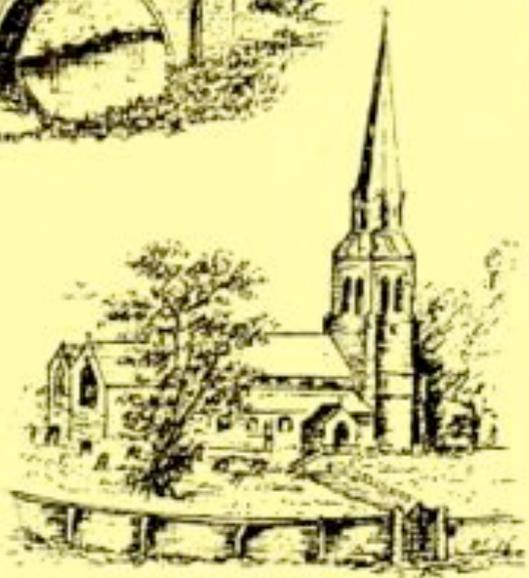


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On Wednesday 10th February the Church begins a new season. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. A period of fasting and inner preparation for Easter that the Church has undertaken since its early days. The message of true fasting will be illustrated differently in different places. For example, the preacher in rural Africa cannot give the same advice for fasting as the preacher in a well-to-do European suburb. Where the Christian struggles to eat a balanced diet with daily protein, as in many poor communities around the world, the advice to cut their diet at all during Lent is to completely miss the point. But the Christian who has an abundance of luxury foods, and is asked to merely give up chocolates or biscuits during Lent, is also missing the point. Christians who are encouraged to spend more time in prayer and Bible study during Lent might be getting closer to the point, and might be led to reflect on how the whole of life is lived.

But what is true fasting in God's eyes? To do justice, to serve others, to rebuild, repair, raise up and restore the lives around us. I am so encouraged that our Churches in Edensor and Beeley have committed themselves to supporting the Padley Centre in Derby. A place that welcomes the homeless and hungry and desperately tries to meet human needs. When we look at the lives of any saint in history or even alive today, what we see is the humility, holiness and love in lives spent in carrying out God's work here on earth.

This year during Lent why don't we try to do it all differently! Let us not think about simply "giving up" something, like one of our many luxuries. That would only benefit ourselves in some way. Instead, let us try to live in a new way, be different, do something of benefit to others. Let us spend more time in dedicated prayer and study of the Bible, and seek to hear God, see God's face in lives around us, and then in our own. As St. Teresa said, we are God's hands and feet in the world now. Let us be those hands and feet, mouths and ears, eyes and hearts, and seek to turn our world the right way up in God's name. Let us not just live this way for the period of Lent this year, but use this time to plan and initiate radical lifestyle changes to continue well after this time – lifestyle changes that carry the possibility of changing our world.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

All the lonely old people ...

A silent epidemic is sweeping our land – the loneliness of old people trapped at home. With many families living at a distance from each other, and technology removing the need for face-to-face encounters (to collect pensions, etc) there are hundreds of thousands of older people who can get through an entire week hardly speaking to a soul.

Is there anything that we might do to help some of the lonely old people who live near our church? There is a scheme in the Highlands where a number of volunteers agree to each ring several older people each morning, just to make contact. 'Morning Call' has been praised by the medical authorities as well as the older folk, who call it a lifeline. As one lady explained: "Knowing that I

would be receiving a phone call from a Morning Call volunteer gave me a reason to get out of bed ... the calls have become a much looked-forward to event."

So here is an idea: would there be any volunteers in our church who would agree to each make one or two phone calls a day, to local elderly people who would otherwise go all day without speaking to anyone? The phone call would be just to wish them good morning, and to make sure they are all right. If so, perhaps we could start, in a very small way, some sort of scheme to help our lonely local old folk.

If such a scheme interests you, or you know someone who would benefit from this, please contact the Vicar or the churchwardens.



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LENT COURSE

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

	<u>Telephone Numbers</u>		
St. Anne's	Wardens:-	Rupert Turner	01629 732794
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	Treasurer:-	<i>to be confirmed</i>	
St. Peter's	Wardens:-	Elizabeth Bradshaw	01246 582421
		David Jackson	01246 583452
	Treasurer:-	Mark Titterton	01246 582245
		e-mail: mtitterton@btinternet.com	

Dates for your Diary - February

- 4 Pilsley CofE School** Christingle Service 2pm St. Peter's Church
- 9 BEELEY WI** Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm Village Hall
Tales from the Housekeeper - Stories of life as the Chatsworth Housekeeper - *Christine Robinson*
Tea & Raffle - Fiona S and Di
- 10 9.30am Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday - St. Peter's**
- 17 CHATSWORTH WI** Monthly Meeting 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage
Speaker: Liz Holloway - Living on a Narrow Boat
Competition: A small jug (under 6" high)
Teas: Ruth White & Val Blackwell
- 29 BEELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** 7.30pm Village Hall
- 30 Wedding St. Peter's** 2pm Pranav Mahajan & Jennifer Pringle

REMINDER for 'THE BRIDGE' Magazine Subscription

A REMINDER - if you haven't already paid your subscription for your 2016 magazines please give the money to the person who delivers it AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BEELEY RESIDENTS should give their money to Pauline Mather or place it in an envelope and put it through her letterbox - 1 Devonshire Square.

£7.20 per year, cheques payable to Edensor PCC plus stamps if your magazine is posted.

Many thanks for your continued support.

'SPICE' Sunday St. Peter's

The first 'SPICE' Sunday of 2016, on 10th January, raised £84 for church funds. A really excellent start to the year! The total for the last year (incl. Jan 2016) was £192.95 - about half the previous year's amount.

Remember to save your 5pence pieces and thank you for continuing to support this fundraising project.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club December Draw 2015

1st Prize £30 - no. 69 Iola Symonds
2nd Prize £20 - no. 75 Diana Maskery
Funds to church this month - £47

We still need new members for this year.

If you are interested please ring
01246 583856.

Thank you, Ann Hall

EASTER LILIES AT ST. ANNE'S



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

EASTER LILIES AT ST. PETER'S

Once again we shall be having Easter Lilies in Church. You are invited to 'buy' a lily by donating £4 (or more) per lily and, if you wish, sign a card in memory of a loved one. The cards will be displayed in Church over the Easter period.



Cards need to be filled in and returned by Palm Sunday - 20th March.

For more information or to order a lily contact:

Liz Bradshaw 01246 582421; Mrs Penrose 01246 583197 or Margaret Nelson 01629 812257

Easy Fundraising

If you already SHOP ONLINE, or if you haven't yet done so, then why not use Easy Fundraising and help raise money for St. Peter's Church? There is no extra cost to you and a percentage from your purchase will come back to the church.

To Register

- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Click on **Register**
- Choose **Saint Peter's Church - Chatsworth Park** as your charity and fill in the rest of the form

To Shop

- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Search for your store in the alphabetical list
- Go ahead and shop

Choose from over 2000 of the UK's best-known retailers including names such as Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis and HMV and when you shop using the links on the easyfundraising site up to 15% from every purchase you make is donated to St. Peter's Church.

Community Transport Car Scheme Recruitment success leads to more capacity on Car Scheme!

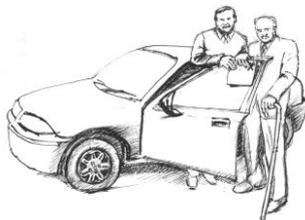
Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport Car Scheme is delighted to report the success of a recent recruitment campaign. From July to November there have been seven volunteers added to the team. The **Car Scheme** provides transport for individual passengers who need access to appointments. Mr and Mrs Simcox from Tideswell explain how The Car Scheme helps them; 'We moved to the Peak District two years ago which coincided with us both stopping driving. This meant as well as being in a new area we also lost much of our independence. Our daughter told us about BECT and their services have been a great help to us. We use the shopping bus from Tideswell to Buxton and the Ring and Ride Community Car Scheme. This enables us to go to all our medical appointments at Hospital as well as visits to our GP, dentist, physio, optician, chiropodist and a Parkinsons support group. The drivers are very helpful and friendly and it gives us peace of mind. With our mobility issues it is not easy on a public bus and we struggle to carry our shopping home afterwards'

Their daughter, Mrs Carrie, says; 'The service Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport provide is a

godsend for me as I know that it is reliable and that my parents will be well-looked after. There is a friendly helpful voice when they ring the office and I can book by email for them too. The volunteers always go the extra mile to make them feel at ease and supported. Without Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport my parents would definitely lose more of their independence. They would become more isolated and the reduced social interaction would impact on their health and well-being'

None of this would be possible without Volunteer Drivers. The successful recruitment campaign has led to greater capacity for transport and the car scheme is now seeking new passengers.

If anyone would like help from the **Community Car Scheme** or is interested in becoming a Volunteer please do not hesitate to give us a call on 01629 641920 or email info@bect.org.uk.





Sales last month totalled £1432 helped by £82 at the

Bakewell Choral Society Christmas Concert. Total sales for 2015 were £9725 which was 5% up on 2014. Still over £1000 short of 2011's record total, but a welcome step in the right direction.

Easter is very early this year so don't forget to buy your Real Easter Eggs in good time. Well over a million have been bought in the last 6 years, they have been voted the UK's favourite Fairtrade egg, and 10p for each one sold has been given to the Traidcraft Exchange to help support Traidcraft's producer groups. Each egg, produced by the Meaningful Chocolate Company based near

Chesterfield, is made from fairly traded chocolate and contains a book telling the Easter story and a chocolate bar. I will stock the standard eggs but there are several more exotic versions to be seen online at traidcraftshop.co.uk which I will be pleased to order for you.

If you haven't tried the Fairbreak wafer biscuits now is the time. Its one of our best products but is under threat because the manufacturer has increased the minimum quantity Traidcraft needs to order. It would be a great pity if supplies were cut off and at 20p a biscuit they are a bargain.

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

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

February 14th 2016

La Famille Bélier (2014, France), 106 mins

Comedy, Music, Drama

A girl, who lives with her deaf parents, discovers that she has the gift of singing.

BOTTLE BAGS

Did you receive a bottle (or two) of wine for Christmas? Any empty bottle bags that you no longer need would be very welcome for the 'Water or Wine' stall at this year's Edensor Day on 18th June. You can give your bags to Kirstie Law or Liz Bradshaw or even leave them on the table at the back of the church.

Thanking you in anticipation.....





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5pm to 8.30pm Friday 18th March 2016

Admission £10 by ticket only

10am to 2pm Saturday 19th March 2016

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**THANK YOU FOR HELPING PADLEY CONTINUE TO HELP THOSE WHO
NEED OUR HELP MOST**

Second round of church roofs fund opens

The second round of the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund is still running. Applications will be accepted up until Friday, 26 February 2016. The Chancellor made the welcome announcement in his Autumn Statement that the full £25 million pledged for the Fund in the Budget in March 2015 will remain in place. It is anticipated that awards will be allocated in early summer 2016.

Applications for grants between £10,000 and £100,000 will be accepted from listed places of worship across the UK, where roof and rainwater goods repairs are deemed to be urgent.

Works must have been identified by a professional architect or surveyor as necessary within two years. Both unsuccessful applicants under the initial scheme

and new applicants will be able to apply, provided that they meet the current criteria.

The Fund is being administered by a dedicated team appointed by the National Heritage Memorial Fund. Contact details for the team and the full guidance documents are available on the website: www.lpowroof.org.uk. [ChurchCare](http://www.churchcare.org.uk) will also be providing support and guidance centrally to dioceses and to parishes interested in applying.

Last year, nearly 400 Church of England parishes were offered grants in the first round of awards from the Roof Repair Fund. These grants came out of a total funding package of £30 million, distributed between 502 listed places of worship.

Note: St. Peter's will be applying for this funding as we were unsuccessful in the first round of grants in 2015 - Watch this space!

National Nestbox Week 14th – 21st February

With less and less trees and undergrowth, but more pollution and people around, birds can struggle to survive these days. National Nestbox Week aims to encourage you to put up nest boxes in your local area, in order to promote and enhance biodiversity and conservation of our breeding birds and wildlife. After more than 15 years it has become a well-established part of the ornithological calendar. More details at: www.bto.org/about-birds/nnbw



All you need is love!

The Rev Paul Hardingham considers what love really means

The Beatles' song 'All you need is love' is very fitting in this month, as we mark St Valentines' Day. If love is all we need, what does real love look like?

Paul describes it like this: 'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.' (1 Corinthians 13: 4-8).

Love is unconditional:
The agenda of one bride on her wedding day was 'aisle-altar-hymn' (think about it!). Entering into love on the basis of changing the other person is dangerous! Paul talks about loving unconditionally, rooted in our experience of God's love through

Christ for us: 'We love, because he first loved us.' (1 John 4:19).

Love is forgiving:
According to the film Love Story, 'Love means never having to say you're sorry.' This is rarely true in our experience! According to Paul, love is saying you are sorry and hearing that you are forgiven. Love 'keeps no record of wrongs' (5). We can only forgive as God forgives us, and who does so from the arms of Jesus stretched wide in love on the Cross.

Love is sacrificial:
Paul describes love as not selfish or self-seeking, but selfless and self-sacrificial. It is a love that puts the needs of the other person first. Take the words from 1 Corinthians and instead of the word love, substitute your own name. Now substitute the word Jesus. This is the Jesus who is available to you, to make your love for others grow, that will bring true Valentines' joy!

If you are looking to love... good food

Here's a 'dating website' with a difference: if you dream of finding quality food that's been locally produced, then BigBarn.co.uk may help point you in the right direction.

The website puts you in touch with all the farm gate food producers within 20 miles of your home. Overall, it

connects thousands of local producers of quality food across the UK with those of us who are looking for an alternative to mass produced, and often tasteless, food.

Just visit the site and tap in your postcode, and you will be offered a map showing all of the local producers near you. Think of it as a kind of 'virtual farmers' market. Visit: www.BigBarn.co.uk

Remembering Galileo – and how the earth revolves

By Tim Lenton - Parish Pump's community reporter.

Galileo Galilei found himself at the centre of controversy 400 years ago this month, when he was ordered by the Catholic Church on 26 Feb 1616 to abandon his opinion that the Earth and planets revolve around the sun. He was banned from holding the opinion, promoting it, or teaching it.

Highly respected as a scientist, Galileo has been called the father of observational astronomy, of modern physics and of science generally. But the Church at the time feared that his championing of heliocentrism and [Copernicanism](#) cast doubt by implication on the authority of Scripture. Galileo himself argued for a non-literal interpretation of Holy Scripture to solve the “problem”.

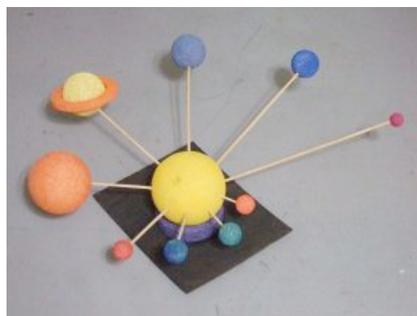
Galileo was born in 1564 near Pisa, then part of the Duchy of Florence. The first of six children of a famous lutenist, he started studying medicine but became fascinated by mathematics and became Professor of Mathematics at Pisa in 1589, then moved to a similar position at Padua in 1592.

In 1609 Galileo heard about the invention of the telescope in Holland. Without having seen one, he built a

superior version and made many astronomical discoveries, including mountains and valleys on the surface of the moon, sunspots, the four largest moons of the planet Jupiter and the phases of the planet Venus.

In 1632, he was again condemned for heresy after his book *Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems* was published. Galileo was summoned to appear before the Inquisition, was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment – later reduced to permanent house arrest at his villa in Arcetri, south of Florence. He was also forced to publicly withdraw his support for Copernican theory.

Galileo died in 1642. In 1758 the Church lifted the ban on most works supporting Copernican theory, and by 1835 dropped its opposition to heliocentrism altogether.



A simple model illustrating how the earth and other planets revolve around the sun.

Recent report on religion and belief in Britain ‘seriously misguided’

A recent report led by Baroness Butler-Sloss which said that Britain is no longer a Christian country has been criticised by cabinet ministers who said it was ‘seriously misguided’, and by the Church of England which claimed it appeared to have been ‘hijacked’ by humanists.

The report into religion and belief in Britain, calls for a ‘new settlement’ for religion because the religious landscape has been ‘transformed’ by a growth in non-Christian religions and numbers of people with no religion.

In response, a spokesperson for the Church of England said: “We welcome the call in this report for greater religious literacy and the highlighting of the scale of social action by the Church – as well as its recommendation that where a religious organisation is best placed to deliver a social good, it should not be disadvantaged.

“We also welcome the acknowledgement that the establishment of the Church of England has helped the integration of non-Christian perspectives in British society and helped them to make their voices heard in the public sphere. The Church of England, through its dioceses, parishes and at national level has been at the forefront of work to increase understanding between the different faiths.

“We are, however, disappointed that the report misunderstands the role of Church of England schools in providing a rounded education to more than a million pupils from all backgrounds as part of our commitment to the common good. If there is a significant problem with our schools it is that many of them are so popular that they are oversubscribed and not every parent who wants to can send their children to one.

“The report also misunderstands collective worship in schools. We believe that if the law on collective worship were repealed schools would risk losing this vital element of shaping a community that reflects the full breadth of human experience. We know, for example, that the response of many schools to the horror of the Paris attacks will have been in the context of collective worship.

“The report is dominated by the old fashioned view that traditional religion is declining in importance and that non-adherence to a religion is the same as humanism or secularism.”

After recent “overwhelming public support for the Church of England over the Lord’s Prayer cinema advert, it is important to remember that most public opinion is strongly opposed to the marginalisation of Christianity.”

To read a blog by Nigel Genders, Church of England Chief Education Officer see <http://cofecomm.tumblr.com/post/134520796697/church-schools-make-a-difference>; Read more: [Christian Today 7/12/15](#) or [The Telegraph 7/12/15](#)

**Shrove Tuesday –
Pancake Day –
9th February**



It's odd, really, that confessing one's sins to God should ever have involved making pancakes. And yet the beginning of Lent brings us both – Shrove Tuesday is Pancake Day, and is followed by Ash Wednesday, and so Lent begins.

In centuries gone by, the pancakes were made to use up the milk and eggs before the fasting of Lent. More recently, many readers will have childhood memories of the wonder of watching our mothers break an egg, mix it with milk and

flour – and out of that gooey mess, to produce a light and delicious pancake.

These days more and more of us buy pancake mix, or even ready-made pancakes. It seems we prefer the certainty of ending up with pancakes - to the risk of having made nothing BUT a mess of the kitchen.

In many parishes they used to hold pancake races on the day. Why anyone would want to run around a field while holding a pancake is not clear, but in Olney, Bucks, they have held a pancake race almost every year since 1445.

**10th February-
ASH WEDNESDAY –
mourning our sins**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. But why 'Ash' Wednesday? The reason has to do with getting things right between you and God, and the tradition goes right back to the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament, the Israelites often sinned. When they finally came to their senses, and saw their evil ways as God saw them, they could do nothing but repent in sorrow. They mourned for the damage and evil they had done. As part of this repentance, they covered their heads with ashes. For the Israelites, putting ashes on your head, and even rending your

clothes, was an outward sign of their heart-felt repentance and acknowledgement of sin. (See Genesis 18:27; 2 Samuel 13:19; Job 2:8, 30:19; Isaiah 58:5; Jeremiah 6:26; Jonah 3:6)

In the very early Christian Church, the yearly 'class' of penitents had ashes sprinkled over them at the beginning of Lent. They were turning to God for the first time, and mourning their sins. But soon many other Christians wanted to take part in the custom, and to do so at the very start of Lent. They heeded Joel's call to 'rend your hearts and not your garments' (Joel 2:12-19). Ash Wednesday became known as either the 'beginning of the fast' or 'the day of the ashes'. *Continues on page 13.....*

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The collect for today goes back to the Prayer Book, and stresses the penitential character of the day. It encourages us with the reminder of the readiness of God to forgive us and to renew us. The Bible readings for today are often Joel 2:1-2, 12-18, Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21 and Paul's moving catalogue of suffering, "as having nothing and yet possessing everything." (2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10)

The actual custom of 'ashing' was abolished at the Reformation, though the old name for the day remained. Today, throughout the Church of England, receiving the mark of ashes on one's forehead is optional. Certainly the mark of ashes on the forehead reminds people of their mortality: "Remember that you are

dust and to dust you will return..."
(Genesis 3:19)

The late medieval custom was to burn the branches used on Palm Sunday in the previous year in order to create the ashes for today.

The Collect for Ash Wednesday is:

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

14th February - Saint Valentine's Day



Saint Valentine's Day, many believe, was named after one or more Christian martyrs and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 496 AD. Valentine of Rome was martyred about 269, and this day usually 'belongs' to him.

The first recorded association of Valentine Day with romantic love (1382) is from Geoffrey Chaucer. He wrote, 'For this was Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate.' This poem was in honour of the first anniversary of the

engagement of King Richard II of England to Anne of Bohemia. Valentine Day is referred to by Ophelia in Hamlet (1600-1601).

*To-morrow is St Valentine's day
All in the morning betime
And I a maid at your window
To be your Valentine.*

The modern mention of Valentine's Day can be found in a collection of English nursery rhymes (1784):

*The rose is red, the violet's blue
The honey's sweet, and so are you.
Thou are my love and I am thine
I drew thee to my Valentine.*

The story behind the Hymn - 'Who Would True Valour See'

*Who would true valour see,
Let him come hither;
One here will constant be,
Come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.*

*Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound;
His strength the more is.
No lion can him fright,
He'll with the giant fight,
But he will have a right
To be a pilgrim.*

*Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
Can daunt his spirit;
He knows he at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away;
He'll fear not what men say;
He'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.*

By John Bunyan (1628-88)

John Bunyan wrote these words while a prisoner in Bedford jail. They appeared as a poem in his great work, *The Pilgrim's Progress*. He would have been astonished to learn that his poem would ever go on to become a well-loved hymn. What was Bunyan doing in jail? He had got caught up in the religious/

political tensions of the times, and suffered for it.

John Bunyan was born in 1628, only a few years after the Pilgrim Fathers fled England for America, and religious freedom. Those were troubled times in England, with great tensions between King Charles and the Royalists, who were Catholic and believed in the divine right of kings, and the Parliament, as represented by Cromwell and the Roundheads.

Bunyan had been brought up a Roundhead, and even became a soldier for a while in Cromwell's army. When another soldier died in his place, Bunyan was stricken with grief, and went on to become a committed Christian.

After the Restoration of the monarchy and the Established Church in 1660, Bunyan was viewed with suspicion as a Puritan sympathiser. He was ordered to stop preaching in public, but refused. He was convicted and altogether spent 12 years in prison. They turned out to be the most fruitful years of his life, for he took up the pen, and in the end reached far more people than he could ever have done by preaching locally.

The poem appears in *Pilgrim's Progress* at the point where Christiania and her four sons meet and help Mr Valiant-for-Truth on the

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road. They wash his wounds, give him food and drink, and learn his story. Mr Valiant-for-Truth was on his way from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. He relates the obstacles and battles along the way, and then launches into ‘Who would true valour see...’

The poem/hymn has been praised as ‘calculated to inspire the most doubtful spirit; the most disconsolate

soul and to rekindle the fire of zeal and enthusiasm for the pilgrim journey.’ ... it was born out of Bunyan’s own struggle... to be a pilgrim.’ And it is the same faith, in the same Lord, and the same journey, that keeps millions of Christians in the Persecuted Church of today strong and looking forward... to the Celestial City!

Leap Year – 29th February

2016 brings us a Leap Year. We need to add this extra day every four years in order to keep our calendar in alignment with the Earth’s revolutions around the Sun. The problem is very simple: our calendar has 365 days, but it actually takes 365.242199 days (a tropical year) to circle once around the Sun. That means we are ‘out’ by nearly six hours a year. Four times six hours is 24 hours - hence an extra day every four years.

Adding the extra day in February goes back to Julius Caesar in 45 BC. In his Julian Calendar, February was the last month of the year, and 24th February was Leap Year Day.

Leap year – when women can propose to men

An old Irish legend tells how it was St Brigid who first struck a deal with St Patrick to allow women to propose to men every four years. The arrangement was meant to ‘balance’ the traditional roles of men and women in a similar way to how Leap Day balances our calendar.

If any of our readers were born on 29th February – or married on that date, or gave birth on that date would you like to write a short article on how you celebrate an anniversary date that comes round only every four years.... if so please send it to the editor for possible inclusion in the magazine.

Judgement? This true story concerns the visit of a visiting preacher to a little village chapel... ‘He was a few minutes into his sermon when, without warning, about twenty square feet of thick and decayed Victorian plaster fell from high on one wall and crashed into

a group of empty pews below. As the dense fog of dust began to settle, and it became clear no one was injured, the minister prepared to resume his sermon. Then he paused, and looked heavenward and in a slightly pained voice, asked: “Was it something I said?”

Mary Tudor – the first Queen of England

Mary Tudor, the first undisputed Queen of England to reign in her own right, was born on 18 February 500 years ago.

The daughter of Henry VIII and Catharine of Aragon, she reigned for five years and after her death was known as Bloody Mary, because of her execution of hundreds of Protestant leaders in a bid to turn England back to Roman Catholicism following the death of her half-brother Edward, an ultra-Protestant.

The first of these martyrs was the printer of the “Matthews-Tyndale Bible”; also executed was the former Archbishop of Canterbury, [Thomas Cranmer](#), who was primarily responsible for the printing of the Great Bible, as well as bishops Ridley and Latimer.

During her reign from 1553, Mary thwarted a bid to put Lady Jane Grey on the throne and then

crushed a rebellion led by Sir Thomas Wyatt. To help her restore Roman Catholicism in England, she married Philip of Spain.

This marriage was not a success, however, and she was childless – after several false pregnancies she died of what is believed to be uterine or ovarian cancer. Her husband showed little long-term interest in her or in England, except to drag it into a conflict with France that cost it the area around Calais, its last toehold in France. As a result the country became disillusioned with her and was ready for a return to Protestantism when she was succeeded by her half-sister Elizabeth I, daughter of Henry and Anne Boleyn.

Mary’s body was interred in Westminster Abbey, and when Elizabeth died, in 1603, she was buried next to her. With Elizabeth’s backing, the radical Protestant John Foxe tracked down the stories of those killed under Mary and published them in his Book of Martyrs, which was enthusiastically received and widely read.

Fast and Feast Book Review...
By John Cox, Kevin Mayhew, £10.99

Lent is traditionally a time of fasting. All too easily we can see fasting in negative terms - of things given up. But we should also consider what we could increase and do more of. This set of

daily Lenten meditations suggests something of each - some things to give up and some to take on. To make use of it will be something of a Lenten discipline: a fast from some activities whilst nourishing hearts and minds. *Fast & Feast* is also suitable for personal reflection and prayer.

Have you ever noticed that when you want peace and quiet, the opposite happens? Nigel Beeton wants times of 'quiet' in Lent, but isn't likely to get many.... He writes: 'You rise from your knees, full of peace. The fridge blares at you, because you've left it open. The microwave bleats for your attention. Never mind, you can check the e-mail. No chance – computer orders you to download upgrades (or upload downgrades, I forget which.) So you get into the car to drive to work. That's the worst of all. It moans at you if you don't do your seatbelt up straight away. The sat nav protests that you're going the wrong way. And there are those annoying little arrows that tell you when to change gear. I don't know about you, but I've been driving for nearly 40 years now, I DO know when a car needs to have the gear changed! Aaargh!'

The Boffins and the Technocrats

The boffins and the technocrats
Help folk like me and you
Inventing lots of clever things
That tell us what to do!

My car now has a clever light
Dispelling doubt or fear,
Without it I'd have not a clue
When to shift up a gear!

Of course there is the Sat Nav
To help me find my way
The time I learned to read a map
Was just a wasted day!

My PC's a law unto itself
So busy telling me
To upgrade this or restart that –
The net I never see!

And sometimes, when my work
is done
I turn on my TV
All chance to watch my
programme gone –
"Retune" it says to me.

The oven, fridge, and microwave
They make a beeping sound
Or else they have bright lights
which flash
To order me around.

And so I am a harassed man,
I live a hassled life;
The one who shouts at me the
least
Is my sweet lovely wife!

By Nigel Beeton

GOD AND THE ARTS

Have you ever thought how an actual church building might provide a series of visual aids to spiritual meditation? For his 2016 series on God in the Arts, the Rev Michael Burgess begins our procession through the Church, this month pausing at the font.

'HE GAVE US EYES TO SEE

THEM' The Font:

St George's Church, Anstey, in Hertfordshire.

Last month we stood at the doorway of a church in West Yorkshire. Open the door of that church or any church and the first thing to greet our eyes is the font. It marks the beginning of Christian life in the church. Many fonts have fine carvings of the seven sacraments that nourish the Christian. Others are octagonal in shape: a reminder of Noah and his seven family members saved in the ark from the Flood.

This month's font is a symbol of the ship sailing the seas of life. It is in St George's Church, Anstey, in Hertfordshire. Around the font are carved mermen - mythical, pagan creatures that belong to a pre-Christian age which the newly baptised is called on to renounce. When it was carved in the 11th-12th centuries, baptism occurred within eight days of birth. Babies would be immersed three

times into the waters of the font: dying to the old life symbolised by the mermen, and rising to new life, to be clothed in a white robe and given a lighted candle as a guide through life. They would then grow up in the church, moving from that west end through the upturned boat of the nave to the altar at the east end.

That movement is a sign of the pilgrimage we are all called to make. Like a journey on the seas of this world, we may sail through tranquil waters and peaceful days. There may be times when the skies are cloudy and the waters stormy. Martin Luther, when he was faced by struggles like that in his life, would say the words 'I am baptised' to strengthen and reassure himself. 'I am baptised' we can say as we travel in faith, knowing that there is always a light to guide and a goal that is sure and eternal.



Pilsley C of E Primary School

Toddler Group

Every Friday morning (term time) from 9am - 10.30am

Everyone Welcome

£2 for a parent and 1 child -
50p each for additional children

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Pre-School Nursery

Every morning (term time)
from 9am - 12noon

Everyone Welcome

Spaces available for rising
3 year olds

Afternoon tea, anyone?

Do you take afternoon tea? Ever wondered where it started? The custom seems to date back to the mid-19th century, and the seventh Duchess of Bedford, Anna Russell. The Duchess got hungry at about 4pm each day, and complained that she had "that sinking feeling". As it was still four hours until dinner (at 8pm), she began to have sandwiches or a small cake with some tea. Her friends thought this was marvellous, and the idea spread quickly through (hungry) upper class circles.



Soon, it seems, everyone in England was looking forward to Afternoon Tea, and a great British tradition was born. Though during the last century the sandwiches and cake gave way to biscuits, still we reached for the teapot each afternoon. Not so much any more, it seems. In the last five years, sales of tea have dropped by nearly a quarter, and sales of biscuits have sunk by a tenth. Nowadays we reach for bottled water and fruits, nuts or even cheese.

The research was done by retail analysts Mintel.

Smile...**Giving up for Lent**

At the end of the vicar's pre-Lent sermon he suggested, as an example to the rest of the community, that the congregation should worship in an unheated church for the whole of Lent. As they made their way into the chill Sunday air the vicar addressed one member of the congregation, asking what she had decided to give up for Lent. "Church," she replied firmly.

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

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 – training days:
10th February; 9th March; 13th April.
Closed for Easter: Friday 25th - Tuesday 29th March

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.

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 III



SERVICES & ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY 2016



<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
7	9.30am	Holy Communion	Mrs Hopkins	10 th -13 th Sarah & Jane
14	9.30am	Holy Communion	Barbara Hawksworth	
21	9.30am	Holy Communion	" "	24 th -27 th Di & Tracey
28	9.30am	Holy Communion	Mrs Swain	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
7	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
10	9.30am	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday		
14	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Clarke	
21	10.45am	Matins	Mr & Mrs Machin	
28	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
	<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
7	Mr & Mrs Harding		Mr & Mrs Jackson	Wedding flowers remain
14	Mr & Mrs Carter		Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Lent - no flowers
21	Clive & Joy Thrower		Mr & Mrs Wardle	" "
28	Mr & Mrs Bosett		Mr & Mrs Carter	" "
	<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
7	Exodus 34: 29-35 Luke 9: 28-36	Gloria Sherwood <i>Sunday before Lent</i>	Matilda Cadogan <i>Children in Service</i>	
14	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Luke 4: 1-13	John Caws <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	Claire Cadogan <i>No Sunday School</i>	
21	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 Luke 13: 31-35	Michael Douglas <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Fiona Swain <i>No Sunday School</i>	
28	Isaiah 55: 1-9 Luke 13: 1-9	Diana Walters <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	Sarah Porter <i>SS - Claire Cadogan</i>	

Marriage is more than finding the right person; it is being the right person. - Anon



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