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There is silence in the theatre – the play is over. The cast come on stage and the audience erupts into enthusiastic applause which becomes thunderous as the leading actresses walk on to take their bows. It's been a demanding and emotional play and the two women are completely exhausted, drained but somehow deeply fulfilled. Behind their performances lie weeks of hard work, self-discipline and commitment. But they are dedicated to their acting and so are willing to give everything in rehearsing and performing.

An athlete runs a 1500 metre race in a world championship. He wins but the effort has drained him of energy and he's exhausted. Behind his performance lie weeks of hard work, self-discipline and commitment. But he is dedicated to his running and so is willing to give everything in training to compete at high levels.

To achieve excellence in any field you have to be prepared to give the time, take on the hard work and dedicate yourself to learning, training and practising. But if you want to act, sing or take up some sport so that you can be rich, famous and admired then you are probably in it for all the wrong reasons. It has to be done for the sake of the thing itself – you can't dedicate yourself so totally to something that won't fulfill you or bring you joy as well as pain and exhaustion. The price would be too high.

In the 10th Chapter of St. Mark's Gospel James and John haven't yet grasped this relationship between glory and pain. When the disciples were arguing about who was the greatest, Jesus brought them down to earth with a bump, saying, "Whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all." They simply didn't get the message.

When a rich young man couldn't give up his wealth and follow Jesus, Jesus told the disciples: "Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." Again, they didn't seem to get the message.

James and John make a selfish request and another round of bickering breaks out. Jesus, with extraordinary patience, points out what surely now they should have understood. The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve. James and John want to be with Jesus in his glory but haven't grasped what leads to that glory.

Through all the situations we hear in this story from St. Mark, we hear Jesus saying to everyone he encounters, “What is it you want me to do for you?”

Do we get the message!

If we want to share in Christ’s glory we must serve each other. Our journey of faith is a journey into an ever deepening relationship with the God of love. Jesus serves others because he loves them, because he cares deeply about their suffering and longs to reach out to heal, to set free and to offer comfort. He asks us to serve others as he serves us, not taking into account what might come of it, not seeking attention and reward but seeking only to pass on the love we have received first from him. We need to be open to receive the grace and love of God, to allow God to serve us through others. To give away the love we have received with the same grace and generosity with which it is given to us. And to do that, we need to commit ourselves totally to God.

We are all called to make ourselves available to God and to others, to be people who say to others, “Here I am, what is it you want me to do for you?” We are called not to be served but to serve.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY ~ ST. PETER’S CHURCH, EDENSOR
1ST NOVEMBER ~ 10.45AM

At this service we shall be celebrating All Saints’ Sunday. During the service the names of loved ones departed will be read out and there will be the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance.

We do hope that you will come along to this service. If you would like the names of loved ones to be read out please let the vicar or churchwardens know in advance or tell the sidespeople as you arrive.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

BAPTISM

20th September ~ Emilia Rose Bond

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

BURIAL OF ASHES

9th October ~ Frederick Wood

Martin Venning 1942 - 2015

It was a tremendous shock to learn of the sudden death of Martin whilst on his holiday last month. Most of us at Edensor didn't know Martin that well; however, from the time that he and Marion began to attend St. Peter's we remember him very well as someone who would always volunteer to help in whatever area we were short of assistance - sidesperson, moving tables or plants around, washing or drying up after any special events held in the Church etc. Of course we all remember (well) his jokes, prepared to turn any comment into a 'double entendre' and keep us smiling.

We send our love and condolences to Marion.

The Churchwardens

'SPICE' Sunday - St. Peter's

'Spice' Sunday, held on Sunday 11th October, raised £34.15 for church funds. Many thanks for continuing to support us with this fundraising scheme. If you would like to start collecting 5pence pieces for us just contact the wardens.

The next 'SPICE' Sunday will be on 10th January 2016.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club September Draw 2015

1st Prize £30 - no. 53 Vernon Mather

2nd Prize £20 - no. 88 Joe Clark

Funds to church this month - £47

We still need another 3 members for this year.

If you are interested please ring 01246 583856.

Thank you, Ann Hall

Dates for your Diary -November

- 7 Visiting Bellringers - Dronfield Church 'Ring & Ramble' 2.30pm - 3pm
- 10 **BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm in the Village Hall
AGM followed by an evening of tassels and whisky tastings from around the world. Come and make pom poms and tassels from around the world while sampling a range of whiskies. It's a great combination and an evening not to be missed!
- 18 **CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage
AGM followed by supper.
Competition: A Glass ornament
- 19 **Pilsley CofE School Christmas Fair** - 5 - 7pm Cavendish Hall, Edensor
- 30 **BEELEY PARISH MEETING** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall. All welcome

Early Notice

The Cavendish Hall, Edensor

19th December 7.30pm

A Christmas Folk Evening with

'The Travelling People'

Featuring Canon Dave

Choruses; ballads; comedy; monologues

All proceeds to St. Peter's Church, Edensor

*Tickets £15 including light refreshments available from: Canon Dave,
Liz Bradshaw (01246 582421) or David Jackson (01246 583452)*

The bar will be open for the purchase of drinks

High Peak Women's Refuge

This month we will be collecting **FOOD!** Anything festive for Christmas: Tinned foods; cereals; pasta; long life juice; biscuits; puddings; chocolate treats - in fact anything **YOU** would like to eat at Christmas!



Anything that we could offer the women and children that would ease the burden of Christmas – we always have a toy collection at Christmas for the children and give presents to the women.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

via 'THE BRIDGE'

Donations to Church Funds



If you would like to send Christmas Greetings to friends, family and other readers of this magazine, please put your name on the list which will be at the back of church (in St. Peter's) during the next few Sundays, or telephone or email Liz Bradshaw **before Monday 16th November.**

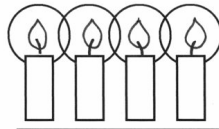
All you need to do then is to place your donation in an **envelope marked 'Christmas Greetings'** and place it on the collection plate on any Sunday during Advent.

ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT

ST. PETER'S CHURCH ~ 29TH NOVEMBER 6PM

A candlelit service to mark the beginning of the Christian year, this service will include anthems sung by the Derbyshire Singers, Advent hymns, readings and prayers.

EVERYONE



WELCOME.

ADVENT

Whilst looking for something in an old parish magazine I came across this in the November 1984 copy:- "We should be glad to hear of anyone else who would take up either flowers or cleaning". Nothing changes! At St. Peter's we still need more people on the cleaning rota and I'm sure Mrs Penrose would be delighted to have more people to offer their help with the flowers. If you are able to help in any way please have a word with the wardens or, in the case of the flower rota, Mrs Penrose. We do get some positive comments on how clean and tidy the church is but we really do need more cleaners to keep up the weekly rota!

Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting
held on 21st September 2015

Ten members of the PCC were present and an apology received from one other. 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:

New taps have been fitted over the sink and an expansion kit connected to the water heater. The work was carried out by Alpha Gas.

A postcard advertising the church website and service times had been costed and the PCC agreed that we should go ahead with this.

•Report from the Chair:

Canon Dave reported that 42 people had attended the choral Evensong on 20th September. The choir 'Music Work Ensemble' made it very special and expressed the wish to come again next year. Canon Dave hoped that it might be possible to hold a Choral Evensong once a month from Easter - October.

Canon Dave thanked Christine and Clive Robinson and Liz Bradshaw for their hard work helping him to clear the church basement, making use of a skip offered by Mrs Park. Some items were thrown away and others relocated to the Vicar's garage, which was also de-cluttered.

Canon Dave reported that he is regularly taking Communion to those in the parishes who are housebound or in care homes.

•Financial Report:

The Treasurer presented the accounts from January to August 31st and reported that year on year planned giving is down, but the blue envelopes and plate giving are both up on last year, due to collections at weddings. We need to raise awareness of alternative ways of giving and explain where the money goes. The meeting wished to record the PCC's gratitude to Mark for all his work for the Church.

•Fundraising Events:

Steeton Male Voice Choir Concert Saturday 17th October

Travelling People Cavendish Hall on 19th December - tickets priced at £15 each to include a plate of sandwiches and a mince pie. The bar will be open for drinks.

A meeting to be arranged with the Fund Raising Committee to discuss future events.

•Church Path:

A meeting to be arranged with Peter Rogan (Church Architect) and Nigel Sherratt (Asst. Diocesan Secretary) for their advice.

Date of next Meeting Wednesday 2nd December 2015 7.00pm

The meeting closed with The Grace.



Traidcraft

Sales last month totalled £537 helped by £44 at the

Methodist Church Coffee Morning.

Christmas is drawing near and sales of Traidcraft items are gathering pace. Staff at the warehouse in Gateshead are very good and deliveries are always prompt which means that Christmas orders can, in theory, be left quite late. The problem is that items do go out of stock sometimes, so, to be sure of avoiding disappointment, it is wise to order early. To help you with this there will be a second Sale and Coffee Morning in the Newark Room at All Saints' Church, Bakewell on Saturday Nov. 14th from 10.30-12noon. The full range of Christmas cards will be available to view and order. There will be a similar sale in the Village Hall at

Great Longstone in the morning of Nov 11th when the same will apply.

This month's bulletin mentions a visit to the Holyland Handicraft Co-operative Society situated on the West Bank in Bethlehem. The Christian and Muslim artisans working there produce the beautiful crosses and nativity sets featured in this year's catalogue. Some of the olive trees which provide the wood for the carvers are thousands of years old. They are not felled or damaged but provide a sustainable supply. Conditions there are very difficult and they need all the help we can give them.

Please contact me if there is anything else I can help you with.

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

PILSLEY C OF E SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Thursday 19th November 5-7pm
Cavendish Hall, Edensor**

Child friendly and adult friendly!

Something for the children including sandwiches for those coming straight from school, as well as an opportunity to purchase presents for Mums and Dads and grandparents etc 'in secret', ie going on stage behind the curtains where an adult from school will supervise them making a secret purchase and wrapping it ready for Christmas.

Something for the adults, the usual cakes and water or wine stalls, as well as outside companies, invited in, with stalls of suitable presents for someone you know, we are sure!

Samaritan's Purse launches urgent appeal to help refugees across Europe

As thousands of refugees are pouring into Europe each day, Samaritan's Purse has launched an urgent appeal to provide vital food, shelter, aid and spiritual support to families and children.

Samaritan's Purse UK Executive Director Simon Barrington explains: "People are wet, cold and exposed. Infants are wrapped in plastic bags to protect them from the rain. Clothing is inadequate for the current temperature and the looming drop in temperature which will follow in the next few weeks. Soon it will not be possible for people to sleep outdoors as they will be at significant risk of hypothermia, particularly infants, young children and the elderly."

Samaritan's Purse has been on the ground in Northern Iraq and the Middle East meeting the critical needs of refugees from Syria. However the charity has also deployed a multinational team of personnel in Hungary, Macedonia, Serbia and Greece to meet the immediate needs of the hundreds of thousands of refugees, many of whom are from Syria, who are rapidly streaming through Europe.

Back packs containing food, water, hygiene items and toys for children have been distributed in Macedonia

and Serbia. 5,000 raincoats have also been given out.

Together with local church partners Samaritan's Purse also distributed more than 3,000 food packs to refugees in the Balkans.

The charity is also appealing for help to send thousands of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to Syrian refugees currently camped in Northern Iraq, and to refugees now on the move in Europe.

More details at: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/article/samaritans-purse-responding-to-refugee-crisis-in-europe/

Samaritan's Purse launches 'One in A million' Operation Christmas Child campaign

Samaritan's Purse is calling on people across the UK to be 'One in a Million' and pack a gift-filled shoebox this Christmas.

The organization is hoping to send a million shoe boxes from the UK this year. A spokesman explains: "It's a great way for all of us to make a difference in a child's life and to share the true meaning of Christmas with children around the world, about the birth of Jesus Christ." Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child (worldwide) has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to more than 124 million children in over 150 countries.

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Christmas Tree Festival Bakewell Parish Church

Once again and by popular request there is to be a Festival of Christmas Trees at All Saints Parish Church, Bakewell, between 10 and 20 December 2015.

This has become a traditional and very popular start to the Christmas season in Bakewell. The church will be full of trees decorated by local charities, societies, schools, church groups and businesses in such a way as to reflect what they represent.

There will be late night opening until 8.30pm on 17 December, when mulled wine and fruit juice will be served. Other events include the

Sheffield Folk Chorale and an evening of choruses from the Messiah and carols.

The church's Open Door café will be serving tea, coffee, light lunches and afternoon tea from 11am to 4pm daily.

Please put these dates in your diary and join with the community of Bakewell in a joyous Christmas celebration.

If you wish to be involved or require further information please contact Dot Bushen on 01629 814496; dot.bushen@live.co.uk or

Ben Roper on 01629 812438; ben.roper@tiscali.co.uk or visit the website www.bakewellchurch.co.uk

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

November 8th 2015

The Imitation Game (2014, UK) Cert 12A, 114 mins.

Biography, Drama, Thriller

During World War II, mathematician Alan Turing tries to crack the enigma code with help from fellow mathematicians.

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And in the meantime, if you have ever packed a shoebox, Samaritan's Purse wants to hear your story. Where and when did you pack it? What did you include? Was there something particularly special you remember about your shoebox?

Samaritan's Purse invites people to "Help us encourage others to be 'one in a million' and get involved in this year's campaign - pack a shoebox this year and tell us your story at www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/yourshoeboxstory."

What the Archbishop of Canterbury thinks of the migrant crisis

In a statement on the ongoing migrant crisis facing Europe and the Middle East, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, said recently:

“This is a hugely complex and wicked crisis that underlines our human frailty and the fragility of our political systems. My heart is broken by the images and stories of men, women and children who have risked their lives to escape conflict, violence and persecution.

“There are no easy answers and my prayers are with those who find themselves fleeing persecution, as well as those who are struggling under immense pressure to develop an effective and equitable response. Now, perhaps more than ever in post-war Europe, we need to commit to joint action across Europe, acknowledging our common responsibility and our common humanity.

“As Christians we believe we are called to break down barriers, to welcome the stranger and love them as ourselves (Leviticus 19:34), and to seek the peace and justice of our God, in our world, today.

“With winter fast approaching and with the tragic civil war in Syria spiralling further out of control, we

must all be aware that the situation could yet worsen significantly. I am encouraged by the positive role that churches, charities and international agencies are already playing, across Europe and in Syria and the surrounding areas, to meet basic humanitarian needs.

He went on: “We need a holistic response to this crisis that meets immediate humanitarian need while tackling its underlying drivers. I commend the UK Government for its strong commitment to the world’s poorest people through the delivery of the aid budget. It has shown global leadership by providing £900 million since 2012 to the crisis in Syria. It has also shown moral leadership in using Royal Navy ships to save the lives of hundreds who have tried to make the dangerous crossing across the Mediterranean.

“The Church has always been a place of sanctuary for those in need, and Churches in the UK and across Europe have been meeting the need they are presented with. I reaffirm our commitment to the principle of sanctuary for those who require our help and love. The people of these islands have a long and wonderful history of offering shelter and refuge, going back centuries – whether it be Huguenot Christians, Jewish refugees, Ugandan Asians, Vietnamese boat people or many, many more.

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New exhibition looks at 1200 years of Christianity, Islam and Judaism – at the British Museum

The British Library is to lend one of its greatest treasures, the world's oldest bible, to the British Museum for an exhibition exploring 1,200 years of Christian, Islamic and Jewish faith in Egypt after the pharaohs.

The Codex Sinaiticus is considered to be one of the most important books in the world. It dates back to the 4th century AD. Handwritten in Greek, not long after the reign of the Emperor Constantine the Great, it contains the earliest complete manuscript of the New Testament.

The codex was bought in 1933 by Britain from the Soviet government of Joseph Stalin, desperate to raise cash for the second five-year plan. Remarkably, more than half the £100,000 cost was raised by public subscription.

Experts now believe the codex was the work of four scribes, known as A, B1, B2 and D (the existence of a C

has now been disproved by modern scholars). The codex was the prototype for every subsequent Christian Bible.

In the British Museum exhibition, the codex will be displayed alongside two other founding texts of the Hebrew and Muslim faiths: the First Gaster Bible, also being loaned by the British Library, and a copy of the Qur'an from the Bodleian Library in Oxford.

They will be part of what is the first major exhibition to explore, in its 1,200-year entirety, the transition of Egypt from a pharaoh-worshipping society to a majority Christian and then majority Muslim society, with Jewish communities periodically thriving throughout. The exhibition will argue that the transitions, from a society worshipping many gods to a society devoted to one God, shaped the modern world we know today.

Egypt After The Pharaohs is at the British Museum 29th October-7th February, supported by the Blavatnik Family Foundation.

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“It has always been controversial at the time it happened, always been seen as too difficult. Yet each time we have risen to the challenge and our country has been blessed by the result. “We cannot turn our backs on this crisis. We must respond with compassion. But we must also not be

naïve in claiming to have the answers to end it. It requires a pan-European response – which means a commitment to serious-minded diplomatic and political debate, but not at the expense of practical action that meets the immediate needs of those most in need of our help.”

David Winter remembers the end of the Second World War...

When they talk about austerity now...

This year we have marked the 70th anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day, memorable days of celebration as the Second World War came to an end. What some of us are now remembering, however, is what followed. It was certainly no instant transfer from the arduous years of war to the joys of peace. Indeed, for many ordinary people in Britain the immediate post-war years were times of acute struggle. It was lovely to welcome back the men and women who had served in the Forces, but – speaking as a teenager at the time – the fruits of victory

were hard to identify (though we did get our first bananas!).

Our cities were pockmarked with ugly bomb-sites. There was still rationing of food, clothes and 'luxuries'. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, could promise no immediate relief – he was dubbed 'Austerity Cripps'. Fuel was often in short supply, and we had a couple of very cold winters. If this was what it was like to be the winners, how must it have been for the losers? We learnt later the answer: no worse, and in some cases a bit better!

When politicians speak now of 'austerity', we children of the post-war age are tempted to reply: 'You don't know what austerity is'.

The Church of England Pensions Board issues £100 million of bonds

The Church of England Pensions Board has issued £100 million of bonds, giving it access to long-term finance to purchase additional retirement properties, which will secure the future of clergy housing in retirement.

The bonds are repayable in tranches between 2038 and 2048 and were issued through a special purpose vehicle, CHARM Finance plc. £70 million of the bonds were placed immediately, and the remaining £30 million retained to provide quick

access to the capital markets if required in the future.

The Board is using part of the bond proceeds to acquire, in a single transaction, the economic interest in 196 properties in the Church Housing Assistance for Retired Ministers ("CHARM") scheme which had been financed by the Church Commissioners. This is part of a long term strategy to keep or acquire properties that are most suitable for the rental scheme, replace others as they become vacant, and add further properties to give retiring clergy a wider choice as they approach retirement.

The top 10 Bible stories: Noah

Paul Hardingham continues his look at the Top 10 Bible Stories.

A little boy was listening to the story of Noah's Ark. Suddenly he interrupted: "Where were you in the ark, Grandpa?" His grandfather replied, with some astonishment, that he had not been in the ark at all. That did not satisfy his grandson: "Then why weren't you drowned?"

This month we consider Noah, an example of faith in Hebrews 11:7 'By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.' So - what does Noah teach us about faith?

Faith believes God's Word: Noah believed God's warning of judgment on the people of the earth for their violence and wickedness, despite the lack of rain! Are we prepared to

trust God's word, even when we can't see the evidence of his working?

Faith loves and serves God: Noah was moved by 'holy fear', like a child who does not want to displease his father. Do we seek to love God with all of our lives?

Faith obeys God in the face of opposition: 'The construction of the ark is the longest, most drawn out test of faith recorded in the Bible' (Oswald Sanders). Noah built a boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high, hundreds of miles from water to the amazement of the people. Is God calling us to step out in faith in a particular area of our lives?

Faith witnesses for God in spite of rejection: Noah was described as a righteous and blameless man who 'walked with God'. As one who lived right with God, he can be called a 'preacher of righteousness' (2 Peter 2:5). What is the witness of our faith to others? Where were the Noah jokes when it started raining?

Did you know that:

200 years ago on, 24th Nov 1815, Grace Darling was born. She famously rescued survivors of a shipwreck off Northumberland in 1838. She and her father used a rowing boat as the sea was too rough for a lifeboat.

150 years ago on, 26th Nov 1865, Lewis Carroll's novel 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' was published.

THE WAY I SEE IT: THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER

*Bonfire night is on the way...David
Winter considers the history of it all...*

Until fairly recent years 5th November in England was well known for foggy evenings as bonfires were lit all over the country. On many of them a 'guy' would be burnt – usually a couple of old pillows and some cast-off clothes in the rough shape of a man.

The 'guy' was, historically speaking, Guy Fawkes, one of the chief conspirators in a plot by Roman Catholic zealots to blow up the Palace of Westminster at the State Opening of Parliament on 5th November 1606, thus removing James I from the throne. Fawkes was arrested as he stood guard over a massive collection of gunpowder in an undercroft beneath the House of Lords. Under torture he revealed the names of the other conspirators, and they were hanged, drawn and quartered on 31st January 1607,

though Fawkes jumped from the scaffold and broke his neck, thus avoiding the actual execution.

The previous sixty years had seen unprecedented religious strife in England, following the breakaway of the Church of England from Rome under Henry VIII. Hundreds of priests loyal to Rome were hunted down and many put to death, often under the accusation of 'treason'. During the brief reign of a Catholic monarch, Mary, there were many Protestants who were similarly executed. Years of strife, often over verbal definitions, were testimony to the bitterness of feelings which religious conviction can inspire.

There is still plenty of religious strife in the world, as we all know, though little now between different groups of Christians. 5th November might be a good day on which to pray to the one and only God that the world might see an end to the blasphemy of any killing in His Name.

Will you be driving to church?

Public transport is used more by those in their 70s than it is by those in their 60s or those in their 80s. Nearly four-fifths, 78%, of men 70 and over have a full car driving licence, as do two-fifths, 41% of women, but, while able to drive, are more likely to use public transport as well than those who are older.

It would seem likely, therefore, that as churchgoers get older there will be an increasing tendency to drive to church (as public transport is often far less frequent on a Sunday). That suggests that churches will need larger car parks. Or perhaps churches need to encourage people to use mobility scooters instead!

The story of Daniel in the lion's den is so familiar, many of us learned it at our mother's knee. Here's a light-hearted take on it!

The Mighty Pen

A lion, in a Babylon den,
Was especially partial to men.

But Daniel said "Look!

"I'm writing a book!"

And prodded him hard with his pen!

By Nigel Beeton

On a far more serious note, Nigel Beeton writes: "The deepening refugee crisis is now filling our newspapers and screens daily as the news of refugees struggling to reach the safety of Europe just seems to worsen and worsen. The sight of bodies, including those of little children, washed up on Mediterranean beaches, cannot fail to tug our heartstrings, drive us to our knees in prayer, and impel us to take action. The words for this poem came to me as I sang 'Alleluia, sing to Jesus', so some credit has to go to William Chatterton Dix!"

The Songs of the Sinless

Hear the sad songs of the sinless

Call across the crystal sea,

Calling out for peace and safety

Calling out to you and me.

Can you hear their voices singing

Even from their ocean grave?

"We are lost but others follow

Others that you have to save!"

"For we left our homes and country

Driven out by war and strife.

Driven out by men of evil

Men who cared not for our life.

So we left the land our fathers

Strove to make a better place;

As we fled our ancient homeland

Tears of sorrow stained our face."

"All our worldly goods forsaken

Only hope – to that we clung.

Even that was taken from us

Now our final song is sung.

Shall our hopes for a bright future

Sink beneath the ocean blue?

Let our torch of hope and triumph

Pass instead from us to you!"

By Nigel Beeton

The new minister (smile...)

The new minister was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Finally he took out a card, wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card

had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10'.

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

21 Bishops lead a mission to Sheffield Diocese – and start a new annual event

A unique four-day mission in the Diocese of Sheffield recently saw 21 bishops from the Church of England lead teams in hundreds of events across the region. The Crossroads Mission is the first time so many bishops have worked together in mission in this way in a single diocese in the long history of the Church of England.

The Bishops came from every diocese in the Province of York and from every tradition. They included the most recent Bishops to be consecrated for the north: Bishop of Stockport, Libby Lane, Bishop of Burnley, Philip North and Bishop of

Hull, Alison White. Bishops and their teams visited schools, pubs, universities, colleges, hospitals, youth clubs, shopping centres, community centres, cafés and churches; the Penistone and Rotherham Shows also saw hundreds of people pass through their 'Messy Church' tents.

The 'Crossroads' mission was a personal initiative of Archbishop Sentamu, and will now become an annual event. Next year the Archbishop and the bishops will be hosted by the Church of England in Lancashire (Blackburn Diocese) when the second Crossroads mission takes place at venues across the region from 8th – 11th September, 2016.

David Suchet reads the Bible

Actor David Suchet has recorded the whole NIV Bible for Torch International. It is for people with sight loss, and is now available on Megavoice and DAISY.

David Suchet commented: "In the preparation of my reading my eyes were opened because I couldn't pick the Bible up and just read it, because that would have been immature and wrong. So I had to study each book as to when it was written, who may have written it, what was its purpose, who were they writing for, and putting it into its context before recording one word of each book. So I gave myself a complete Bible course as well as recording it."

Contact: info@torchtrust.org

Did you know that it was 300 years ago on 24th Nov 1715 (until 9th Feb 1716) that the River Thames in London froze over and a frost fair was held.

The message of Advent? – history is going somewhere!

Richard Bewes considers the beginning of the Church Year

‘And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger...’ (Luke 2:7)

‘They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.’ (Matthew 24:30)

What a contrast between the humble birth of Jesus in Bethlehem – and his eventual return! No one knows when that day will be, but it will be earth-shaking. In the meantime, Advent reminds us of the last of six great saving actions of God in Jesus Christ.

The Birth of Jesus at Bethlehem was to inaugurate our salvation. The Death of Jesus at Calvary established it – forever. The Resurrection of Jesus at Easter confirmed it. The Ascension of Jesus to heaven celebrated it. The Gift of the Spirit at Pentecost drove it worldwide. And sixthly will come the Return of Jesus at the world’s end – to consummate and complete it.

The message of Advent reminds us that history is not circular or locked into an unending stalemate. Neither can we ever accept a notion of successive incarnations,

for the Bible is clear that man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment (Hebrews 9:27).

The Bible has had many pre-runs of that final ‘Day of the Lord.’ Noah’s flood, the overthrow of wicked Babylon; these and other upheavals were but pointers to the final ‘Day of our Lord Jesus Christ’ (1 Corinthians 1:8), when all wrongs will be stopped, and the Lord shall reign with justice.

For the Bible is clear that world history is leading to a Conclusion, to the new heaven and the new earth. That will be inaugurated when ‘He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.’ Christ’s return will usher in the final triumph, bringing about the dismantling of the whole apparatus of Evil that has so harassed us across the centuries.

The Cross and Resurrection secured the victory over evil. Christ’s return will make it final! Believers echo Paul’s words in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 - ‘And so we will be with the Lord for ever.’ If we have a strong view of the future, we can be sure it will energise us in the present!

In the meantime, Advent is coming round once again. It’s time to celebrate the first of God’s six mighty acts that secured our salvation – and look forward to the future.

GOD AND THE ARTS

Michael Burgess continues his look at great works of Christian art. You can see the image described by googling 'wall paintings of Pompeii'

'HE GAVE US EYES TO SEE THEM': WALL PAINTINGS OF POMPEII

Each month we have explored how art celebrates the wonders of our world – the seasons, the elements, animals and fish, flowers and fruit. They manifest the glory of God the creator. Irenaeus, the 2nd century theologian, went further and wrote that 'the glory of God is a living person.' He was echoing Psalm 8: 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them...you have crowned them and put all things under their feet.' Yes, the universe teaches of God the creator, but in becoming one of us, the Son of God has put human beings above all creation.

The nobility of that vision is captured in this 1st century wall painting from Pompeii showing Neo and his wife. They lived at a time when St Paul was preaching and the gospels were being written. We don't know if those events made an impact on their lives. But we do know that St Paul was executed around AD67, and just twelve years later this couple

were victims of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Their almond-shaped eyes are like windows into their souls. We sense the beauty, but also the fragility. They tell us that life is a gift to be cherished precisely because it is so easily taken from us. Neo's intense eyes look at us, while his wife looks beyond into the distance. She has the eyes of hopes and dreams that were cruelly shattered by the volcano.

Living men and women, like this couple, are tokens of the wonder of creation, but they also tell us of the transience of that very gift of life. 'Where can we place our hope?' we ask ourselves. The feasts of All Saints and All Souls tell us that the end of life here is a door opening into a greater glory and a brighter light. There is wonder and beauty in life here, and with the eyes of faith we can look beyond to glimpse the wonder of eternity.

Smile lines...

Daniel

Said Daniel on entering the lion's den: "Well, whoever does the after-dinner speaking, it won't be me!"

Faith before the firing squad

Catherine Butcher looks back on the courage of Edith Cavell...

This year is the centenary of Edith Cavell's death. Many remember her patriotism. But for Edith, patriotism was not enough. Many saw her as a hero and a martyr; some even think she was a spy. But Edith asked to be remembered '... only as a nurse who tried to do her duty'.

Dozens of books have been written about Edith Cavell, but none answered the question: 'How could she be so calm and confident before the firing squad?' My new book, *Edith Cavell - Faith before the firing squad* (Monarch, £8.99) tells Edith's story. It traces the roots of her calm confidence, her love for others expressed in practical, selfless service to friend and foe alike, as well as her courage helping fugitives from war find freedom.

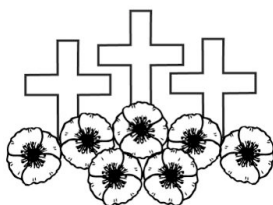
Self-sacrifice was the hallmark of Nurse Edith Cavell's life. She was executed on 12th October 1915 for enabling at least 200 Allied soldiers to escape occupied Belgium into neutral territory, but her care had extended to German and Allied soldiers.

On the night before her execution she told the chaplain who came to give her Holy Communion that she

was grateful for the weeks of quiet she had spent in solitary confinement after such a busy life. She said, 'I have seen death so often that it is not strange or fearful to me ... This I would say, standing as I do in view of God and eternity, I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.'

She knew that the patriotism her fellow prisoners had used in their defence was not enough to enable her to stand in God's presence. Throughout her life she had used the Book of Common Prayer, repeating the Lord's Prayer morning and evening, 'forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us'. She knew that she couldn't hold on to hatred or bitterness. She needed to forgive others, just as she had been forgiven.

After they had shared communion, they said together the words of the hymn 'Abide With Me', and they talked about heaven. As he left her cell, she took the chaplain's hand and said with confidence in her eternal future, 'We shall meet again.' She was executed by firing squad at dawn the next morning.



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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.

Clinical Practitioner: Alison Ward our Clinical Practitioner, can assess your health care needs using her highly developed clinical knowledge and skills, make a diagnosis, discuss and plan treatment options with you and she can also prescribe any necessary medication.

Alison is trained and experienced in managing Patients Chronic conditions, such as Heart, Respiratory conditions and can manage patients with multiple conditions, and will be working as part of our Practice Team, with the aim of providing you with a greater choice of which health professional you wish to see about your health needs.

The next time you need to make an appointment, why not ask the receptionist if the Clinical Practitioner can help you! Alison will work full days on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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(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 closure for training is Wednesday afternoon 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 T.01246 582274 Virtual members welcome. Meeting: 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 111

SERVICES & ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER 2015

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
1	9.30am Holy Communion	Barbara Hawsworth	4 th -7 th Rupert & Liz
8	3pm* Service of Remembrance	“ “	
15	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Swain	18 th -21 st Fiona L & Fiona S
22	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	
29	9.30am Holy Communion	Advent - no flowers	
*Please Note: On 8th November there won't be a service at 9.30am at Beeley.			
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
1	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
8	10.15am Service of Remembrance Pilsley School Yard		
	10.50am Special Service of Remembrance	J Clarke & M Jackson	
15	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Machin	
22	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
29	10.45am Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/D Walters	
	6pm Advent Carol Service		
	<u>COFFEE</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
1	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Christine Robinson
8	M Douglas/Diana Maskery	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Poppies
15	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Gloria Sherwood
22	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Carter	Diana Walters
29	Clive & Joy Thrower	Michael Pindar + I	Advent - no flowers
	<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
1	Isaiah 56: 3-8 Matthew 5: 1-12	Bob Carter <i>All Saints Day</i>	Annabelle Porter <i>Children in Service</i>
8	Wisdom 3: 1-9	Roger Wardle <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Rupert Turner (3pm)
15	Daniel 12: 1-3 Mark 13: 1-8	Trevor Grimshaw <i>Second Sunday before Advent</i>	Fiona Lichfield SS Claire Cadogan
22	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 John 18: 33-37	Gloria Sherwood <i>Feast of Christ the King</i>	Claire Cadogan SS Sarah Porter
29	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Luke 21: 25-36	Michael Douglas Advent Sunday	Fiona Swain SS Claire Cadogan

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