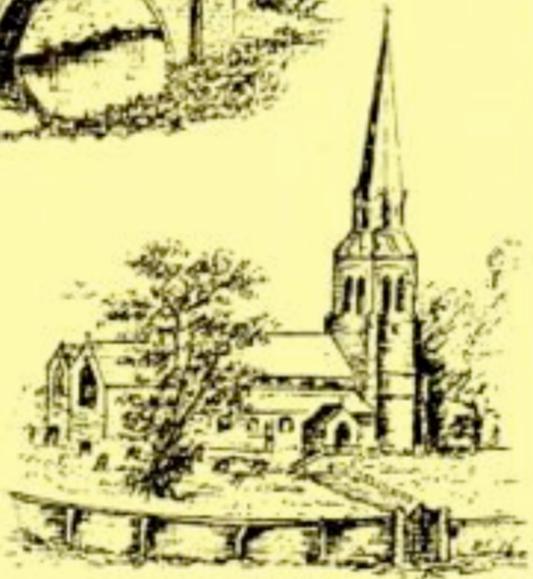


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FORGIVENESS

Imagine you lend a treasured possession to a friend, perhaps a special book or a recording of some music that's no longer available. Whatever it is, it gets damaged and when your friend returns it to you, or tells you that it's broken beyond repair, she doesn't seem to realise how special that particular item was to you. She seems quite casual in her apology; but you are a Christian, so through gritted teeth and with a forced smile you say, "Never mind, it doesn't matter." But it does matter and you feel resentful whenever you think of it. That resentment simmers away until one day your friend asks if she can borrow something else and suddenly you flare up and make it clear to her in no uncertain terms that you won't lend her anything of value again after last time. Your friend, taken aback by this reaction, goes away to nurse her own new grievance against you.

Relationships can be damaged by such incidents and by others much more extreme. As Christians, we need to be realistic about this: loving others as ourselves doesn't mean pretending we never hurt or upset each other, that we never argue or that we always live peacefully together.

St. Matthew's Gospel Chapter 18 verses 15-20 shows us a more loving way to deal with rifts in our relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Matthew writes about the guidance Jesus gives for managing arguments and conflict within the Church. The first step, says Jesus, is to try and sort the problem out with the other person directly, without involving anyone else at all. If that works, then the relationship begins to heal and there are no ripples from the dispute to reach and hurt others. If this first step doesn't help, then Jesus suggests that we try again but with one or two people present who can confirm what is said by both parties. It's only when the rift remains that the whole Church needs to be involved.

Jesus promises that whenever any of his followers meet together in his name, even if it's only two of them, he will be there with them. Remembering that Jesus is alongside us when we try to resolve difficulties in our relationships will be a powerful reminder that we are to love one another and seek peace and reconciliation wherever there is conflict between us.

The majority of us would prefer to avoid conflict or confrontation with others. Perhaps also many of us feel guilty about being angry with someone we think we ought to love. The problem is that if self righteousness and anger are stored up they can fester and become very destructive of our own peace of mind and our relationships with others.

The way that Jesus describes is the way towards reconciliation with other people and peace of mind within our own souls. It is the way that is healing and life-giving, and it is the way that God relates to each of us, wanting us to live rather than dying because of our refusal to accept his forgiving grace. The way that Jesus describes is costly. It requires honesty and humility, the willingness to admit to our own failings and faults and to reach out in love to someone who has hurt us. When we meet in the name of Jesus to seek peace between ourselves, his Holy Spirit moves among us to bring about the peace that the world cannot give.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

WEDDINGS

21st March ~ Stephen John Tait & Donna Elizabeth Firth

28th March ~ Matthew Caunt & Lucy Newell

FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY INTERMENT

14th April ~ Rosemary Wayland Brewer aged 84years

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Edensor Village Day & Open Gardens - as reported in last month's magazine.

Above left: Christine Robinson presenting the cheques to Professor Shaw from the Motor Neurone Charity;

Above: Barry Bateman presents a bouquet of tulips to Professor Shaw;

Left: Professor Shaw with Christine Robinson, Barry Bateman, his daughter Theresa and residents of Edensor.

Subject: Re: MND Donation

Dear Kirstie

Thank you very much for sending these photographs through. I enjoyed coming along to Edensor the other evening and will write to you properly to thank you for your wonderful help and support.

Marjorie would have been so pleased and proud at what her community of friends has done in her memory.

Kindest regards
Pam (Shaw)

*Prof. Dame Pamela Shaw DBE MBBS MD FRCP FMedSci
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Palm Sunday at St. Peter's



A small selection of photographs taken before and during the Palm Sunday Service. Wilma the donkey behaved extremely well, even though she was making her 'debut' at such an event



Top left: handing out the Palm Crosses;
Above: Singing in the rain!
Left: Canon Dave, Wilma and the children at the Chancel step.

Flower Festival 'With this Ring'

Thanks to everyone for their time and effort in making this event such a pleasure. We made £445 profit and donations are still being received. We had some really positive and enthusiastic comments from people and everyone who came to look round said how much they had enjoyed it.

Well done and special thanks to Margaret Nelson for organising it.

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.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club February Draw 2015

1st Prize £30 - no. 34 Marian Venning

2nd Prize £20 - no. 6 Gladys Hopkins

Funds to church this month - £45

March Draw 2015

1st Prize £30 - no. 25 Jackie Allen

2nd Prize £20 - no. 8 Daphne Feeney

Funds to church this month - £45

'SPICE' Sunday

'SPICE' Sunday on 12th April
raised £38.30 for Church
Funds.

Thank you to everyone who
continues to support this
way of giving, remember
Tony Gray's words:
"Extraction without Pain"!

High Peak Women's Refuge

This month we are going to be collecting:

Spring is starting to show itself, so let's think of spring-cleaning, so possibly cleaning products, especially useful when women leave our refuge and move into their new home. These are expensive items so a 'cleaning-pack' would be good!



BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

May 10th 2015 The Medway Centre, New Street, Bakewell 7.30pm

Captain Phillips (2013,USA) Cert. 12A

134 mins. Biography, thriller

The true story of Captain Richard Phillips and the 2009 hijacking by Somali pirates of the US-flagged MV Maersk Alabama, the first American cargo ship to be hijacked in two hundred years.



Traidcraft

Sales last month were £504. Thanks to your

generosity we were also able to send £2000 to the Fair Necessities Appeal before the end of March.

This was matched, pound for pound, by the UK Government to help smallholder farmers around the world support themselves and their families.

Clean and Fair celebrated its first year this month. This range of soap, handwash, washing up, laundry liquid and surface cleaner, is the first such fairly traded cleaners in the UK. It is based on palm and coconut oil grown in East Africa which does not

lead to destruction of the rainforests. So far 2 tons of soap and 40,000 litres of the cleaners have been sold - why not try them if you haven't already. You won't be disappointed!

Mags Vaughan has recently stepped down as Traidcraft's Chief Executive and Alan Biggs, a non-Executive Director, has taken on the role of interim Managing Director pending a new appointment. He recently wrote to thank us all for our support of Traidcraft over the last year, and I pass his thanks on to you. Long may it continue.

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

Wales Comes to Bakewell

Rhos Orpheus Male Voice Choir

This prestigious and internationally renowned choir will be singing in All Saints Church, Bakewell on Saturday 2nd May at 7.0pm

Lady Manners School will also take part in the concert

Tickets £10 (£5 for school age pupils) from The Bakewell Bookshop to include refreshments

More people under 30 going for ordination

Latest statistics released by the Church of England show that the number of young people (under 30s) now make up a quarter of all people accepted for training for the Church of England ministry.

Figures for 2014 show that 116 young people under 30 were accepted for training. This is the highest number of young people accepted for ordination training in the past 25 years. One young ordinand, who six years ago was a soldier serving in Iraq, describes her journey to ordination in a Church of England blog: "I'd hit rock bottom and feeling I had nowhere else to turn decided to shout out to God whilst on a helicopter on the way to the Iranian border."

Liz Boughton, Young Vocations Advisor, Ministry Division of the Archbishops' Council said: "We are so pleased to see more young people being recommended for ordination than in the last ten years. The gifts and insights that young people bring to ministry are more important than ever in the life of the Church of England and I look forward to seeing the impact that a generation of young priests will bring."

The Bishop of Sheffield, Steven Croft, chair of the Ministry Council, said: "It is really encouraging that young people are continuing to come forward, playing their part in the Church of the future. More and more young people are hearing God's call to bring their energy and gifts to serve in the mission of the church. As a Church we need this movement to deepen and grow still further."

Sacred in the City – seeing the spiritual in the everyday

By Margaret Silf, Lion, £9.99

Sacred in the City explores the spiritual in the urban, meeting people where they live, and helping them to discover God in the middle of the humdrum and every day.

Prayer is often perceived as a difficult, "place-less" exercise in which we close our eyes and seek God beyond our everyday experience in an invisible realm. It does not have to be this way. Prayer can have its own sense of place in landscapes which we can inhabit and explore, and we can meet God as

tangibly as we might meet a fellow traveller.

In this beautifully illustrated book, highly acclaimed author, Margaret Silf takes the reader through seven cityscapes, and shows how we can encounter the spiritual wherever we are – on a city street, on a train, in a library, in the workplace, in cafes, shops and parks. All are fruitful areas for self-discovery, inviting us to connect with the mystery of God in our lives. This inspirational volume will be returned to time and again as readers discover the divine in the bustle of the city streets.

VE Day 1945: EVERYONE BURST OUT SINGING

David Winter recalls one of the happiest days in UK history...

May 8th 1945 was VE Day - 'Victory in Europe'. The war was not entirely over, because the third member of the Axis, Japan, was as yet undefeated and still occupied large areas of Asia. But for the people of Britain this felt like the end of five years of war - bombing, conscription, rationing, military and civilian casualties and constant anxiety.

To most people's surprise, the Second World War had lasted longer than the first one, and though the casualties were not as horrendous, they would be multiplied before a year was out by the victims of the atomic bomb attacks on Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

But on 8th May, 70 years ago this month, everyone was singing. Hitler had committed suicide in his bunker in Berlin on 30th April. The formal acts of surrender by Germany were signed in Rheims on 7th May, and in Berlin on 8th May, and the latter date was declared a day of national rejoicing. Huge crowds gathered in city centres, street parties were arranged, church bells rang and there were many services of thanksgiving.

As a schoolboy - 14 at the time - I shared in the general feeling of relief, though we all knew that recovery, socially and economically, would be slow. Rationing of many foods (including sweets and chocolates) continued into the 1950s, and the damage caused by bombing would

leave scars in many towns and cities that took more than a decade to heal.

Yet nothing, on that May morning, was going to stop the celebrations. If relief was the primary emotion, there was also more than a hint of satisfaction. We had won the war. The Nazi menace had been faced and seen off. Hitler and his accomplices - men who had organised the slaughter of millions of Jews and other 'deviants' in concentration camps - were dead or under arrest. The deadly menace of the V2 rockets, silent carriers of instant destruction, was a thing of the (recent) past.

Mr Churchill had set out a pathway to a better future. 'Magnanimity in victory' would mean that Germany would not be humiliated. She would be helped to rebuild as a free and democratic society, but only after an absolute and unconditional surrender. There would be no negotiating, no possible argument about the outcome of those terrible years of war. Europe was now at peace, and would remain so for a long while.

Siegfried Sassoon captured the same moment 27 years earlier, at the end of the Great War, in a poem of ecstatic relief:

Everyone suddenly burst out singing...

The song was wordless; the singing will never be done.

Neither the ecstasy nor the song can actually last for ever, but the memory of the moment remains with us older folk who were there on that remarkable May day, 70 years ago.

May 10th: Rogation Sunday

Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. It is appropriate in any emergency, war, plague, drought or foul weather.

The practice began with the Romans, who invoked the help of the gods Terminus and Ambarvalia. In those days a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away Winter with sticks. They wanted to rid the cornfields of evil.

About 465 the Western world was suffering from earthquake, storm and epidemic. So Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the popular pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields on the days leading up to Ascension. With his decision, 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial.

Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century, and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God. On Rogation-tide, a little

party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route - at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation is said, imploring God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At one point beer and cheese would be waiting.

In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for 'beating the bounds' - still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them.

(Do you know yours today?)

Mark

When the late Dean of York was asked why he called his stumpy-tailed fox terrier 'Mark', he explained: "The New Testament contains the life-stories of our Lord by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Mark's is the shortest tale!"

May 15: St Matthias – the replacement apostle

If you're saying to yourself, 'Who?' you'll be in good company. May 14th is the feast day of St Matthias the Apostle, and in describing him thus we have said just about all there is to know about him. He gets just one mention in the Bible, in the first chapter of Acts, immediately prior to the day of Pentecost, where it tells us that he was elected to take the place in the ranks of the twelve apostles recently vacated by the betrayer Judas Iscariot.

Eusebius, in the fourth century, says in his history of the apostolic era that Matthias was one of the seventy disciples sent out by Jesus (Luke 10:1), and that seems reasonable. When it was necessary to fill the vacancy among the apostles it would be natural to turn to someone who had followed Jesus from earlier years, as well as being a witness of the resurrection. Two names were suggested and prayed over. Then the apostles cast lots, following the Old Testament practice of the high priest's Urim and Thummim, one assumes.

When they did, 'the lot fell on Matthias'.

Casting lots to fill vacancies on committees or councils, or even, I suppose, to appoint bishops, would seem to us a bizarre and risky practice, and it may be, as the great Victorian preacher Campbell Morgan suggested, that the eleven acted in haste and pre-empted God's choice of Saul (later known as Paul), who at that time was busy persecuting the Church, arresting Christians and having them thrown into prison. He hadn't yet travelled the Damascus Road.

Be that as it may, Matthias was elected, and for us he can stand for all those excellent, consistent, reliable and faithful servants of Christ who never make a headline, not even in the parish magazine. He was chosen because he could be a 'witness', and so are we.

Doubtless he fulfilled that responsibility admirably, without, as we say, 'setting the Thames on fire'. Let's salute him on his day - the 'Unknown Apostle'.

by David Winter

Fear not!

The phrase 'Be not afraid' occurs 366 times in the Bible – a reminder for every day of the year, plus one for a leap year.

May 16th: **Caroline Chisholm** - helping the emigrants to Australia

If you want an example of someone who can show you their faith through their works, Caroline Chisholm is a saint for you. This doughty little 19th century English woman had such a compassionate heart that she helped tens of thousands of people, from India to Australia.

Caroline was born in Northamptonshire in May, 1808. Her father William was a pig dealer, and already had 15 children, by four wives. When Caroline was about five, her father brought a poor maimed soldier into the family home, and urged his children to look after the wretched man well, as he had fought for their freedom. This disinterested compassion for poor struggling 'outsiders' would become the lodestar of Caroline's life.

When Caroline was 22 in 1830 she married Captain Archibald Chisholm, of the East India Company Army. Out in Madras, Caroline grew alarmed for the young girls growing up in the barracks. She founded the Female School of Industry for the Daughters of European Soldiers, to provide a practical education. After having two sons, and working on the Indian subcontinent for a

number of years, Captain Chisholm was granted a two-year furlough in 1838 on grounds of ill health. The family moved to the sunshine of Australia, near Sydney. Here Caroline was appalled at the conditions that faced emigrants, especially female, arriving in the colony. Many ended up working the streets, just to survive. Caroline stayed for seven years in Australia, placing more than 11,000 people in homes and jobs, and in all, her Female Immigrant Home helped more than 40,000 people. Highly respected by the government, she gave evidence before Legislative Council Committees, but accepted money from no one. When Archibald left the army in 1845 he and Caroline toured Australia at their own expense, collecting more than 600 statements from emigrants that detailed the truth about the problems of emigration.

Back in England, the statements caught the attention and respect of Charles Dickens, the House of Lords Select Committees, Lord Shaftesbury, Sir Sydney Herbert, Wyndham Harding FRS and even Pope Pius IX. Caroline and Archibald went on to help more than 3000 people safely emigrate to Australia, before moving back there themselves, where they both died in 1877. In his novel Bleak House, Charles Dickens is said to have partly based the character of Mrs Jellyby on Caroline Chisholm.

Canon David Williams, a chaplain with the Thames Gateway NHS Trust (latterly, in retirement, in a voluntary capacity), considers the power of simple 'comfort' to those in need.

Comfort in solidarity

Earlier this Spring a poignant service in St. Paul's Cathedral celebrated the memory of almost 450 service men and women who died in the war in Afghanistan, and honoured the hundreds injured. Comfort was a major theme; comfort of those bereaved and comfort of those with life-changing wounds.

Outside the cathedral one grieving mother said she was overwhelmed by the presence of so many who had come to stand silently in solidarity with her loss, and the loss of so many others. She could not find words to express her gratitude. The comfort was in the solidarity, of feeling surrounded by the care of strangers.

Around Jesus, as He hung on the Cross, was a little group with their hearts breaking in solidarity with Him. Who were they? Jesus's own mother Mary, her sister Salome, Mary Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. (Mark 15:40) With them was the Apostle John, Salome's son. But as they sought to comfort Jesus, so He was comforting them. He felt His mother's vulnerability, and turning to John said to him, 'look after her as if she were your own mother'. And

turning to His mother, He commended her to John's care.

In the 1662 Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion we hear the 'Comfortable Words'. These are words of Jesus to encourage those who set out to follow in His way. The word 'comfortable' has subtly changed its meaning over the years. Today, we feel comfortable when we nestle into an easy chair with a hot chocolate before the TV. But in the Prayer Book, 'comfortable words' means also 'strengthening words'. For example: 'Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.' The comfort is both in the sharing of our burdens and in being refreshed to carry them. As always, the strength comes in the solidarity of the comforter even more than in the words.

A young Vicar in the Midlands, sat with a woman whose husband had just been killed in a coal mining accident. He felt impotent, not knowing what to say, so he sat silently, holding the woman's hand. A few weeks later she said to him:

'Vicar, I want to thank you for all you did for me the other day.'

'But I didn't do anything.'

'You did. You held my hand.'

The Way I See It:

We take postage stamps for granted, but how much longer will we need them?... David Winter explains.

I wrote three letters yesterday. That is such an unusual event that I thought I'd catalogue it. I printed them off my computer, and then looked for an envelope. I couldn't find one. Then I looked for stamps in the drawer where I used to keep them. Again, I could not find them. Undaunted, I put on my coat and walked up to the Post Office, where I queued to buy envelopes and stamps.

Initially, thinking I ought to stock up, I asked for forty first class and forty second class stamps. But when the clerk told me the cost, I revised my order downwards, not wanting to embark on a second mortgage. Then, armed with envelopes (addressed) and stamps, I actually posted them, and sometime over the next couple of days my correspondents, who do not have email, will get a letter through their door. Job done!

1st May is the 175th anniversary of the Penny Black, Britain's first official adhesive postage stamp. Ever since then, we have been writing letters, putting them in envelopes, addressing them and sticking a stamp on. In recent years

we have been spared the need to lick them, as peel-off stamps have become the fashion. The penny, of course, has multiplied sixty fold, like the biblical wheat, and, oddly, on the whole, letters take longer to arrive now than they did in the days of Queen Victoria.

What we are seeing now looks like the slow death of letter writing, which old'uns like me are supposed deeply to regret. To be fair, I do regret not receiving personal letters (I could do without all the others, mostly appeals, advertisements or official notifications). But I can't expect to get them if I don't send them, and almost all my personal 'correspondence' is via email. Sadly, I don't think people will one day be reading the collected emails of David Winter, or even of distinguished artists, poets or bishops. Letters will go the way of diaries and fountain pens.

Perhaps it's just as well that the invention of the internet is so recent. I can't imagine that St Paul's Email to the Ephesians would have stood the test of time.



May 24th Day of Pentecost – Whit Sunday

Pentecost took place on the well-established Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was exactly 50 days after the Passover, the time of Jesus' crucifixion.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born.

Jesus had told His apostles that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for his apostles – but He knew they could not do the work themselves – they would need His help.

And so the apostles and disciples waited in Jerusalem, praying together for several days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the apostles and disciples of Jesus: and the Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian Church that morning: proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, he could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.



Host, guest, stranger

by Anna France-Williams

Consider for a moment what it means to be hospitable. Think about some of the meals you have shared with others and the impact they have had on your life. Perhaps meals eaten in bizarre locations, with interesting people, meals you have hosted and meals where you have been a guest. Think about the hospitality you have received which has made you feel welcome and the situations where you have felt like a stranger or outsider.

The roots of the word 'hospitality' are fascinating. Jonny Baker and Cathy Ross in 'The Pioneer Gift' talk about how in Greek the word can simultaneously denote the concept of guest, host and stranger. Jesus Himself was familiar with all three roles. He hosted children, women and tax collectors and was a guest at a wedding and in people's homes. John 1.11 says that He also felt like a stranger at times: 'He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him.'

For those of us who are parents of small children, our whole relationship with them can be simultaneously one of the host, guest and stranger. For a short time, as 'hosts' we provide them with food and shelter, a nurturing environment, an

opportunity to ask questions, to feel warmth and affection.

We are also our children's 'guests' when they invite us to be part of their game, story or impromptu tea-party. We enter into their play and see the world through their eyes for a moment.

Perhaps our children feel like strangers to us as we seek to understand their needs, desires and emerging personalities that all too often clash with our own.

But let's not forget that we too can be a stranger to them. When we are too busy to be our children's guest or too angry to be a good host to them we can often meet the stranger within us. We lose our temper, neglect their legitimate needs or make poor choices and wonder at that moment who we are. And they wonder too.

We miss out on the richness of the relationship if we only seek to 'host' our children and never make time to be their 'guests'. Both roles are needed and reflect the giving and receiving love of God which is so vital for other relationships too.

It is a huge privilege to be a host and a guest, whether to our children or to others around us at church, in our neighbourhood, at work or in the community. This Spring, how

can we sacrificially welcome others as their host, care for their needs, provide a safe space for their questions and stories to be heard and send them on their way a little lighter in spirit?

It could be that we host someone very different from ourselves in personality, age, culture or class: a 'stranger' with whom we have little in common and who can offer us very different kinds of blessings in return by way of insight, encouragement or challenge.

How can we also be excellent guests: able to receive the

hospitality of others with gratitude and resisting the instinct to immediately reciprocate? Whatever form our hospitality takes and wherever it is directed, let's not underestimate its power to transform lives by demonstrating the love of God and making His presence known and felt.

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

Heritage Lottery Fund supports yew tree campaign in celebration of Magna Carta

The Heritage Lottery Fund is supporting an ancient and veteran yew tree campaign being launched in early May this year. Ancient yews are estimated to be at least 1000 years old and veteran yews are between 500 and 1000 years. The campaign will be managed by The Conservation Foundation in association with the Church of England - 217 of the country's 272 ancient yews are in churchyards.

The campaign will include the distribution of young yews to communities and churches to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. The young yews have

been propagated from veteran and ancient yews that were growing at the time of Magna Carta. It is thought the ancient yew at Ankerwycke, near Runnymede was where King John, his Barons and the Bishops gathered to witness Magna Carta.

There will also be small grants available to support local community and school projects to do historical research around their ancient or veteran yew. Funding is also available for maintenance work on ancient and veteran yews, along with guidance on their management.

A list of ancient and veteran trees listed by Diocese can be found on the Ancient Yew Group website: <http://www.ancient-yew.org/>. More details: www.conservationfoundation.co.uk

'The art of faith': time for churches to discover the power of contemporary art?

Ted Harrison, former BBC correspondent and now artist, considers what might happen if local churches got mixed up with contemporary art.

Contemporary art has a mixed reputation; just piles of bricks, dead sharks and unmade beds, say some. And yet galleries of modern art attract millions of visitors and one of the most popular artworks shown in Britain in recent years was the remarkable installation of poppies at The Tower of London last year.

Since medieval times, great churches and cathedrals have been centres of the arts. Despite the attempts of the 16th and 17th century Puritans to clear 'idolatrous images' from places of worship, many of the great traditional artworks of the pre-Reformation world have survived in the form of paintings, sculptures and stained glass windows. Many historic parish churches too have hidden artistic gems.

Increasingly today churches are discovering the power of contemporary art, both to enhance worship and draw in new people. Contemporary artists have a greater freedom than artists of old. They can experiment with new media, such as installation, sound and even performance.

The recently-installed altar piece at St Paul's Cathedral in London is not a painting, but a moving, disturbing and

eye-catching video. In Salisbury Cathedral the new font is an amazing reflecting and flowing water sculpture. Many well-known names in contemporary art have been inspired to create religious works. Anthony Gormley, famed as the creator of The Angel of the North used old nails from the cathedral roof to create a new work for Canterbury. Tracey Emin designed a work in pink neon light for the west end of Liverpool Cathedral.

There are many smaller churches too where the work of well-known modern artists can be found. To give just two examples from many: Old St Paul's in Edinburgh has a massive and mesmerising oil painting by Alison Watt showing tumbling folds of white cloth. And a more traditional, but equally striking modern work can be found at South Harting church in Sussex where sculptor Philip Jackson's Angel Gabriel can be seen.

For many years art students have been taught art theory in secular terms. Art has been viewed almost as a branch of philosophy or sociology. Yet more and more artists are turning to religious subjects for inspiration and discovering the spiritual aspects of their practice. They are turning to sacred subjects and sacred spaces for inspiration and welcoming opportunities to work with churches and congregations. In the second of the series we will be looking at how collaborations can come about.

The meal at the heart of Christian worship

Helen Parry considers the Lord's Supper...

'For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: the Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' (1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

These words have been the focus for the Church's celebrations of Communion, the Lord's Supper, and the Eucharist ever since Jesus spoke them at the Last Supper two thousand years ago. Writing to the Corinthians, Paul describes the meal that is at the heart of Christian worship. The reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation has fed and inspired Christians ever since.

In his letter to the Philippians (2:5-11), Paul widens his scope to embrace the whole of God's redemptive plan. From Jesus' divinity, incarnation, life, death, resurrection and ascension to His ultimate triumph, Paul's picture of the cosmic Christ is based on historical fact. But his immediate purpose, as he launches into this soaring poem of praise, is to urge believers to humility and unity: 'in your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus' (2:5).

How often do we bring to mind the facts of our redemption? How far do

we allow them to shape our lives? Do we, when we pray, acknowledge the high priestly role of Jesus, through whom alone we can 'approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need' (Hebrews 4:16)?

All the New Testament writers looked to the Old Testament to understand the significance and implications of the Gospel. Not only in the letter to the Hebrews, where the writer demonstrates Jesus' fulfilment of the sacrificial system, but from Matthew to Revelation, the events and prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures are brought into a new light, as God's cosmic purposes – from Creation to New Creation – are revealed. It's impossible to overstate the enrichment that comes from understanding our faith in the context of those purposes.

But it is not only enrichment that comes from a grasp of God's 'big story', but truth. In the 'pick and mix' culture in which we live, it's all too easy to select those parts of the Bible – those attributes of God, those promises and prophecies, those aspects of Jesus' character – that seem to satisfy our personal yearnings. In a society in which the purpose of life is being redefined in terms of personal fulfilment, and often reduced to image and self-esteem, we must beware of reinventing the Church to satisfy these aspirations.

A robust re-immersion in biblical history would be a good place to start.

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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. We are delighted to inform you that we have been successful in preventing the proposed application

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.

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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 half day closures for training are Wednesday afternoons 13th May, 10th June, 9th Sept, 14th Oct & 11th 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 Tel: 01246 582274 Virtual members welcome. Meetings: 12th May (AGM) 14th July, 8th September and 10th November 2015.

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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Book Review....

The Way of Tea and Justice – drink tea, change the world

By Becca Stevens, Canterbury Press, £12.99

Becca Stevens sweeps the reader into the fascinating world of tea, the comforting drink that millions of us reach for daily. Yet there are disturbing truths to be faced about our morning cuppa. Tracing the tea routes leads to evidence of exploitation, oppression and human trafficking, fuelled by local conflict and drug wars.

The Way of Tea and Justice tells the remarkable story of how a local café, found by Becca and run by women recovering from abuse, prostitution and addiction, led to a movement that is helping to bring freedom, fair wages and hope to some of the world's most impoverished workers.

As she recounts the victories and unexpected challenges of building the café, Becca also explores tea's rich and complex history, discovering ancient and beautiful tea rituals. She offers delicious recipes for blends to make at home and reflects on the spirituality of preparing and drinking tea, and its healing, refreshing effects.

In this journey of triumph for impoverished tea labourers, hope for café workers, and insight into the history of tea, Becca sets out to defy the odds and prove that love is the most powerful force for transformation on earth.



SERVICES & ROTAS FOR MAY 2015

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
3	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Swain	6 th -9 th Fiona S & Lynda
10	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	
17	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Turner	20 th -23 rd Claire & Jane
24	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	
31	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Mather	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
3	10.45am Holy Communion		Mr & Mrs Machin
10	10.45am Holy Communion		Mr & Mrs Wardle
14	9.30am Holy Communion for Ascension Day		
17	10.45am Matins		R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
24	10.45am Holy Communion		John Bowns/Michael Pindar
31	10.45am Holy Communion		Mrs Thomas + 1
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
3	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Wedding flowers
10	Mr & Mrs Bosett	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Wedding flowers
17	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Carter	to be arranged
24	M Douglas/D Maskery	Michael Pindar & help	Wedding flowers
31	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mr & Mrs Nelson	Wedding flowers
3 June	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	to be arranged
<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
3	Acts 8: 26-40 John 15: 1-8	Bob Carter	Oscar Porter
		Easter Five	children in service
10	Acts 10: 44-48 John 15: 9-17	Roger Wardle	Rupert Turner
		Easter Six	SS - Sarah Porter
17	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 John 17: 6-19	Trevor Grimshaw	Fiona Lichfield
		Easter Seven	SS - Claire Cadogan
24	Acts 2: 1-21 John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15	Gloria Sherwood	Claire Cadogan
		Feast of Pentecost	No Sunday School
31	Isaiah 6: 1-8 John 3: 1-17	Michael Douglas	Fiona Swain
		Trinity Sunday	No Sunday School

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