Martin Venning <i>Harvest Thanksgiving St. Peter's</i>	Fiona Swain <i>S.S. Claire Cadogan</i>	

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