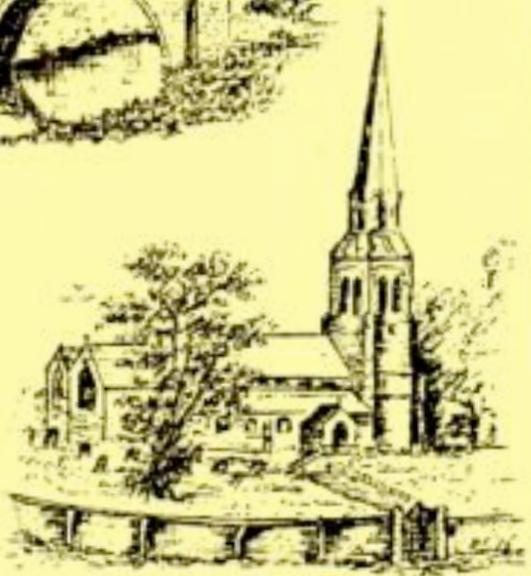


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By the time you read this article the season of Lent will have begun. The first thought of the Christian as Lent begins is often of Jesus on his forty day experience in the wilderness. In some ways that initial picture can lead us astray, for Lent is not much about those particular forty days. But it can be about a wilderness, desert experience. The first thing we need to recognise is that the desert is a place of simplicity. For the Israelite people, the wilderness years involved leading the simple life. They had escaped from Egypt with little more than the clothes on their back, not unlike the refugees we see on our television screens today. The system of law was straightforward and their food was basic. It is the simple life that we are invited to lead during the next few weeks. Trying to live without all the luxuries, so that we may recover the simple life and lose our dependence on the material. Never has that been more important than in our materialistic age. So we are encouraged to enter the desert as a place of simplicity and rediscover even if only for a few weeks the joy of austere living.

The desert is also a place of pilgrimage. In some ways Lent is less like following Jesus into the wilderness and more like following him down the mountain after the transfiguration and along the road, on which he set out, his face towards Jerusalem and his eyes fixed on the cross. For the pilgrim is one who, travelling lightly and living simply, is on the move, with a destination on the horizon. For the Israelites it all went wrong when they lost sight of their destination and wandering set in. But the Christian is not encouraged to wander during Lent, for it is not a static season, but has a dynamic and a clear direction. We are on a journey to share in the Easter Mystery.

The desert is also a place of temptation. It was that for Jesus. There he was retreating into the solitude, with a sense of space, with the tranquillity of escaping from busyness into his desert place. And what happens? Not a sense of inward peace, not a confirmation of his vocation, not a wonderful refreshment, but a fight with the devil and a real crisis. The desert can be like that for us too. Strangely, it is when we most want to engage with God, when we most want to grow in holiness, that evil can get hold of us and drive us to despair. We must remember that the desert is the natural place for the

devil, as well as for the angels. The wilderness experience is not all positive and the pursuit of holiness can be a risky business. Ultimately, however, the desert is a place of encounter and grace. In the wilderness we will find God's grace, for he loves us with an everlasting love. It is one of those divine surprises that the one who we seek at the end of our pilgrimage, the one who is our goal and glory, the one with whom we want to be reunited at Easter, cannot wait, because of his love for us. He cannot wait in the holy city to which we hope to come at our desert journey's end. Instead he comes to meet us. Indeed he inhabits the desert with us. In the simplicity, in the pilgrimage journey and in the repentance we encounter him and find his grace.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

FROM THE REGISTERS



ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY INTERMENT
23rd January - Thomas William Steele aged 81 years

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

BAPTISM

31st January - Sophie Rosa Goodwin

FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY CREMATION

18th February ~Dorothea Owen aged 89 years



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		Fiona Swain	<i>ex directory</i>
	Treasurer:-	<i>to be confirmed</i>	
<u>St. Peter's</u>	Wardens:-	Elizabeth Bradshaw	01246 582421
		David Jackson	01246 583452
	Treasurer:-	Mark Titterton	01246 582245
		e-mail: mtitterton@btinternet.com	



Dates for your Diary - March

- 10 BEELEY WI** Monthly Meeting 7.30pm village Hall
 'The Duchess at Kedlestone Hall' Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire and her connection to Kedlestone, followed by stories relating to the filming of her story at the house. *Heather Herington, National Trust Guide Tea & Raffle: Terry & Di*
- 18 CHATSWORTH WI** Monthly Meeting 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage
 Speaker: Christine Belton - 'Grandma's Toys'
 Competition: Old Toy Vote of Thanks: Kath Watts
- 21 Wedding** St. Peter's 3pm *Stephen John Tait & Donna Elizabeth Firth*
- 28** Wedding St. Peter's 3pm *Matthew John Caunt & Lucy Susan Newell*
- 29 On Palm Sunday we meet in the Tea Rooms Car Park (Edensor) at 10.30am for a short liturgy and procession with donkey to church. Service begins in church as usual at 10.45am**



EASTER LILIES AT ST. ANNE'S



If you would like to make a donation towards Easter Lilies for St. Anne's church please contact Pauline Mather or Gladys Hopkins.

EASTER LILIES AT ST. PETER'S

Once again we shall be having easter Lilies in Church. Anyone is welcome to 'buy' a lily by donating £4 (or more) per lily and, if they wish, completing a card in memory of a loved one. The cards will be displayed in Church over the Easter period.



Cards need to be filled in and returned by Palm Sunday - 29th March

*For more information or to order a lily contact:
 Liz Bradshaw 01246 582421 or Mrs Penrose 01246 583197*



Flower Festival at St Peter's, Edensor

"With this ring..."



*A festival of wedding flowers 10th ~ 12th April
(including a small selection of wedding dresses)*

If you would like to help with flowers, refreshments, stewarding or car parking please speak to Liz Bradshaw, David Jackson or Margaret Nelson.

St. Anne's, Beeley

Do you enjoy arranging flowers? Then why not put your name down on the flower rota for St. Anne's? Flowers are put in church every week except during Advent and Lent and whoever is on the rota does the flowers for a 2-week period. Interested? Speak to one of the wardens or anyone on the PCC and let me know so that I can add your name to my list for the magazine.



Many thanks

liz.bradshaw@w3z.co.uk (01246582421)

St. Peter's Church 100 Club January Draw 2015

1st Prize £30 - no. 81 Sean Read

2nd Prize £20 - no. 84 Zoe Penrose

Funds to church this month - £50

In 2014 the 100 club raised £613.87 for the Restoration Fund.

The running total now stands at £4,507.50 raised in 7 years.

Thank you to all members, past and present. New members welcome for 2015.

Ann Hall

St. Anne's & St. Peter's Churchyards

With spring on it's way it would be appreciated if those who tend graves/cremation plots could make sure that any Christmas wreaths etc. are removed as soon as possible, if this hasn't already been done.

This makes mowing a much easier task and no one wants to see old, dead wreaths or flowers in the churchyard.

Thank you.



Gala Dinner at Hassop Hall

St. Peter's Church will be holding a fundraising dinner at Hassop Hall on Friday 24th April with guest speaker Emma Bridgewater. Emma is a well-known British artist, designer and ceramics manufacturer based in Stoke-on-Trent. Her pottery is instantly recognisable and can be found in many homes - large and small.

*The timetable for the evening is 7 for 7.30
Apéritifs and canapés followed by a three course dinner, coffee and mints*

Tickets are £70 each and early booking is recommended as I'm sure this event will prove enormously popular.

For more information and tickets contact:

Christine Robinson ~ 01246 582938; mob 07752 159 637

Liz Bradshaw 01246 582421; mob 07803 317 402

St. Peter's Church, Edensor

is having a stall on

Bakewell Market

on

Monday 25th May

proceeds to Church Funds



Unwanted gifts, bric-a-brac, jewellery, books, home made cakes & produce etc.

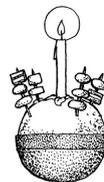
Donations of any of the items listed above will be very welcome. We will be manning the stall between 8.30am - 4.30pm, so if you are able to help for an hour or two during those times please contact Mike Pindar, Liz Bradshaw, Christine Robinson, David Jackson or Dave Perkins and your name will be added to the rota.

CHRISTINGLE 2015

From the darkness came light

On Monday 2nd February Pilsley CofE School held their Christingle service at St. Peter's and the Church was packed with excited children, their teachers and relatives. Apart from the Welcome, a talk and the Blessing, the whole service was taken by the children and for me the most moving part was when, with the lights dimmed, fifty children, of all ages, went up to the altar to collect their Christingle oranges with the candles lit and came down to make a circle round the church and sang together

*Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle! It's the light of Christ
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle! Light of Christ*



Grand Oxfam Jumble Sale

Monday March 2nd, Bakewell Town Hall

9:30am - 12noon

Entrance 10p

Clothes, bric-a-brac, books, household goods, jewellery, toys,
home produce, tombola.

Delicious refreshments.

If you have items to donate, please telephone
01629814474 or 01629812784

High Peak Women's Refuge

This month we are going to be collecting make up and beauty products like face-masks, nail polish etc... In fact anything to boost confidence.

Thank you for your continued support.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, BEELEY



St Anne's PCC would like to say "Thank you" to everyone who has kindly donated to the St Anne's Church toilet extension. There is still time to buy a stone if you wish.....

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 or 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 a 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



Sales this month totalled £585 helped by £199 at the

Bakewell Pantomime.

It's that time to year again - yes, its Real Easter Egg time. Five years ago the first Easter Eggs to actually tell the Easter story were produced and since then a million have been sold. They have been voted the UK's favourite Fairtrade Easter Egg and 10p for each egg sold has been given to Traidcraft Exchange to help support Traidcraft's producer groups.

Each egg, produced by the Meaningful Chocolate Company based near Chesterfield, is made from fairly traded chocolate and contains a book of the Easter story, an Easter banner and a packet of chunky chocolate buttons. As before 10p per egg will go to Traidcraft Exchange. Last year we sold in

Bakewell 156 eggs - let's see if we can beat that total this year.

Cheques have been coming in steadily for the Fair Necessities appeal mentioned in last month's article. If you haven't yet contributed, please don't leave it too long. Donations received by March 20th will be doubled up by the UK government to help smallholder farmers in developing countries to grow more, earn more and eat more. This is vitally necessary as such farmers, while producing 70% of the world's food, nevertheless make up half the world's hungriest people.

Please send your donation to me at Iona, Stanedged Road, Bakewell, DE45 1DG. Cheques should be made payable to 'Traidcraft (Bakewell)' Thank you.

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

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

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

The Monuments Men (2014, USA) Cert. 12A

118 mins. War, drama

An unlikely world War II platoon is tasked to rescue art masterpieces from Nazi thieves and return them to their owners.

Don't interrupt!

Sir Winston Churchill rehearsed his speeches at every opportunity. A true story about him relates how one morning, when Sir Winston was in his tub, his valet heard his voice above

the splashing. Opening the door, he asked; "Were you speaking to me, sir?"

"Not at all," Churchill replied, annoyed at the interruption. "I was addressing the House of Commons."

Pray for our dairy farmers

A Christian charity has urged churches to pray for and support British dairy farmers. They are struggling to survive amid falling milk prices.

The Arthur Rank Centre (ARC), a charity supported by rural churches, made its call to rally the churches after First Milk recently announced it would delay payments to 1,200 farmer members because of a financial crisis at the farming co-operative.

The number of dairy farmers has halved over little more than a decade. ARC chief executive Jerry Marshall adds: "Prices are at their lowest since 2007 while costs have risen 36%."

Therefore, the ARC called on Christians to pray for dairy farmers who are suffering from financial hardship.

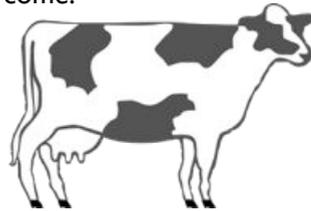
Canon Dr Jill Hopkinson, national rural officer for the Church of

England, said church members and the public could also show their support for the British dairy industry by looking out for the Red Tractor logo when buying dairy products, such as milk, butter, cheese and yoghurt.

"Church members could also show their support through choosing to buy milk from supermarkets that pay a fair price to farmers," added Dr Hopkinson.

Meanwhile, the Women's Institute (WI) said consumers have "real power" to bring about change to support British dairy farmers.

"Ninety-six percent of us consume fresh milk but few of us recognise its real value. By backing British farmers we can ensure that the British dairy industry remains strong and that we can access high-quality, high-welfare, locally produced dairy for years to come."



The gifts that keep being given

If you receive a birthday gift from family or friends this year which seems unlikely or inappropriate, there may be a very simple reason for it. Chances are it was an unwelcome Christmas gift, and so got 'recycled' by them – straight to you.

It seems that nearly one in four of us get rid of unwanted gifts in this way.

Which, of course, is fine – as long as the next person down the line enjoys the gift. If not, do they also recycle it? This raises the question: are there thousands of 'gifts' circulating around out there that serve their purpose by simply being a gift you can give someone, except that nobody ever wants to keep it? The survey was done by an ICM poll.

Every step counts in Bakewell



Derbyshire Dales District Council has joined forces with local GPs and ramblers to pilot a led-walking initiative in Bakewell.

The District Council's popular Walking for Health project is leading a new 12-week 'Every Step Counts' programme taking in the town's "hidden gems" – designed for people who have not walked much before.

Local GP Dr Pauline Love welcomed the new partnership. "Bakewell Medical Centre is very pleased to endorse and support this excellent project," she said. "Walking is a great way to improve general health and the hope is that these free sessions will make regular walkers out of local people who currently have low levels of physical activity."

The 30-minute Friday morning walks - starting from 27 February – will be led by trained volunteers and those taking part will get a free step counter, a log book and lots of support and advice.

Chairman of the District of the Derbyshire Dales, Councillor Carol Walker, who led the District Council's first health walk way back in 2004 said: "Every Step Counts is a national pilot scheme and I am

absolutely delighted we have local GPs on board in supporting and promoting something that is different to other walking programmes. Each walker will be supported through the 12-week programme in a setting that is familiar to them and it's all about helping people to get more active, but at their own pace, in a fun and sociable way."

Anyone interested can simply turn up on the 27th, meeting at 10.15am for a 10.30am start, or contact the District Council's Walking for Health Officer Howard Griffith for more information by email howard.griffith@derbyshiredales.gov.uk or phone 01629 761194.

The District Council's health walks celebrated their 10th anniversary last year and there's a led walk somewhere in the beautiful Derbyshire Dales every week day, with more information online at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/walkingforhealth.

The walks have seen a 22% increase in participation in just the last six months and the District Council is looking to expand its local walk leader teams. A training day will be held soon and anyone living in Bakewell, Tideswell, Ashbourne, Youlgrave, Hope Valley, Matlock and Wirksworth is encouraged to contact Howard Griffith.

Helping youngsters learn good financial habits

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has welcomed the announcement that the government will fund a pilot programme to help children develop good financial habits at a young age by setting up savings clubs in primary schools in partnership with credit unions.

Research indicates that children develop their attitudes towards money long before they reach secondary school age, with the Money Advice Service suggesting that most children have formed their financial habits by the age of seven.

The 'LifeSavers' project, which is led by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Task Group on

Responsible Credit and Savings, will seek to equip children with good financial habits by educating them about the benefits of saving at an early age. It will also introduce children to credit unions, which play a key role in providing financial services to more than a million customers across Britain. The project will pilot in six schools before rolling out to up to 100 schools over the next four years, benefitting up to 30,000 pupils.

Find out more about the Archbishop's initiative to create a fairer financial system at: www.toyourcredit.org.uk

Note from the editor: When I was at Primary School there was a National Savings Stamp scheme, which continued in some form until sometime in the early '90s I think. Does anyone else remember it?

Help the thirsty on World Water Day ~ Sunday 22nd March



The relief charity Samaritan's Purse is appealing for help in its efforts to provide clean drinking water to a community in Karamoja, northern Uganda. "People there drink dirty water because they have no choice. There are no functioning wells

nearby. Every sip of water they drink is a potential killer," explains Simon Barrington, UK head of Samaritan's Purse.

And so it is that Samaritan's Purse is appealing to people to remember Karamoja on World Water Day on 22nd March by supporting their TurnOnTheTap initiative. More details at: www.TurnOnTheTap.org.uk

The Way I See It :

Canon David Winter

FIVE GOOD THINGS ABOUT LENT

In case you're thinking at this time of the year that Lent is (as one writer recently described it) 'all purple and prohibitions', here are five good things about it.

1. It only lasts 40 days. Fasts, by their very nature, can't last forever, but Lent has a very manageable forty days. (If you're thinking at six weeks and a bit it's longer than that, see Item 2)). New Year Resolutions simply stretch off into some impossibly distant horizon, but our Lenten attempts at discipline (chocolate, cigarettes, daily prayers, being kind to the cat) have an end date to them.

2. Sundays in Lent are 'as oases'. Sunday is never a day of fasting, but a weekly celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. So - and this is official! - Sundays don't count in Lent.

3. A bit of self-denial is better than a lot of self-indulgence. We live in a very self-indulgent society. Just for forty days it's no bad thing to deny ourselves something that is a minor luxury or a bit of self-pampering - especially if it saves

some money which could go to people in the world who have no 'little luxuries'.

4. It's a journey towards Easter. Lent goes somewhere, and that somewhere is the empty tomb of Easter morning. It's daffodils in the churchyard and new life all around us.

5. The days get longer. The English word for this season is the only one that has no religious significance at all. 'Lent' is simply an abbreviation of the Old English word 'lencten', which means 'lengthen'. On these islands, where weather is always a major topic of conversation, it's not surprising that what people noted about the days of Lent was that they got longer - no more of those ghastly dark tea-times. But the 'lengthening' is all part of Item 4, really - moving towards new life. (Sadly, Items 4 and 5 don't apply in Australia and New Zealand. Doubtless they have compensations.)

Given those five splendidly positive things about Lent, which covers the whole of March this year, I trust readers will approach its rigours with joyful hearts.

No more superhero Mums!

A few years ago, I realised that I was living with a sinister alter-ego. I first discovered her when my children were small. The transition from young-adult life to motherhood had brought many challenges, but as the dust settled, I began to craft a working model of how best to do this mothering thing. My first baby grew into a toddler and I began to break into my stride. My second baby was an easy baby, and I think it was at about this point that 'Alpha Mother' began to emerge.

Alpha-Mother could do things. You need forty cupcakes for the reception class? Not a problem. Want some sleep solutions for your nocturnal infant? In a heartbeat. Alpha-Mother rocked up to toddler groups; she attended school meetings. Alpha-Mother had ideas and theories. She was competent. Her home looked nice, she maintained a calm exterior, and enjoyed dining out on stories of her happy, functioning family.

But Alpha-Mother was also a pain. She annoyed people. She once reduced a friend to tears of anxiety and incompetence with her superiority. She could be nice enough on the outside, but she couldn't keep people close. Clever, together and consummately strong, she peddled fear and inadequacy and worked hard to keep her many plates spinning.

Alpha-Mother wanted to grow, and had she done so I suspect she would have slowly suffocated those closest to her. Instead, she is dying. (I would like to say

she is dead and buried, but she still occasionally rears her head in a melodramatic death throee.)

The problem with Alpha-Mother was that she was utterly unaware of her need of a Saviour. She was entirely self-made; a construct defined by her capacity to project success.

Alpha-Mother and those like her are born when we attempt to botch and patch together for ourselves an identity which will mask our most vulnerable places, instead of turning over our brokenness to the restorative hands of the King of Love. What reckless stupidity!

We have in Jesus a Saviour who came not for the healthy, but for the sick. He came to shine his life-giving, radiant light into those secret corners of our lives. Jesus does not need his followers to live like superheroes, leaping tall buildings in a single bound, living lives that make onlookers gasp with their many talents and plate-spinning capabilities. Jesus loves each of us as we are. We are told in Romans 8 that, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God." This love is entirely free and unearned, it is a love that sees us as we are and loves us anyway. This is great news! In the presence of God we can all see our superhero identities for the empty-shells they really are, as we allow God's transforming love to remodel us from the inside out.

By Joy French. Her recent book, with Anna France-Williams, is 'Ordinary Mum, Extraordinary Mission: how can a busy mum be part of God's mission when she can't even find a babysitter?' (IVP, £8.99)

KING RICHARD RETURNS TO THE DUST OF THE EARTH

Steve Jenkins, a former press officer at Church House Westminster, considers the approaching reburial of King Richard....

King Richard III died at the hands of his enemies on 22nd August, 1485. This month, almost 530 years later, the last of the Plantagenet sovereigns is to be interred with respect and honour in Leicester Cathedral.

It was at the Battle of Bosworth Field, to the east of Leicester, that Richard's Yorkist army met the forces of Henry Tudor, gathered on a journey from France via Milford Haven in West Wales. Despite being outnumbered, Henry's forces won and Richard, cut down in battle, was killed. The War of the Roses was effectively over; the victor was crowned Henry VII; and the Tudor Period of English history began.

After the battle, Richard's broken body was taken to and displayed in Leicester, as proof that the king was dead. The body was then buried in haste, in an unmarked grave, in the church of the Grey Friars Friary in Leicester. In 1538, however, the church was demolished during the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

The exact location of Richard's grave remained uncertain until 12th September, 2012, when a team of archaeologists led by the University of Leicester and City Council uncovered a skeleton under a car park in the city. The curved spine and injuries on the remains led to DNA testing and, on 4th February, 2013, the University confirmed the remains to be those of Richard III.

On Sunday 22nd March, Richard's remains will leave the University for the last time and begin the journey to their final resting place in Leicester Cathedral, where his memorial has been since 1980. The journey will include Fenn Lane Farm, Dadlington and Sutton Cheney: all places associated with the battle. After a short ceremony at the Battlefield Heritage Centre, the route will continue through Market Bosworth and other associated sites, before entering the city via Bow Bridge.

After being received into the Cathedral at a service attended by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, the coffin will be on public view for three days. During the interment service on Thursday, 26th March, attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, King Richard's coffin will be sealed in its new tomb.

Finally, the sealed tomb will be revealed to the public at a special ceremony on Friday, 27th March, after which the Cathedral opens to the public as normal.

It is said that Bosworth and the death of Richard III marked the end of the Middle Ages in England. This month, the Middle Ages is

finally laid to rest, no longer beneath a car park but under an honourable tomb.



Read more at:

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

The Queen brings Maundy Money to South Yorkshire - for first time in 900 years

The Queen will distribute the Royal Maundy money at Sheffield Cathedral in April. This is the first time in over 900 years that this State Occasion has taken place in South Yorkshire.

She will be welcomed to the city's Church of England cathedral by a congregation of over 1,000 representatives from churches in South Yorkshire and organisations from the whole County. The Queen will then personally

distribute a gift of Maundy Money to 178 individuals over the age of 70, in recognition of their service to the church and community. According to ancient tradition, the number of recipients and the amount of money are directly related to the Sovereign's age. Therefore, as Her Majesty is 89 years old, 89 men and 89 women will receive 89 pence in specially minted Maundy Money, together with a further gift, in two specially made leather purses. The money is specially struck by the Royal Mint for this service, and includes 3 pence pieces—which apparently are legal tender!

Shopping habits change

How often do you shop for food? These days, chances are that you are buying 'little and often', popping into your mini-supermarket several times a week, and buying only what you need for the next couple of days. It is a thrifty way of living; the trend

has helped to reduce food wastage by as much as a fifth, compared with seven years ago. According to a survey by Waitrose, one in four of us is visiting a 'convenience' store at least once a day. Perhaps it gives a whole new insight into 'Give us today our daily bread...' (Luke 11:3)

GOD AND THE ARTS

Michael Burgess continues his look at GOD AND THE ARTS. You can see the image described by googling Sandro Botticelli's 'Primavera'

SANDRO BOTTICELLI'S 'PRIMAVERA'

Each month we are exploring a painting that celebrates the glory and wonder of creation. In this month of March the world around us is moving from the cold and harshness of winter to new birth as the earth comes to life again in the season of spring. It is the theme of 'Primavera' by the 15th century Florentine artist, Sandro Botticelli. His work in the Sistine Chapel in Rome brought him to the attention of the Medici court, which commissioned this painting in 1482. The Medici dominated the political life of Florence, but Cosimo and his descendants were also great patrons of the arts. Humanism, which debated the place of reason in a world of faith, was the mood of the day in court life, and the work of artists at that time expressed the human form in all its beauty.

Scholars have never agreed on the exact meaning of 'Primavera,' but it is certainly a celebration of beauty and fertility. We can identify a host of classical figures: Mercury on the left of the canvas separating the

clouds so that Spring may come; Zephyr, the west wind, on the right, who is pursuing Chloris; Flora, the goddess of abundance robed in a colourful dress and adorned with flowers. In the centre we see Venus, the goddess of beauty, with a blindfolded Cupid above, preparing to shoot an arrow at the three Graces, whose arms are joined in a stately dance. The setting is a wooded garden where the trees are filled with oranges, myrtle surrounds Venus, and wondrous flowers spring up from the earth.

At first glance the sensuousness and fruitfulness seem almost profane. But we look again and think we see not Venus in the centre, but the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose own fruitfulness gave birth to the Saviour. The three figures by her side could be the Christian virtues of beauty, truth and goodness who dance in her honour, while all around God's creation blossoms forth to bring joy and new life. It is the world of the Song of Solomon, which the early Fathers could only accept as an allegory of Christian love, where the individual soul seeks the Saviour. But that book of the Old Testament was written in praise of the love that moves human life, as much as it moves the universe. And that can only be good because God the creator is good.

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The writer invites the beloved to accompany her to the fields and vineyards and find fruits in blossom and plants in bloom: a wilderness transformed by growth and goodness. Just so, we enter the garden of this painting. The characters may be classical, some

may be Christian, but as we look we see a creative Love that transforms the winter of death and darkness into light and Spring – the birthday of creation.

Anne Frank- 70th anniversary of her death

Many people think of Anne Frank as a Dutch girl, but she was born – and died – in Germany. This month marks the 70th anniversary of her death – only nine months after she recorded the final entry in her diary while hiding from the Nazis in a secret annex in Amsterdam, which had become her home town after her Jewish family had fled the Nazis.

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

Their father Otto, a former German soldier and businessman who was the only member of his family to survive the death camps, was

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

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

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

Canon David Williams, a chaplain with the Thames Gateway NHS Trust (latterly, in retirement, in a voluntary capacity), considers how chaplains can help those suffering from mental illness.

Finding yourself in mental illness

Patients suffering from mental illness can easily lose track of themselves in their diagnosis. Healthcare treatment inevitably focuses largely upon a patient's diagnosis and the symptoms from which they are suffering, but what is happening to them as a person? It is vital, even during a psychotic episode, when a patient is losing contact with reality, that they are helped to hold on to a consciousness of who they are, as a person. And that, sometimes, is where a chaplain comes in.

One night, on an NHS mental health ward, a patient who was suffering a psychotic episode asked, in the midst of her terror, for the chaplain to be paged. When the chaplain arrived he found the young woman, whom he knew well, in an agitated state. He addressed her by her name and sat with her, holding her hand, speaking softly, praying silently. After some minutes the young woman began to calm down and became more herself. She was able to go back to sleep.

As the chaplain passed by the nursing station, the charge nurse asked him: "I'm really puzzled," she said. "How

can you be a pastor to someone who is psychotic?" He answered, "I was not speaking to the psychosis. I was speaking to that little bit of herself of which she was still conscious, the bit that was afraid, the bit that had asked me to come."

Another young woman, who had suffered similarly on the same ward, shared in a spiritual support group how she was able to hang on to a thread of reality in the midst of her psychosis. "There was one nurse who helped me," she said. "Whenever she came to my room she always addressed me by my name. My name was the one reality of which I was still conscious. Just the constant mention of my name helped me to hang on to myself through all the terror of my experience, until I came out on the other side."

In their experience those young women were plumbing the depth of meaning in the words of the prophet Isaiah (43:1): "But now thus says the Lord, he who created you... Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine." (ESV)

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Brief Notes from edensor PCC Meeting
held on 12th February 2015

9 members of the PCC were present and apologies received from 2 others.

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

- Matters arising from the last meeting:

Church path: a representative from Long Rake Spa has inspected the path and agreed with John that the material laid in that particular area contained a high percentage of fine material and not enough aggregate thus causing the problem of puddling. He agreed with John's solution to the problem, which is that once the weather improves and the path has dried out another layer of the material should be put down with a slight camber; once this new material has set the path should shed any water.

Church pews: the church pews now have their new cushion pads, which have very generously been donated by David and Margaret Jackson.

- Report from the Chair:

The Vicar noted that the Advent and Carol services had been well attended as had the Johnny Coppin concert at the Cavendish Hall.

- A Financial Report was given by the Treasurer and the end of year Financial Statement was discussed and approved by the PCC.

- Fundraising: forthcoming events were discussed which include: flower festival from 10th - 12th April; Gala Dinner at Hassop Hall on 24th April; talk on church architecture by Matthew Rice on 25th April; stall on Bakewell Market 25th May and Edensor Day 20th June. There will also be a Christmas concert by Dave's band 'The Travelling People', date to be arranged.

- North Wall: the work on the guttering and down pipes nearest the porch has now been completed. The PCC have applied for a grant to repair/replace the rest of the rainwater goods round the church.

- Peter Rogan, the Inspecting Architect, attended the meeting at our request and gave a summary of what the church architect does; he also gave us an update of the various grant-making bodies and their recent re-organisation, with useful websites we might apply to for future projects.

Future dates to note:

The Annual Sheep Service will be on 19th April at 10.45am

The date of the APCM - 26th April after the service

Date of the next PCC meeting - Thursday 14th May 6pm Edensor Tea Cottage

The Meeting closed with the Grace.

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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

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 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

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March Sudoku ☞

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

Village Hours

By Ronald Blythe, Canterbury Press, £14.99

Britain's best loved rural writer chronicles the progress of the seasons in the Stour valley village where he has lived and worked among artists, writers, farmers and, increasingly, commuters. For all the changes in the contemporary countryside, timeless qualities remain and both are captured here with a poet's understanding and imagination. The year takes its shape

from the seasons of nature and the feasts and festivals of the Christian year. Each informs and illuminates the other in this loving celebration of nature's gifts and neighbourly friendship. Literature, poetry, spirituality and memory all merge to create an exquisite series of stories of our times. These short essays first appeared in the 'Word From Wormingford' column, a popular back page feature of the Church Times.

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SERVICES & ROTAS FOR MARCH 2015

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
1	9.30am	Holy Communion	<i>No Flowers - Lent</i>	
8	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “	<i>11th - 14th Lynda & Sarah</i>
15	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “	
22	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “	<i>25th - 28th Rupert & Liz</i>
29	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
1	10.45am	Holy Communion	Jean Clark/M Jackson	
8	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Machin	
15	10.45am	Matins	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
22	10.45am	Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
29	10.45am	Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)*	J Bowns/M Pindar	
There will be a service of Compline on 30th/31st & 1st April at 7.30pm				
	<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
1	M Douglas/Diana Maskery		Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	<i>Lent - no flowers</i>
8	Judy & Freddie Harding		Mr & Mrs Jackson	“ “
15	Clive & Joy Thrower		Mr & Mrs Wardle	“ “
22	Mr & Mrs Carter		Mr & Mrs Carter	“ “
29	Pat & Roy Bossett		Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	“ “
<i>5 Apr</i>	Mr & Mrs Sherwood		J Bowns/M Pindar & Ann T-D <i>Easter Lilies</i>	
	<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
1	Genesis 17: 1-7 & 15-16 Mark 8: 31-38	Margaret Thomas <i>Lent Two</i>	Annabelle Porter <i>No Sunday School</i>	
8	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22	Duke of Devonshire <i>Lent Three</i>	Fiona Swain <i>S.S. Sarah Porter</i>	
15	Colossians 3: 12-17 John 19: 25-27	Molly Marshall <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Sarah Porter <i>No Sunday School</i>	
22	Jeremiah 31: 31-34 John 12: 20-33	Christine Robinson <i>Lent Five</i>	Rupert Turner <i>Sarah Porter</i>	
29	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Mark 15: 1-39	Mavis Cunningham <i>Palm Sunday</i> (Dramatic Passion Gospel)	Fiona Lichfield <i>No Sunday School - Holidays</i>	
*On Palm Sunday we meet in the Tea Rooms Car Park at 10.30am for a short liturgy and procession with donkey to church. Service begins in church as usual at 10.45am				