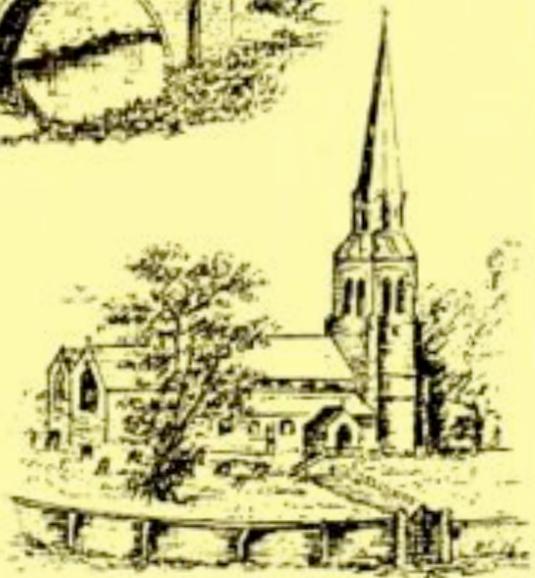


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Obedience is something we teach to our children. We teach them to obey us, to do as we tell them to do. This obedience is vital for their general welfare and safety. "Don't run or you will fall! Don't go near the main road! Don't interrupt when others are speaking! Clean your teeth! Put your clothes away! Make your bed! Go to sleep!" All these commands need to be given, and however reluctantly, have to be obeyed, if we are going to take a positive part in the general drama of life. And, as children, we need to be told – though we so often do not like it – because we do not understand the whys and wherefores of life. Our parents have to guide us until we are able to understand, and to do these things without being told. As children, we obey because we are told to. When we grow up, we obey the directives in life because we understand and appreciate what they mean. We have come to grasp the value of the laws of life, and we become our own authority. We direct ourselves in the world. We become, as it were, self governing. If we are grown-up, we will live obediently because we understand how good and important it is to do so. If we are childish, we will obey only when we have to, or if we think someone is watching. For example, on the motorways, our selfish condition teaches us to drive at dangerous speeds, even when driving conditions are poor. The authoritative presence of a police car is needed to help all of us to see sense and behave properly.

In the eleventh chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus uses the example of childlike trust to illustrate the nature of our relationship with God. Obedience, to be fruitful must be founded upon trust; a trust in the goodness and reliability and love of the one who calls for our obedient response. In our personal lives we practice obedience to the inspirations that we find inside ourselves. We are prompted to tell the truth, and not to tell lies. We are prompted to get up and work, and not to be lazy. We are prompted to be kind and considerate to other people. We don't always follow these promptings, but we always recognise their value, and we feel we ought to obey them. For, to obey means to listen to the good, and then do it. But there is always the option of listening to the

other way. We are never forced into good behaviour, it is always a choice.

Now, that we are no longer little children, obedience is not a matter of blindly doing what we are told – not even if it is God who is doing the telling. It is about making the choice between good and bad. It is about listening in our heart for what is the good, honest and kind thing to do in our life, and then to do it. It is about understanding the consequences and effects of our actions and the effects they will have on us and on other people. It is about considering what sort of person we want to be, and then behaving accordingly. It is about knowing and loving God, and wanting to please him in the things we do and the way we live. It is about wanting not just to get as much as we can out of life, but to give generously within it as well. In this way we become good, honest and kind. We grow to spiritual maturity and spiritual greatness. Jesus wants us to know the freedom of learning from him – the one who lived more truly than any other in joyful obedience to God. If you are looking for a role model, look no further than Jesus.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

WEDDING FLOWERS 2015

Thank you to everyone who has helped with wedding flowers this year.

We have raised £1,700 for St Peter's Church.

Margaret

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FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY BURIAL

14th September ~ Martin John Wentworth Venning aged 73yrs

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

BURIAL

27th August ~ Herbert Damarell



ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR
HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 11th October ~
10.45am
Everyone Welcome



ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY
HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 11th October~
3pm
Everyone Welcome

This year both of our churches will be celebrating the Harvest Service on the same day - St. Peter's at 10.45am and St. Anne's at 3pm. and you are warmly invited to join us at one or both of the services.

Donations of flowers, fruit and vegetables for decorating the windows and font would be appreciated and can be left in church on Friday 9th or early on Saturday morning, 10th October, when we will be arranging them; we are also asking people to donate non-perishable foods i.e. tins or packets and all the food items donated will be sent to the Padley Day Centre in Derby, which helps the homeless.

Following the service at St. Peter's there will be a 'bring & share' lunch, and after the service at St. Anne's there will be tea & biscuits at the back of the church.

Dates for your Diary - October

- 13 **BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
'The life and times of a farrier (stories from behind the horse-shoe)'
Doug Bradbury, Farrier Tea & Raffle: Barbara & Di
- 17 **St. Peter's** - Visiting Bellringers 3 - 3.45pm
- 17 **The Painted Hall, Chatsworth** - Steeton Male Voice Choir (See page 5)
- 19 **BEELEY Parish Council Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
- 21 **CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage
Speaker: Pat Hall - Life can be Funny (postponed from Sept)
Competition: A Halloween Mask
Vote of Thanks: Ruth White
- 25 **St. Peter's** - 12.30pm Baptism Penelope Fish

Early Notice

19th December at The Cavendish Hall, Edensor

An Evening of Entertainment with

'The Travelling People'

Featuring Canon Dave

All proceeds to St. Peter's Church, Edensor

Tickets £15 including light refreshments will be on sale soon

The bar will be open for the purchase of drinks

St. Peter's Church 100 Club August Draw 2015

1st Prize £30 - no. 76 Sue Wardle

2nd Prize £20 - no. 60 Dorothy Cooper

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

High Peak Women's Refuge

This month we will be
collecting winter clothes -
coats, hats, scarves,
socks, boots,
jumpers etc. In
fact anything to
keep out the
coming winter
chills.



AUTUMN CONCERT
IN THE
PAINTED HALL AT CHATSWORTH
STEETON MALE VOICE CHOIR
SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER AT 7.30PM

There will be a concert in the Painted Hall at Chatsworth on Saturday 17th October at 7.30pm by the renowned Steeton Male Voice Choir, which is a 75-strong choir based in North Yorkshire, and of which the Duchess of Devonshire is the Patron. Tickets are limited, and are priced at £25 each, to include a glass of wine or juice. Money raised will go towards the upkeep of St Peter's Church, Edensor, here on the Chatsworth Estate.

This promises to be a magical evening, and tickets are available from:

Christine Robinson 01246 582938 chris.robinson@w3z.co.uk;

Liz Bradshaw 01246 582421 or David Jackson 01246 583452



WELCOME TO THE PEAK PILGRIMAGE!

St. Peter's Church, Edensor, is on the route of the Peak Pilgrimage

The Peak Pilgrimage is a long distance footpath walk from Ilam to Eyam, designed to be enjoyed by all.

There are higher mountains, steeper tracks and greater walking challenges in other parts of Britain, but nowhere is the walking more lovely, relaxing, accessible and soul-restoring than in the Peak District National Park.

So this is a journey for anyone who likes walking, and it can simply be enjoyed at that level. But it has an added twist – this is also a pilgrimage walk designed as a spiritual experience. This is neither dreary nor frightening because pilgrimages are meant to be fun!

For more information or to order a guide book go online to: peakpilgrimage.org or take a look at the booklet in Edensor church.



THE COUNTESS and EARL OF DEVONSHIRE [Edensor & Chatsworth] CHARITY

Young persons between school leaving age and under 25 years of age who are resident in the Parishes of Edensor & Chatsworth may apply for financial assistance towards the cost of preparing for entry into a profession, trade or calling. This may include provision for further education.

Applications are invited with immediate effect. The closing date for applications is **31st October 2015**.

All grants are at the discretion of the trustees and Application Forms for grants can be obtained from the clerk:

Mr I T Else, Estate Office, Edensor.
Tel: 01246 565300/email: ian.else@chatsworth.org

Edensor Village Day 2015

At Edensor Tea Cottage on Thursday 10th September, cheques for £1,600 each were presented to Dr Louise Jordan, representing Helen's Trust and to Maurice Suter, representing Ashgate Hospice. This was from money raised at this year's Edensor Village Day and was in memory of Rosie Brewer, as a way of supporting these two remarkable charities who helped to support Rosie in her last months before she died.



l-r Dr. Louise Jordan, Peter Day and Maurice from Ashgate Hospice

The 'Young Ones'

Once again we have reached the time of year when there are great changes ahead for our young people. They may be starting a new school, moving on to higher education or perhaps retraining for a new career. Congratulations to everyone who has successfully completed exams this summer and very best wishes for the future. Below is a list of those we know about and apologies for anyone we may have missed.

GCSEs - Jack Madin- Now doing Level 3 in Sport with Matlock Football Club and hopes to become a physiotherapist.

'A' Level -Katie Hill (3) Katie is going to study history at St. Mary's University, London

Eliza Wood - After a gap year working and travelling Eliza is going to Bristol University to read French and Spanish

Further Education

Harry Madin- has gained a Distinction* in Countryside Management. He is now doing a degree in Agriculture & Land Management at Askam Bryan, University of York

University - Tim Else is completing his MSc in Logistics and will shortly be starting his PhD

Katie Else - has gained a BA in Sociology



Raise your paws....

Tails are wagging as qualified and accredited Dog

Training and Behaviour specialists People and Dogs, make their mark in Beeley by announcing that they are expanding their facilities by taking on a new venue. This means that People and Dogs will now be able to offer an even wider range of classes and behavioural services to more pet owners. With the ever increasing rise in behaviour problems in dogs, Victoria Cooper, the Principal Instructor of People and Dogs, felt it was the right time to offer more services so that puppies and dogs can start life in their new homes on the right paw!

“We have recently taken on two new venues in the Norton and Woodseats areas of Sheffield, and are even happier to begin offering classes in Beeley from November onwards, enabling People and Dogs to expand further in the coming months”.

How many church members does it take to change a light bulb? Smile.....

What do you mean CHANGE??? That light bulb was given in memory of my Grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands! He donated his time AND the use of his ladder to do

The new range of classes will be taking place in the Beeley Cavendish Village Hall and will provide new puppy owners and existing dog owners with quality education and guidance to help build a happy and healthy relationship with their furry friend.

Established in Chesterfield and Sheffield for 21 years, People and Dogs have developed a professional, experienced and caring reputation for helping dog owners teach their family pet good manners and have fun at the same time. We use positive reward based methods as we want you to have a successful and rewarding relationship with your dog, so he learns from you without fear, force or punishment. Whether you've got a new puppy or a rescue dog, just want to teach your dog new things, or you have a dog with problem behaviour - People and Dogs can help them all.

<http://www.peopleanddogs.co.uk/>

For further information please contact: Victoria Cooper on 01142 747665 or 07811 031 694

it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make a bunch of changes all of a sudden, Vicar, you've got another think coming!

NB Recently, in our case, it took 2 churchwardens and at least 2 others!



Traidcraft

Sales last month totalled £630 helped by £127 at the Oxfam

Gardens afternoon, £49 at the Methodist Church Coffee Morning, £29 at the Coffee Morning for Peter's Wells and £20 at Village Aid's AGM.

Last month I mentioned the new catalogue which has recently appeared. It features many seasonable items: Christmas cards, of course, but also wrapping paper, calendars, various nativity sets and Christmas decorations as well as a wide range of gifts. There are also Christmas food items, cakes, biscuits and puddings, two different hampers and several special confectionary boxes.

In particular don't forget the Real Advent Calendars - the only one of the many millions sold in the UK actually to tell us what Christmas is all about. You might like to know that they are made in Chesterfield so, not only are you helping people overseas when you make your purchases, you are also helping people locally.

There will be two sales in the Newark Room at All Saints' Church, Bakewell, on October 17th and November 14th, from 10.30am - 12 noon, and also at Longstone Village Hall on November 11th. Cards will be on sale or to order and a full range of foodstuffs and other items. See you there, I hope.

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

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

October 11th 2015

The Lunch Box (2013, India) Cert. PG. 104 minutes

Romance, Drama

A mistaken delivery in Mumbai's famously efficient lunchbox delivery system connects a young housewife to an older man in the dusk of his life as they build a fantasy world together through notes in the lunchbox.

Plastic carrier bags

How many plastic carrier bags do you have stashed away? To save you the hassle of counting, it would probably be about 40 – that is the average for households in the UK.

But the amount of new bags that we use each month is likely to drop drastically from this month (October)

onwards. For whereas in England shoppers used 11.7 free bags each month last year, in Wales, where a 5p charge for each bag was introduced, just two were used each month. And in October of this year the charge will be introduced in England.



Transport for the Community by the Community

Would you like to become a volunteer for Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport (BECT)?

BECT provides accessible transport for rural communities across Derbyshire Dales and the Peak District. Last year 3264 passenger car journeys were provided for people living in local communities. Volunteers help individuals who struggle to use conventional transport, perhaps disadvantaged because of age or disability or simply because no local scheduled services exist.

All you need to help is a little spare time, access to a car and have held a full driving licence for at least two years. There is no need to make a

regular commitment, you can help with as little as one journey per month or as much as five per week; the choice is yours and is totally flexible.

The rewards of volunteering for the community car scheme are many and include the chance to give something back to your community and help people live more independent lives, the opportunity to make new friends and participate in social events, and the chance to learn new skills.

We need more volunteer car drivers to help us to continue to provide this much valued service.

To find out more, please contact Sandra Naylor, Volunteer Co-ordinator, Tel. 01629 641920 or email sandra.naylor@bect.org.uk

Rich Meal, Poor Meal

Bakewell Oxfam Supporters invite you to a "Rich Meal, Poor Meal" event on Friday October 23rd at 12:45pm in Bakewell Methodist Church. The meal aims to reflect the inequalities in the world in an unusual and thought-provoking way. People who attended the last such event said how much they enjoyed it.

All tickets are £6 but, on arrival, there will be a lottery and one in ten people will win a "Rich Meal" of main course, dessert and coffee. The rest will receive a bowl of soup, bread roll and water. As is often the case, life chances in the developing world depend upon the luck of the draw!

Whilst some might be embarrassed to win the meal and others disappointed not to, we hope that all will enter into the spirit of the event. Diners will be given a quiz to complete whilst they eat.

As well as the meal there will be a talk by David Winder who was CEO of WaterAid, America.

Tickets can be bought from Bakewell Book Shop or telephone 01629813087

Two more female bishops consecrated

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, recently consecrated two new female Church of England bishops.

Rachel Treweek, former Archdeacon of Hackney and before that a speech and language therapist, became the new Bishop of Gloucester. As the first female diocesan bishop, she is also now its

most senior female bishop. She is also the first female bishop to take a seat in the House of Lords.

The Revd Canon Dame Sarah Mullally, a former nurse who became the youngest Chief Nursing Officer for England in 1999, was consecrated as the new suffragan Bishop of Crediton. Bishop Rachel and Bishop Sarah are the third and fourth female bishops to be appointed in the Church of England respectively.

Sleep easy

Don't let the sun go down on your anger. That has been biblical advice for a millennium. Now a study at Oxford has found medical evidence that agrees.

A study at the university's sleep and circadian neuroscience institute has found that ending your day angry, or sleeping right after a traumatic event, can make bad memories stick. Instead, sleep deprivation prevents the consolidation of bad memories, and therefore leads to fewer flashbacks. The findings, published in the journal *Sleep*, may also suggest that the practice of giving sedatives in trauma treatment should be reconsidered.

What makes the perfect bedtime story?

Here is the recipe for making the perfect homespun bedtime tale, which promises to have your offspring drifting off to sleep in contentment:

1st: aim to create a story that is just 8.6 minutes long. **2nd:** whatever characters you use, you need to include: a dragon, a wizard, and a fairy. If you can possibly manage it, put them all in or around a mythical

castle. **3rd:** get ready to adapt different voices for each character, and if you are really aiming high, act out as much of the story as you can. **4th:** stir in a big dollop of trouble – the tense bit in the story where things are all wrong for the hero, and danger looms. **5th:** and most essential, the hero needs to win and the story needs to have a happy ending. The happy ending for you? A happy child, going off to sleep! The research was done for Butlins.

THE WAY I SEE IT: of House and Home

Houses have been in the news in recent months – a hot political topic for those in power or seeking it, a source of desperate concern to those who simply can't find a place to live.

Prices, especially in London and the south-east, are staggeringly high. A semi-detached suburban house in the road where my wife and I brought up our family forty years ago is currently valued at a million pounds. We bought it in 1964 for £4,500! Of course, it's not 'real' money – more like Monopoly finance. And many of the people paying those exaggerated prices aren't even buying a house to live in, but as an investment.

Equally, in towns and villages across Britain, young people planning to set up home together face years and years of saving simply to afford the deposit on a house. Many settle for renting, which means that there's no money left to save for that deposit. The short answer, obviously, is to build more affordable houses. Everyone agrees, but whenever there are plans to build some, the cry goes up 'Not in my back yard!' The Government also agrees that we need such housing, but what, in terms of the average monthly wage, is 'affordable'? Certainly not the prices we see discussed in all these TV

programmes about 'a place in the country' or 'Location, Location'.

Houses matter. Or, rather, *homes* do. There's a lovely vision drawn by the Jewish prophet Micah of a day when everyone will 'sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid'. It doesn't mention a house, but it's a lovely picture of a home: a place where we feel secure, welcome and loved.

Sadly, not every house is a home, but every home is a precious gift, whether it's two up and two down or what has recently been dubbed a 'mansion'. Somehow or other, and before it's too late, we need to find a way to house all those would-be families, not luxuriously, but decently. The fig-tree in the back garden can be optional.

How friendly are you with the neighbours?

A new study has found that the British, when compared to our European counterparts, tend to maintain more distant relations outside the home, and are less likely to be close to our neighbours than in any other European country other than Germany. Yet on the flip side, it seems that when you compare 'well-being', the British also enjoy some of the most fulfilling home lives in the world. The report was by the Office for National Statistics.

Middle age loneliness

Is your middle age all that you hoped it would be? It is meant to be the time in life when all those years of hard work, building a career, raising a family and paying your mortgage begin to pay off. Instead, recent figures reveal that middle age is not only the busiest time of life, but for many, also the loneliest.

The Office for National Statistics has found that the ‘epidemic’ of

loneliness in Britain is not affecting just the young and very old; it is also affecting people in their mid-40s to mid-50s. These are the years when people are most likely to feel alone, least likely to enjoy an active social life and when they find least comfort and support at home. In fact, one in seven people in that age-group admit to feeling lonely “most or all of the time”. But there is some good news – after retirement, life for many of us picks up again.

Reviews



The Hard to Swallow Tale of Jonah and the Whale
By Joyce Denham and Amanda Hall, LionHudson, £5.99

The story of Jonah is full of ingredients that children love: a dangerous mission; a man on the run; danger at sea; an incredible whale rescue; and a grand finale about forgiveness. Amanda Hall and Joyce Denham give this classic tale their own special twist. The beautiful illustrations and dramatic story line make this a great read.



TV Vicar? - Christians on the Telly: The Good, the Bad and the Quirky
By Bryony Taylor, Darton Longman & Todd, £9.99

So the Vicar of Dibley, Father Ted and the Baby-eating Bishop of Bath and Wells walk into a pub... Here is a book that gets under the dog-collar of some of the best loved ‘Christian’ characters on British TV – the good, the bad and the quirky.

The Vicar of Dibley, Bluestone 42’s female army Padre, the curate from ITV drama Broadchurch and some of the more controversial vicar characters played by Rowan Atkinson in recent years are all considered on this tour of the last 20 years of British TV’s idea of what a Christian looks like. It explores the rise of atheism, the loss of innocence and the nature of satire.

‘O happy band of pilgrims’ - leave room for God to surprise you

*Rev'd Canon Michael Burgess considers
all that a pilgrimage can mean to a
Christian's walk with God.*

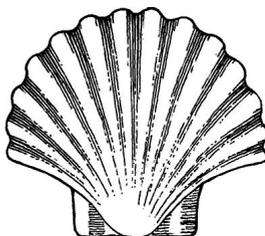
When we go on pilgrimage, we must decide where to go. Then we prepare for the journey. We read about it or google. We make plans: what to take, where to stay, and cost it all. There is a part of us that likes everything to be organised so that there are no hitches on the way. But we have to remember that pilgrimages are made in faith. Whatever our plans, we need to find a place for God in all the preparations and allow for those God-given moments, unplanned and unscheduled, where we can meet His love and grace. That is why we underpin the journey with prayer as well as preparation.

If we think of the journeys in scripture – Abraham or Elijah, the wise men or the shepherds – what characterised them was not the preparation, but the spirit of faith in which they travelled. We need to journey with that same trust in the God who may surprise us. David Sox realised that in the Holy Land. He had consulted maps and guides. But when he was there in person, the places made a special impression on him above and beyond what the books told him - even in the barren

wilderness. ‘At sunset the Bedouin scurry to light their fires and bring in their wandering goats; there is an eerie quiet in this region. Stopping in the desert at night and experiencing the quiet is unforgettable.’

Gerard Hughes wrote about a pilgrimage to Rome when he sat to enjoy a coffee at Grenoble. As he stretched out on a bench, he noticed that his boots were now without tread, his arms and legs were sun-tanned, and the soles and heels of his feet were hard. ‘But,’ he wrote, ‘the important change was within me. I felt a great sense of peace, the peace of at-oneness...I felt I was seeing more, hearing more, and living more fully.’

He had changed physically, but he had also changed spiritually. His experience is a moving testimony to the way in which God can surprise each of us when we go on a special pilgrimage or make our journey through life. God can meet us, often when we least expect it, and transform our lives.



Words and their changing meanings

Canon David Williams reflects on the power of words

In the children's classic 'Alice in Wonderland,' Humpty Dumpty says, 'When I use a word it means what I want it to mean.' Lewis Carol was pointing out what we all tend to do. Perhaps that is why over time some words change their meaning, or are used in new ways. A few decades ago, before home computers, no-one would have wanted a mouse on their desk. And 'paste' and 'cut' was what we did with glue and scissors.

Sometimes the change in meaning can be extreme. Take, for example, the word 'relict'. In the past this was a legal term for a widow or widower, meaning the one left behind. You often see it on old tombstones. But no-one today would dream of calling a widow a relic!

There is a prayer at the end of Holy Communion, in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer that begins: 'Prevent us O Lord in all our doings with thy most gracious favour...' Are we really asking God to hinder everything we do? Of course not. The earlier meaning was much more positive. We are asking God to 'go before us' (pre-vent us), which is how the modern version

of the prayer is worded. The prayer is about guidance rather than protection.

A more subtle example is in the prayer of Intercession in the 1662 Prayer Book Holy Communion. The prayer asks that those in authority should 'truly and indifferently administer justice...' Today the word 'indifferent' means not caring one way or the other – a shocking basis for 'justice'. But when the prayer was written 'indifferent' meant 'without prejudice, unbiased'. That's more like it.

Finally, consider Joseph in the Old Testament. In Genesis Chapter 39, we note that despite all Joseph's misfortunes he always came up smelling of roses. The New English Bible, following the King James Bible, translates it: 'Joseph prospered for the Lord was with him'. But in the first English translation, by John Whitcliffe, in the 15th Century, it reads (modern spelling), 'The Lord was with Joseph and he was a lucky fellow'. To be lucky today would mean, to be successful, perhaps winning the Lottery. But in Whitcliffe's day to be 'lucky' was to be blessed. Joseph's luck was not that he made a fortune, though he did, but that 'the Lord was with him.' Aren't we 'lucky fellows' too!

HALLOWE'EN? Try another way!

Richard Bewes considers this ancient festival that follows Harvest...

Across the centuries there have been two traditional feast days that signal the end of Harvest and the beginning of Winter. They were known under the name of 'Hallowtide.' All Saints Day, on November 1, is followed in some traditions by All Souls Day on November 2. Both, to a large degree, have been held to commemorate the lives of past saints and martyrs of Jesus Christ. They are preceded on October 31 by Hallowe'en – a derivation from 'All Hallows Evening.'

Partly because Hallowe'en heralded the dark days of Winter, it steadily came to adopt a 'darker' feel, featuring – along with the traditional carved pumpkins and apple-bobbing – a party atmosphere, geared to children, with play-acting along the lines of goblins, witches and broomsticks. This ethos has been dramatically fed in recent years by films and books teetering on the magical and the occult, to the extent that Hallowe'en today, with the help of massive commercialism, has become Britain's third biggest festival of the year.

In earlier times these antics could perhaps be accommodated, even adopted, as a piece of fun within the life of a village. But with the growing influx of cultures that are alien to the traditional Christian West, we now have on our doorstep heathen ritual malpractices, 'honour killings' and sub-human hatred and terrorist plots that echo Solzhenitsyn's diagnosis: "The demon of evil like a whirlwind triumphantly circles all five continents of the earth." What genuine place can Hallowe'en have in all this?

It is timely that churches and Christian groups are now putting on their own creative fun nights on October 31st. Just click to the internet to devise yours!

True; evil can feel fun! But - emphasised the French philosopher Simone Weil - it is only FICTIONAL good that is boring and flat, while it is FICTIONAL evil that is attractive and profound. By contrast - she insists - real life turns the tables: "Nothing is so beautiful and wonderful, nothing is so full of sweet and perpetual ecstasy as the GOOD; no desert is so dreary, monotonous and boring as EVIL"

Time to take advantage of Will Aid's 'Make a Will' Month

Been putting off writing or updating your Will? This November, Will Aid's Make a Will Month returns and will offer you the opportunity to put your affairs in order, secure your loved one's future and give to charities helping the young, the elderly and whole communities in the UK and overseas.

Participating solicitors are inviting people to contact them to book appointments for November, when they will prepare basic Wills without charging their normal fee. All that they will ask in return is that clients consider making a voluntary donation to Will Aid. The suggested donation is just £95 for a single Will, or £150 for a pair of mirror Wills.

The money raised is shared by nine UK charities that carry out life-changing work here in the UK and around the world, namely ActionAid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Sightsavers, Save the Children, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (N. Ireland).

More than half of UK adults (53%) don't have a Will and so have not made any legally valid provision for what they would like to happen after their death. Even worse, around one third of people who die each year do

so without a Will and their estate is therefore distributed according to a set of rules which cannot adequately cope with modern family circumstances. This can lead to a great deal of stress and uncertainty, as well as financial hardship, for those left behind.

Even if you have a Will, it is important to keep it up to date. Will Aid's research shows that almost 60% of people with a Will have not revised it for more than three years and these older Wills are almost certain to be out of date – assets will have been disposed of and new ones acquired; children and any named guardians will have grown older; whole families could have been re-configured.

Experts recommend routinely reviewing a Will every three to five years, and making a new Will as soon as significant family changes occur.

Will Aid's Make A Will Month is the perfect opportunity to gain the peace of mind that comes from knowing your affairs are in order and that your wishes will be carried out after your death. In fact, writing a legally valid Will is the only way of ensuring that this happens.

Please book early as solicitors tend to fill their appointments very quickly. Find a convenient participating solicitor at www.willaid.org.uk or by calling the hotline 0300 0309 558.

GOD AND THE ARTS

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

'HE GAVE US EYES TO SEE THEM':

'Still Life with Lemons, Oranges and a Rose' *by Francisco Zurbarán.*

When I was a schoolboy, I would often serve the weekday eucharist in my parish church. It was an early morning celebration with a handful of worshippers there: a great contrast to the bustle and liveliness of Sunday services. Instead, a quiet time to focus on the gifts of bread and wine offered on the altar. This month's painting of 1633 is an opportunity to focus on the gifts that have been offered at the altar of this table in 'Still Life with Lemons, Oranges and a Rose' by Francisco Zurbarán. He was a contemporary of the more famous Velázquez and worked in Seville until his death in 1664.

There is something quite special and evocative in the arrangement of fruits and flowers – two highly polished plates, one bearing the citrons (not lemons as the title tells us), the other a cup of water and a rose. In the centre there is

a basket with oranges and orange blossom. Against the dark background we sense the cool tones of the plates and cup, and the warmth of fruits and flowers.

There is a curious balance and poise here, and some critics have suggested a Trinitarian allusion in the three groups so deliberately placed on the table. Others have pointed to the rose and water as symbols of our Lady, and the fruit and blossom as signs of the new life of Easter. A devout Spanish Catholic in the 17th century would have noticed these allusions, but they may be too fanciful as X-rays have shown that Zurbarán painted out another plate which simply contained sweet candied potatoes.

What he has portrayed is an allegory of the senses. We can almost smell the fragrance of orange blossom and the tanginess of the fruits. We want to reach out to touch and taste. But no, we must look and ponder the offering of these gifts for our delight, and give thanks for the artist who has shown us something of the sacramental beauty of creation in them.

HYMN: The story behind O God, our help in ages past

Looking at the stories BEHIND some of our favourite hymns. Here are the first three verses of the hymn.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure...

A thousand ages in The sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the
night,
Before the rising sun.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) is often called the ‘Father of English hymnody’. Certainly before his hymns came along, congregational singing was a tedious business.

Watts was born in July 1674 in Southampton. (At the time of his birth, his father, an educated deacon in a dissenting Congregational church, was briefly in prison for his non-conformist beliefs.) As a boy, Watts showed outstanding ability with language (learning Greek,

Hebrew, Latin and French). He also had an unusual ability for easy rhyming in English. (At the age of five, when scolded for giggling in family prayers, it was because he had seen a mouse on the bell-rope, and instantly composed the line: ‘There was a mouse, for want of stairs, ran up a rope to say his prayers!’)

Watts’ literary ability, combined with his interest in theology, made him very unhappy with the congregational singing of the day, which focused almost entirely on strict metrical versions of the psalms. One Sunday after church, Isaac complained to his father about this. His father challenged him to write something better. Though only 18, Watts accepted the challenge, and produced his first hymn – which was duly sung the following Sunday.

It was such a success that he wrote new hymn texts every Sunday for the next two years. In all, he went on to write more than 600 hymns. Some of them are still well-loved today: from this one, ‘O God, Our Help in Ages Past’, which is a paraphrase of Psalm 90, to ‘When I Survey the Wondrous Cross’, and the Christmas carol ‘Joy to the World’.

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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.

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 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 OCTOBER 2015

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
4	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Turner	7 th -10 th Lynda & Di
11	9.30am Holy Communion 3pm Harvest Thanksgiving	“ “/Harvest decorations	
18	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Hopkins	21 st -24 th Sarah & Claire
25	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
4	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
11	10.45am Harvest Thanksgiving Service	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
18	10.45am Holy Communion	J Bowns/M Pindar	
25	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Thomas plus I	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
4	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mr & Mrs Carter	Christine Robinson
11	Mr & Mrs Carter + helpers	M Pindar + I	Harvest Decorations*
18	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Nelson	Janet Cosgrove
25	Mr & Mrs Bosett	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	“ “
*If you would like to help with decorating the church for Harvest please meet at St. Peter's at 10.30am on Saturday 10 th October.			
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
4	1 Peter 2: 1-10 John 10: 22-29	David Jackson <i>Dedication Festival</i>	Sophia Lichfield <i>Children in Service</i>
11	Joel 2: 21-27 Matthew 6: 25-33	to be arranged <i>Harvest Thanksgiving</i>	Claire Cadogan <i>SS Sarah Porter</i>
18	2 Timothy 4: 5-17 Luke 10: 1-9	Duke of Devonshire <i>St. Luke the Evangelist</i>	Fiona Swain <i>SS Claire Cadogan</i>
25	Jeremiah 31: 7-9 Mark 10: 46b-52	John Bowns <i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i>	Sarah Porter <i>SS Holidays</i>

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