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On 18th February (Ash Wednesday) we begin the season of Lent. A time for repentance, reflection, discipline and prayer. In the 5th century, St. Benedict, a committed and faithful monk, became the Abbot of a monastery in Monte Casino, Italy. He was a wise and humble man who influenced many people in his time and through his teaching, continues to inspire people today. He tells us that in Lent we have to 'apply ourselves', which, in simple terms means not so much to do extraordinary things as to concentrate on getting ordinary things right. That is sound common sense advice as we keep another Lent; and there are a few simple ways in which we ought to be applying ourselves. Our job; our responsibilities; our family obligations; the shortcomings of those who annoy us; the irritation of tasks which may be unpleasant; and all the many and varied aspects of life which are part of the day-to-day situations in which God has set us. We must never forget that we are called to serve God in 'the present moment' – not regretting the past; not always wishing that we were doing something different.

How different we look and feel if we learn to recognise and rejoice in all that is good and true and beautiful. At the end of every day look back and identify all the good things and the people who have brought a little light and joy into life. Be awake and aware of the support of friends; the love of family; the kindness of a stranger; the helpfulness of someone in a shop; the courage of someone who is ill; the healing of a broken relationship. The list is endless. Try making your own list over a day or a week and offer it all to God in thanksgiving as part of his creative love.

Lent has been described as 'six weeks of honesty with ourselves'. How often do we put on a mask for ourselves as well as for others? Accepting ourselves as we really are does not lead to despair but rather to great peace. It is only when we are honest about ourselves that we can recognise and accept the loving mercy and goodness of God, and so enable him to do his work within us and through us. God wants not our ability so much as our availability.

This is not only a matter for those whose lives are very full. Sometimes people, who have plenty of time, are tense and anxious. So we have to learn to 'let go'. It is God's world and we cannot solve the problems of the world by anxious fretting. For those who live full and busy lives we have to make time to 'waste with God'. Do not imagine that you can bring in the kingdom on your own. Learn patience; be tolerant with others; be relaxed and open in your relationships; be ready and prepared for the opportunities and tasks of each day.

Through the season of Lent keep on looking ahead hopefully. Concentrate on the risen Christ and think about him joyfully. Yes, we must go to the foot of the cross, but that is not the end of the road. Lent leads us through Good Friday to Easter Day.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

LENT COURSE

A Lent course will take place each week during the season of Lent, details to follow in church.



FROM THE REGISTERS



ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR - WEDDINGS

27th December 2014 ~ John Parkinson & Rebecca Wilding

29th December 2014 ~ Paul William Lang & Clare Elizabeth Jones

5th January 2015 ~ Kyle Alexanders & Kay Louise Bradley

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

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ST. ANNE'S & ST. PETER'S

Sunday 11th January saw a full church at St. Peter's for the Confirmation of nine of our regular worshippers. The Bishop of Derby, the Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern, preached on the meaning of being confirmed.

Those confirmed were: Corrin Orme, Anabelle Porter, Oscar Porter, Sophia Hinxman-Allegri, Anna-Dora Swain, Vanessa Harvey, Emily Harvey, William Harvey and Roy Bosett.

The Derbyshire Singers provided wonderful music during the service and all the candidates were well supported by family and friends, among them many children from Pilsley School and their parents.

For the first time in many years the chalice dating from 1661 was used for the Communion. Normally kept at Chatsworth for safekeeping, we decided that such a special occasion was worthy of a very special piece of our church furniture.

and following on from that here is an email to the Vicar from someone present at the Confirmation Service.....

Dear Canon Dave

I thought you would be amused by a little conversation I had with Matilda this morning. She was very impressed by the confirmation service, especially by the bishop and his splendid robes and by seeing all the confirmants (confirmees? I'm sure there's a proper term) lined up and being prayed for by everyone. However, she forgot the actual word 'confirmation'. When we were in the line for communion she turned to me and whispered, "Next time there's a resurrection can I join in?" !

It was a lovely service, thank you for it.

Best wishes

Claire

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -FEBRUARY

- 2nd** **PILSLEY CoFe School Christingle Service** - St. Peter's Church 2pm
- 10th** **BEELEY WI** Monthly Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Curling: join us for a taster session on an unusual and great team sport.
Tea & Raffle: Sarah & Jackie
- 13th** **'Something for the Soul': Garth Hewitt in concert - tickets £10**
Friday 13th March 2015 at 7:30pm. All Saints Church, Bakewell.
- 21st** **CHATSWORTH WI** Monthly Meeting 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage
Speaker: Louise Bennett - Mercy Ships, Medical Aid charity
Competition: Bonny Baby Photographs
Vote of Thanks: Mary Read

Wedding Flowers 2014



Thank you to everyone who has helped to dress the Church for weddings during 2014. Also thank you for the kind donations of Hurricane lanterns which, with the wedding flowers, has helped to raise £1,438 for St Peter 's Church.

Margaret Nelson



St. Peter's Church 100 Club December Draw 2014

1st Prize £30 - no. 74 Pauline Mather

2nd Prize £20 - no. 71 Jean Sutton

Funds to church this month - £50

Subscriptions for 2015 are now due at £12 per number held.

Cheques payable to:

St. Peter's Church 100 Club

'SPICE' Sunday

'SPICE' Sunday on 11th
January raised £22.70 for Church Funds.

The total raised from 'SPICE' Sundays during the last year was £365.60.

Thank you to everyone who continues to save their 5pence pieces.

REMINDER for 'The Bridge' Subscriptions

A REMINDER - if you haven't already paid your subscription for your 2015 magazines please give it to the person who delivers it AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FOR BEELEY RESIDENTS the money should be taken to Pauline Mather, 1 Devonshire Square.

£7.20 per year, cheques payable to Edensor PCC.

Many thanks.

High Peak Women's Refuge

This month we are going to be collecting winter clothing i.e. socks, hats, gloves, scarves, jumpers etc. (adults & childrens) also blankets and hot water bottles - in fact anything to keep out the winter chills. Thank you for your continued support.



Margaret Thomas

I would like to thank all the church members there on 21st December when I had a 'complete Blackout' in the pew attempting to stand for the Creed. Their kindness and exemplary treatment, calling a nurse, a car ambulance and then a full ambulance to take me to hospital at Calow could not have been bettered by a doctor. Thank you so much.

My good friend and neighbour Jean York collected my car and garaged it then followed me to the hospital. She then stayed at the A & E for 5 hours while they checked my atrial fibrillation and blood pressure, which had gone Berserk. She then arranged for me to have someone with me for 24 hours, otherwise I would not have been allowed home. Jean's husband stayed with me until my son arrived from London to stay the night.

What would we do without friends?

My thanks to you all.

FIRST WOMAN BISHOP ARRIVES IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Rt Revd Libby Lane became the first woman to be consecrated as a bishop in the Church of England on Monday, January 26th. At a York Minster service presided over by the Most Revd Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, Libby became the 8th Bishop of Stockport, a suffragan (assistant) bishop in the Diocese of Chester.

Speaking at Stockport Town Hall, when her appointment was first announced on 17 December, 2014, Libby Lane said: "I am grateful for, though somewhat daunted by, the confidence placed in me by the Diocese of Chester. This is unexpected and very exciting. I am very conscious of all those who have gone before me, women and men, who for decades have looked forward to this moment. But most of all I am thankful to God.

"The Church of England is called to serve all the people of this country and, being present in every community, we communicate our faith best when our lives build up the lives of others, especially the most vulnerable. I am excited by the possibilities and challenges ahead."

Libby Lane was ordained priest in 1994 and served a number of roles in the North of England. She

served her curacy in Blackburn Diocese and, in York Diocese, served as a hospital chaplain and as a chaplain in further education. Moving to the Diocese of Chester, Libby served as a team vicar in Stockport before becoming Vicar of St Peter's Hale and St Elizabeth's Ashley, in 2007.

In 2013, Libby was elected by the North-West dioceses as one of the first eight clergy women to sit as Participant Observers in the House of Bishops of the Church of England. She also served as Family Life Officer in York and as Chester's Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands, advising and supporting people thinking about ministry in the Church of England. January 2010 saw her take on the role of Dean of Women in Ministry in Chester Diocese.

When the new Bishop of Stockport was announced, the Archbishop of York predicted that Libby would "exercise her episcopal ministry with joy, prayerfulness, and trust in God."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, said: "Her Christ-centred life, calmness and clear determination to serve the church and the community make her a wonderful choice."

The Bishop of Chester, the Rt. Revd Dr Peter Forster, who led the nomination process, confirmed:

"As the first woman bishop in the Church of England she will face many challenges as well as enjoying many opportunities to be an ambassador for Jesus Christ. I have no doubt that she has the gifts and determination to be an outstanding bishop."

Bishop Libby succeeded the Rt. Revd Robert Atwell, now the

Bishop of Exeter. Her husband, George, with whom she was ordained in 1994, is Coordinating Chaplain at Manchester Airport. They have two grown up children. Between episcopal duties, the Rt Rev Libby Lane hopes to continue learning the saxophone, supporting Manchester United and doing cryptic crosswords.

‘O happy band of pilgrims’ – what Christian pilgrimage is really all about



Revd Canon Michael Burgess

*When that April with his showers soote
The drought of March hath pierced to the
root.'*

In those words Geoffrey Chaucer describes the Spring months when 'longen folk to go on pilgrimages.' In 'The Canterbury Tales' he paints the rich variety of pilgrims travelling in the 14th century to the shrine of St Thomas Becket. In this occasional series we shall look at why Christians have always gone on pilgrimage, and continue to do so. We shall explore the why, the how, and the where of such holy journeys.

Visitors to Norwich, for example, are encouraged to take a walking meditation from the Roman Catholic cathedral via Mother Julian's shrine to the Anglican cathedral. In October of last year Westminster Abbey organised an Edwardtide Pilgrimage through the

building, stopping at various points for prayer. Those journeys are just for one day, but Harry Bucknell's recent book, 'Like a Tramp, Like a Pilgrim' tells of the faith and fun that inspired a longer journey from St Paul's in London to St Peter's in Rome. Brother Ramon SSF wrote, 'We all go on pilgrimage. It is part of our human yearning to associate places with people we love, with experiences which are precious, with events which are holy.' In doing that we can find a sense of healing, holiness and peace.

Ronald Blythe says that each pilgrimage should be three things: an effort, a prayer and a conclusion. That is true whether it is the pilgrimage of the Stations of the Cross around our own church or a journey that takes us from our familiar home to a holy place that has been blessed by its association with our Lord and his saints in all the corners of the globe. It may be to Iona, Lindisfarne or Walsingham in this country. It may be to the Holy Land, Lourdes, Guadalupe or Santiago de Compostela. Whatever the journey, we are following in a rich tradition in

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14TH FEBRUARY ST VALENTINES DAY

There are two confusing things about this day of romance and anonymous love-cards strewn with lace, cupids and ribbon: firstly, there seems to have been two different Valentines in the 4th century - one a priest martyred on the Flaminian Way, under the emperor Claudius, the other a bishop of Terni martyred at Rome. And neither seems to have had any clear connection with lovers or courting couples.

So why has Valentine become the patron saint of romantic love? By Chaucer's time the link was assumed to be because on these saints' day - 14 February - the birds are supposed to pair. Or perhaps the custom of seeking a partner on

St Valentine's Day is a surviving scrap of the old Roman Lupercalia festival, which took place in the middle of February. One of the Roman gods honoured during this Festival was Pan, the god of nature. Another was Juno, the goddess of women and marriage. During the Lupercalia it was a popular custom for young men to draw the name of a young unmarried woman from a name-box. The two would then be partners or 'sweethearts' during the time of the celebrations. Even modern Valentine decorations bear an ancient symbol of love - Roman cupids with their bows and love-arrows.

There are no churches in England dedicated to Valentine, but since 1835 his relics have been claimed by the Carmelite church in Dublin.



Christian life. But also, we are following in the steps of our Lord.

When we look at the life of Jesus, we find there the pilgrim par excellence. The Gospels portray the public life of Jesus in two stages: first, travelling to the villages and rural areas of Galilee, and then the longer journey to the Holy City, Jerusalem. Our Lord described his pilgrimage as a journey to give life to the world: coming from the Father and then leaving the world to return to the Father. For us to become pilgrims, whether in heart and mind, or travelling further afield, is a

reminder that we are all on a journey. It is the journey from birth to death, the journey as we grow and mature in faith, the journey from A to B on the map. The letter to the Hebrews tells us that 'here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.' We are pilgrims here on earth, and pilgrims travelling to that new Jerusalem which is the hope and vision of the final pages of the New Testament.

*'O happy band of pilgrims, if onward ye will tread,
with Jesus as your fellow, to Jesus as your head.'*

THE VERY FIRST VALENTINE CARD - A LEGEND

The Roman Emperor Claudius II needed soldiers. He suspected that marriage made men want to stay at home instead of fighting wars, so he outlawed marriage. A kind-hearted young priest named Valentine felt sorry for all the couples who wanted to marry, but couldn't. So secretly he married as many couples as he could - until the Emperor found out and condemned him to death. While he was in prison awaiting execution, Valentine showed love

and compassion to everyone around him, including his jailer. The jailer had a young daughter who was blind, but through Valentine's prayers, she was healed. Just before his death in Rome on 14 February, he wrote her a farewell message signed 'From your Valentine.'

So the very first Valentine card was not between lovers, but between a priest about to die, and a little girl, healed through his prayers.



Valentine Dreams.....

A young woman woke up one morning and told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's Day. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," he replied with a smile. Sure enough, that evening the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it, only to find a book entitled 'The Meaning of Dreams'. (Whoops!)

New forests for the CofE

The Church Commissioners for England have recently purchased a forestry portfolio from UPM Tilhill for £49 million. This means that the Commissioners are now the largest private commercial forestry investor in the UK. The new purchase comprises 15 separate forests, 13 of which are in Scotland and 2 in Wales, and includes two operating wind farms and a mountain biking visitor centre in Wales.

The new portfolio extends to 6922 hectares (ha) of productive forestry, and increases the Commissioners' overall UK forestry holding to 13,000ha, with a total value of around £100 million. All of the forests are certified to FSC standards and managed to both the UK Woodland Assurance Standard and the UK Forestry Standard.



The Way I See It :

Canon David Winter considers the Kyoto Agreement and climate change...

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER

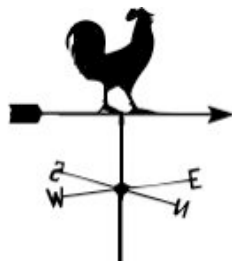
Ten years ago this month in Kyoto, Japan, an international treaty was signed to deal with the vexed issue of climate change. For once the world's leaders were talking our language, because British people are experts on weather. That's mainly because ours keeps changing, whereas some poor people only have the same sunny weather all year round - how boring to live in Madeira, for instance!

So the British are experts on weather. Climate Change is nothing new to us, we experience it three times a day. However, we are also aware that things are changing in a more fundamental way. My youngest grand-child didn't see snow on the ground till he was five, whereas in my childhood it came every year, just after Christmas, 'deep and crisp and even'. I remember my grandfather having to dig us out of the house so that we could make our way through thick snow to the school in the village.

Even more remarkably, it was not so long ago - about 200 years - that the Thames was frozen over and people skated across it. Rather further back,

though in cosmic time quite recently, there was the Ice Age. In the part of north London where I lived for thirty years you could still see long banks of rubble where soil and stones had been pushed along by the advancing ice. It was just short of the North Circular Road - people observed that even thousands of years ago you couldn't get across it.

The difference this time, as Kyoto argued, is that it's not the neutral forces of nature that are changing our climate, but our own modern way of life. This is change caused by our own indulgence - motor cars and lorries, air transport all over the globe, factories burning fossil fuel, central heating and air-conditioning. When there are vineyards in Derbyshire and heat-waves at Christmas, at least we'll know who to blame. Personally, I think it sounds quite nice, so long as there's a bit of snow in August.



The bombing of Dresden 70 years ago this month was one of the turning points of WW2. David Winter looks back...

The bombing of Dresden

The Germans did it to Coventry, and then, 70 years ago this month, the Allies did it to the lovely old town of Dresden. In a few hours of what was called 'saturation bombing' one of Europe's most beautiful cities was reduced to rubble. Wave after wave of bombers dropped their missiles, aiming them into the heart of a massive fire-ball which engulfed the whole of the town's historic heart. At the time many people in Britain were inclined to say 'Serves them right', but on the principle that 'two wrongs don't make a right' later reflection has somewhat changed our judgment. The bombing of Dresden - not really a military target at all - is now widely regarded as a grievous mistake.

We had a neighbour in London after the War who was a survivor of the Dresden bombing. She was a school-girl at the time, and during the raid she and her family cowered in a cellar under their house, which was flattened above them. For hour after hour, she said, the noise of the bombs

was incessant, together with the sound of falling masonry and the roar of the flames which were engulfing the neighbourhood. Several of her relatives were killed and their home completely destroyed. After the war she married an English soldier and came to live in London, but to his dying day she would express her hatred of Winston Churchill, whom she blamed for authorising the air raid. She celebrated his funeral by opening a bottle of champagne.

In truth, of course, things like this happen in war. Defeating the hideous Nazi regime seemed to be all that mattered at the time. But it would be a sad day if with the perspective of history we weren't able to see how appalling such events are. That would be as true of Coventry, or the London blitz, as of Dresden. That city, like Coventry, was rebuilt after the war, and with the passing years the events themselves tend to be forgotten. But perhaps it is only by remembering them, and reflecting on their consequences, that we can hope to avoid them in the future.



BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

February 8th 2015 The Medway Centre, New Street, Bakewell 7.30pm

The Invisible Woman (2013, UK) Cert. 12A, 111 mins. Biography, drama, romance

At the height of his career, Charles Dickens meets a younger woman who becomes his secret lover until his death.

Too many Christians suffer from an inferiority complex. They think that because they find their lives 'everyday', there is nothing they can contribute to the grand sounding 'Mission of the Church'. In this new series of articles, Joy French and Anna France-Williams encourage Christian women to see the endless possibilities available to them, right there in their 'ordinary lives'. Based on their new book, 'Ordinary Mum, Extraordinary Mission: how can a busy mum be part of Gods' mission when she can't even find a babysitter?... Sharing God's love in everyday life.' (IVP, £8.99)

What does your family life reveal about you?

Most of us love 'people-watching', but have you ever stopped to observe complete families in action? What a contrast you will find! Some are super-clean and organized – everything is pressed and ironed, the house immaculate and the lawn beautifully stripy. Then there are families who are a hotch-potch of chaos and disorder: the kind whose pet hamsters escape and move in to the piano, with nobody much bothering. There are serious families, silly families, academic families and practical families, outdoorsy families and indoor families – we are all different, and each of us will bring different strengths and weaknesses into the melting pot of the family identity that we are shaping.

Family life is a precious gift, and yet we all know that it brings immense challenges too. Whatever the challenges and pressures that our particular family may be facing, God

uses families of all shapes and sizes to grow his Kingdom and share the love of Jesus with those who don't yet know him. We are all called by God to be and do different things, and our diverse families have a part to play as we share his love with a broken world.

Consider the wise and foolish builders, described by Jesus in Matthew chapter seven. "The wise man built his house upon the rock" runs the song about it. That points to a fundamental truth: a life that is patterned on the teachings of Jesus is a life with a firm and sure foundation.

Something that is true for all of us is that we cannot build a bigger or stronger house than our foundations will allow. As Jesus, or a civil engineer will tell you, the building above the ground is dependent upon the building below the ground. Jesus tells us clearly in this well-known story that a well-built life is one that is founded upon both hearing and learning to live out his teachings. When the pressures of family life crowd in from every angle, it can be tempting to just 'pull up the drawbridge' on the outside world. And yet, by living generously with others, and sharing our families' joys and struggles beyond our own four walls, we can become part of the bigger picture. God is building his kingdom, and families on mission together have an exciting part to play.

The Yalta Conference: an unlikely group of men

David Winter considers an historic conference that took place 70 years ago this month, and which changed the course of WW2.

In February 1945, with Germany facing defeat on two fronts - in the north, from the Red Army, and in the south by the advancing Allies - the leaders of the three great powers met at Yalta, in the Crimea. They were an ill-assorted group of men by any standards. There was the physically frail but intellectually composed US President, Franklin D Roosevelt; the aristocratic and eloquent British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill; and the tyrannical chairman of the Supreme Soviet, Joseph Stalin. Their agenda was to consider the reorganisation of Europe after the war.

As we have seen, the Allies of the Great War had got this matter of the post-war settlement wrong, and the consequence was World War Two a bare 20 years later. Messers Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin did rather better - the intervening 70 years have seen no military conflicts between the major nations of Europe. For half of that time, however, Europe endured a 'Cold War' of frightening intensity at times. The seeds of that Cold War were sown in decisions made at Yalta. Their meeting saw some hard bargaining. As a result, the demilitarisation of Germany was agreed, as was its division into four zones each to be under the control of

one of the victorious powers, the Soviet Union, the USA, the UK and France (the last a hard-earned concession by Stalin). In fact the Allied zones soon merged to form what came to be known as West Germany, which fairly rapidly achieved economic prosperity. In contrast, the Russian zone, East Germany, suffered under an imposed Communist regime and economic poverty.

The line between the zones, East and West, tended to extend beyond the borders of Germany, as the countries of Eastern Europe came under the sway of their powerful neighbour, the Soviet Union. In Winston Churchill's vivid phrase, an 'Iron Curtain' descended across Europe, and remained in place until the eventual break-up of the old USSR and the emergence of the newly independent states of the region. Germany was reunited, to become a major power in the world. Stalin promised at Yalta that there would be democratic elections in Poland. There were, but not until the break-up of the Soviet empire and the gradual melting of the iron curtain.

So, like most human enterprises, Yalta was both good and bad. It was better than Versailles, but inevitably flawed by the conflicting interests of the nations taking part. Yet perhaps the seeds of our present-day democratic Europe were sown at Yalta, by that unlikely group of men, 70 years ago this month.

What is the shape of your Bible?

Richard Bewes considers how God has revealed himself to us...

The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. (John 1:9)

The shape of the Bible is like that of an hour-glass, in which thousands of sand grains sink down from its wide top, trickling through the tapered centre, only to fill out once again at the bottom. At the top – with Jesus as ‘The Word’ behind creation, the dimensions are enormous:

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made (John 1:3)

But quite quickly the glass begins to narrow down. *The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (John 1:4,5).*

At the fall of humanity and the darkness that followed, a divinely-provided way of restoration is pledged. The hour-glass tapers down - to a single continent in the middle-east. It narrows still further - to a particular country measuring little more than 250 miles long and 70 miles wide – and even more - to a family – the children of Israel. Surely, the hour-glass cannot become any narrower? But it does. For Israel – called to be God’s light to the nations – fails in her mission. She meets with exile at the hands of the Babylonians. Despite her eventual restoration, the Old

Testament ends with a faithful Remnant of ‘those who feared the Lord and honoured his name’ (Malachi 3:16).

The glass narrows further still. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. In a remote town of Galilee a promised Child is born. Twelve disciples join him. Thirteen men! Surely the hour-glass is down to its narrowest width.

But no. One disciple turns traitor, another turns coward; the rest are scattered. At this narrowest point of the hour-glass, we are down to a solitary grain – none other than the original Being who inhabited eternity. He became flesh and lived for a while among us.

As Lamb of God in his suffering on the Cross, this single Person is all that Israel could never be – the solitary fulfilment of the divine Covenant, at the centre of God’s saving purposes.

Then the widening process begins, with the once-descended Child now *ascended, higher than all the heavens*, in order to fill the whole universe. (Ephesians 4:10). Pentecost drives his salvation in ever-widening dimensions.... to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth’ (Acts 1:8).

Be a part of this, where we are now - at the widest other-end of history’s hour-glass!

'SOMETHING FOR THE SOUL': GARTH HEWITT IN CONCERT

Friday 13th March 2015 7:30pm.

All Saints Church, Bakewell

This March 'Garth Hewitt' will be playing at All Saints Church. Many of you will have heard of him as a singer or through his links with Amos Trust which he founded in 1985.

Garth Hewitt, troubadour, gospel singer, protest singer and activist released his first album in 1973, with his most recent, *Something for the Soul*, in 2014. With more than 40 albums in between Garth's rootsy storytelling songs are influenced by country, folk and blues. Garth will be singing songs from his latest album; these reflect songs of hope and protest, stories and Bethlehem theology.

Profits from this concert will go towards the work of the human rights charity 'Amos Trust'.

During the evening a bar will be available. Tickets £10 available from: Bakewell church, Bakewell Book and Gift Shop, simonennals@btinternet.com 01629815284 and www.wegotickets.com/event/295108.

Community Transport is offering free training for Drivers

MiDAS is the award winning **Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme**, accredited to the Community Transport Association. It is a nationally recognised standard for the assessment and training of minibus drivers and is designed to enhance driving standards and promote the safe operation of minibuses.

This certificated MiDAS qualification leads to work within the voluntary sector offering an opportunity to support the community by assisting with trips and tours throughout the Peak District and Derbyshire Dales.

The training, which includes both practical and short classroom

sessions, can be completed over a limited period, usually in half days or two hourly sessions and is offered completely free.

Following the training, opportunities for utilising your new skills will be provided at Community Transport enabling you to build your expertise on a voluntary basis. After a period gaining experience you would receive early notification of any paid positions which may arise.

If you have been driving for more three years and would like to take this opportunity please contact Community Transport on **01629 641920**. Places are limited so early contact is recommended.

GOD AND THE ARTS

Michael Burgess continues his look at GOD AND THE ARTS. You can see the image described by googling William Blake's 'The Ancient of Days'

'HE GAVE US EYES TO SEE THEM':

WILLIAM BLAKE'S 'THE ANCIENT OF DAYS'

'Thus says the Lord: Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool...All these things my hand has made, and so all these things are mine, says the Lord.' (Isaiah 66.1-2). Each month we are exploring a work of art that invites us to look from canvas to creation and see there signs of wonder and of glory – signs of God the creator of all that is. The prophet Isaiah invites us to look in humility and awe at creation and so be led into praise of God the creator.

Medieval paintings often showed God the creator as an architect with his compass marking out the universe. It is an image caught up in William Blake's illustration for 'The Ancient of Days' in 1794. We see God leaning down from eternity, with the swirl of fire and wind moving through his hair and beard. His compass is stretched out as he brings into being this universe of time and space. It is a powerful and dynamic portrayal of God the creator, the one named by Daniel as the ancient of days, the one before time began.

William Blake was born in 1757 and became a poet, engraver and painter. Although he lived in poverty and died unrecognised, he is now acclaimed as a great artist and visionary whose perception of creation around him enabled him to 'see a world in a grain of sand.' He wrote of the sun in the sky, 'What, it will be questioned, when the sun rises, do you not see a round disc of fire somewhat like a guinea? Oh no, I see an innumerable company of the heavenly hosts crying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.' That kind of visionary power can open our own eyes. As we look and ponder creation, we can ask ourselves, does it evoke a sense of wonder, or is it simply a means to an end, a resource for us to use and exploit? And more than that: does this world lead us into an awareness of the cause of all that is?

Another visionary and poet, Paul Claudel wrote, 'When we want to look at a picture, we make use of our eyes. When we listen to music, we make use of our ears. When we think about God and meditate on him, we can let eyes and ears lead us to the idea of cause to guide us. As a creating and sustaining cause, God is everywhere present. Everything is, as a result of him, but he himself remains always cause and never result.'

With William Blake and with Paul Claudel, we can look and listen to the world in which we live, and so think about the origin of such wonder and beauty. It is work that requires patience and attention and the willingness to be surprised. But it is work that will take us from creation to creator as we realise that this world is the result of his will, his compass reaching out from eternity into time and space. Blake was revising 'The Ancient of

Days' right up to his death in 1827. 'I have done all I can,' he said, 'It is the best I ever finished.' With that he died on 12 August, singing of the things he saw in heaven. As we look on this painting, his work may move us to song as we echo the psalmist 'The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.'

Cathedrals offer place of peace and prayer in busy lives, reveal new stats

The number of people attending midweek services at cathedrals has doubled in the past 10 years, according to recent figures from the Church of England's Research and Statistics department. One of the factors attributed is the need for a place of peace in increasingly busy lives.

Midweek attendance at cathedrals was 7,500 in 2003, rising to 15,000 in 2013 (compared to 12,400 in 2012). As the Dean of Lichfield, Adrian Dorber, explains, "At the weekend you've got commitments with children doing sport, shopping, household maintenance – life's run at the double these days ... Taking out half an hour or an hour every week is much more negotiable."

[*Anecdote to Evidence*](#) research published last year showed that the highest motivating factors for Cathedral attendance were peace and contemplation, worship and music and friendly atmosphere.

The Dean of York Minster, Vivienne Faull, commented: "If I take a Eucharist at 12.30 in the middle of the week in the nave of York Minster, there'll be a lot of people who just slide in from the side. It's not so much about anonymity, there's the feeling there's a journey you can travel which doesn't require huge steps – it just requires one little step."

Stephen Lake, Dean of Gloucester Cathedral, said: "Patterns of church attendance are different now. Cathedrals are uniquely placed to be providing greater opportunities for worship and that includes during the week."

Embrace the Middle East, formerly BibleLands, is an inter-denominational Christian charity which was formed 160 years ago. It works with some 50 local project partners in the lands of the Bible, primarily Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt and Syria.

We're busy ignoring the biggest refugee crisis in modern times...

The present turmoil in the Middle East has produced the worst refugee crisis since the end of the Second World War – but in spite of the huge numbers involved, we are in danger of forgetting all about them.

That's the view of Jeremy Moodey, CEO of Embrace the Middle East, a Christian charity tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East. Writing in his blog, Moody explains: "The Reuters news agency suggests that the number of displaced Syrians and Iraqis is now equivalent to the population of London. In fact, it is much worse. Greater London has a population of just over eight million. A closer analogy would be the combined populations of England's three biggest urban areas – London, Birmingham and Manchester."

Embrace is asking for funds to support local Christians throughout the Middle East to provide food, healthcare and education to refugees of all faiths and

backgrounds trying to rebuild shattered homes and lives. The recent deaths of two Syrian babies from cold in a Lebanese border town highlights the appalling conditions faced by hundreds of thousands.

Moodey believes that, despite the desperate situation for the 20 million refugees struggling to survive in the Middle East today, there are signs of hope. "The region's small Christian communities are responding to the needs of refugees with a generosity of spirit and an abundance of compassion which is humbling, especially when one considers all the other pressures on Middle East Christians," he said. "The Anglican Diocese's Refuge Egypt project in Cairo, the Middle East Council of Churches' work among refugees in Gaza and the West Bank and the assistance offered by Lebanese Baptists and Catholics to Syrian refugees – these are just some of the incredible projects deserving of our help."

For more information go to:
<http://www.embraceme.org/>



Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

New Patients Welcome

Pharmacy Application: The Practice would like to thank you for the overwhelming support that we have seen regarding the pharmacy application to open in Baslow, threatening our current service provision. We will let you know any developments as soon as we know them.

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 closures for training are Wednesday afternoons 18th Feb, 18th

March, 15th Apr, 13th May, 10th June, 9th Sept, 14th Oct & 11th Nov 2015.

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 Tel: 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 when we are closed call 111

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January
solution



February
Sudoku



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Good fruit

When you finish this story, you will want to eat some fruit. It seems that eating just one or two pieces of fruit a day can cut the risk of a heart attack or stroke by up to 40 per cent.

A recent study by Oxford University has found that people who eat fruit daily have a far lower rate of heart disease, and a lower rate of the two main types of stroke. And the more often people ate fruit, the more the risk fell. Another recent study, at Washington State University, has found that an apple a day can also help keep obesity away, as it makes people feel fuller for longer.

The good thing about commuting to work

Next time you are standing in a crowded train carriage or bus on your way to work, or even cycling or walking there in the rain, consider this: you are better off than those who are driving. Hard to believe? A recent study has found that people who make a regular commute that involves some sort of physical activity are in better mental shape, sleep better, and are happier than those who drive to work.

As one researcher at the University of East Anglia explained: "You might think that things like disruption to services or crowds of commuters might have been a cause of considerable stress. But as buses or trains also give people time to relax, read, socialise, and there is usually an associated walk to the bus stop or railway station, it appears to cheer people up." Another associated study has found that people who give up the car and use bus or train to get to work, lose weight.

SERVICES & ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY 2015

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
1	9.30am	Holy Communion	Mrs Swain	
8	9.30am	Holy Communion	" "	<i>11th-14th Sarah & Jane</i>
15	9.30am	Holy Communion	Mrs Turner	
22	9.30am	Holy Communion	No Flowers - Lent	<i>25th-28th Di & Fiona Swain</i>
<i>1 Mar</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion	" "	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
1	10.45am	Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
2	2pm	Pilsley CofE Christingle Service		
8	10.45am	Holy Communion	J Bowns/M Pindar	
15	10.45am	Matins	Mrs Thomas + I	
18	9.30am	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday		
22	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
<i>1 Mar</i>	10.45am	Holy Communion	Jean Clark/M Jackson	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	
1	Judy & Freddie Harding	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Mrs Penrose	
8	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Carter	Gloria Sherwood	
15	Clive & Joy Thrower	J Bowns & M Pindar	" "	
22	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Nelson	<i>Lent - no flowers</i>	
<i>1 Mar</i>	M Douglas/Diana Maskery	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	" "	
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
1	Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 Mark 1: 21-28	Trevor Grimshaw <i>4th Sunday of Epiphany</i>	Oscar Porter <i>Children in Service</i>	
8	Proverbs 8: 1, & 22-31 John 1: 1-14	Gloria Sherwood <i>2nd Sunday Before Lent</i>	Rupert Turner <i>No Sunday School</i>	
15	2 Kings 2: 1-12 Mark 9: 2-9	Michael Douglas <i>Sunday Before Lent</i>	Fiona Lichfield <i>No Sunday School</i>	
22	Genesis 9: 8-17 Mark 1: 9-15	Diana Walters <i>Lent One</i>	Claire Cadogan <i>S.S Sarah Porter</i>	
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