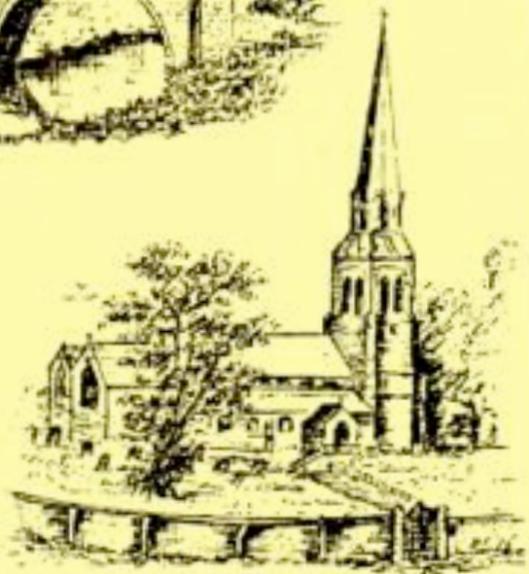


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How is it that sometimes, someone else can see things so much more clearly than we can? Whether it is looking for a place on a map or perhaps a product on a supermarket shelf. We can look and look for ages and yet somehow it eludes us. We know it's there somewhere – or at least it usually is – but we just can't see the wood for the trees. And then, to our embarrassment and gratitude, someone else saunters up and picks out the elusive item without so much as a second glance.

For so many people in our secular world, Christmas began in October and ended on Christmas Day. This is to miss the point and not grasp the situation. The season of Christmas actually began on Christmas day and continues right through to 2nd February when the Church celebrates the feast of Candlemas – the day when Jesus was presented in the Jerusalem Temple by his parents, as was the custom of the day.

On 6th January the Church celebrates another major Christmas feast called The Epiphany. This is the day when the Wise Men from the East visited Jesus and offered him gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Christmas is still all around us.

The Wise Men play a very important role in the birth of Jesus although it is the shepherds who are the first to see him. However, the shepherds (the little people) were always there, but no one noticed them much. It is the Wise Men who recognise Jesus for who he is. People who were rich and important, but also outsiders and strangers. These are the last people you would have expected to know about the birth of a Messiah, let alone travel the world to find him and pay him homage. What about Herod? As the leader of a people who longed for a Messiah, he should have been the first to know that the new King had been born, and the first to pay him homage. But Herod doesn't see what is under his own nose. Not only is he ill informed about the existence and whereabouts of the new king, he is frightened and threatened by the news that his strange visitors from the East bring. The Wise Men must have been totally puzzled that Herod didn't rush himself to

see the new king, we don't really know. What we do know is that they continued on their way, and to their great joy found what they were looking for. Furthermore, what the Wise Men didn't find in King Herod's throne room, they find in an ordinary place among ordinary people – the true King of Israel. By rights the story should have been different. The King of Israel should have been seen and recognised and worshipped by his own people, but for one reason or another, it took a group of outsiders to respond to a strange sign in the sky and travel from a distant country to find what they could not, surely, have expected. Whether it is in a situation that is fairly trivial – like the supermarket – or one that is desperately important, we all know what it's like to lose sight of what really matters, and to struggle to see the wood for the trees. It could be that we need a new way to look at a familiar situation, or a creative solution to a problem that threatens to overwhelm us. Whichever it is, we need to find Christ in the situation. We need the insight of the Wise Men – a fresh pair of eyes to look at the problem and to provide a different perspective.

For some of us, we may actually need a different pair of eyes to see an answer – to ask for help from a friend. For others, it may be that what we need is a break. It's not just coincidence that this is the time of year when the holiday brochures drop through our doors. It may be simply about making some space – a retreat perhaps – or an hour of quiet to think about something else. Whatever the right thing for each one of us, the Christmas message for us is that hope is right there, right in the midst of us. We just need the eyes to see it.

Every Blessing for the New Year
Canon Dave



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Reminder Reminder Reminder

St. Peter's Church 100 Club

Please note that subscriptions for 2016 will be due on or before January 25th to be eligible for the first draw of 2016.

Subscriptions are £12 per number for 2016.

Cheques should be made payable to – **St. Peter's Church 100 club.**

Thank you for your continued support.
Ann Hall

'SPICE' Sunday - St. Peter's

The first 'SPICE' Sunday of 2016 will be on 10th January. Remember to bring your 5pence pieces and remind anyone who collects them for you to give them to you in good time so that we can get the year off to a good start.

**St. Peter's Church 100 Club
November Draw 2015**

1st Prize £30 - no. 22 vacant number
2nd Prize £20 - no. 94 Cynthia Gordon
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

Dates for your Diary -January

- 12** **BEELY WI** Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm Village Hall
'Exploding the Myth' Stories behind the Greenham Common
Peace Camp - Lyn Adams
Tea & Raffle: Fiona L and Sarah
- 18** BEELEY Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Village Hall. All welcome
- 20** **CHATSWORTH WI** Monthly Meeting - 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage
Speaker: Alison Phillips - Wine Tasting
Competition: a coaster
Vote of thanks: Ruth White

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

January 10th 2016

Selma (2014, UK)

Cert. 12A, 128 mins

Biography, History, Drama

A chronicle of Martin Luther King's campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965

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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.

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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.

A response from one of our readers to the article last month on 'Dad's Army'

My Daddy, Eric Stead, was in 'Dad's Army' because he was in the steel industry and required. They had smart uniforms but no weapons to defend themselves for months, just sticks and spades. He was stationed, at night, in "Wagg Wood" which is on the outskirts of the moors. The nearest civilization was the village of Dore or Longshaw House the other

way. The idea was that if the Germans parachuted down onto the moors they were to defend a small road bridge that would lead into Dore Village. Fortunately, as nobody arrived, they were safe but would definitely have been overrun and killed if the Germans had arrived. My Daddy said he studied the stars and knew a great deal about the heavens by the end of the war!

Margaret Jackson



Be careful on those crumbling paths

If you go out walking this winter, be careful. Miles of footpaths are crumbling, after years of neglect. Other footpaths are overgrown, or flooded. They are missing signposts, have broken gates or even broken bridges.

The Ramblers Association wants to do something about it. In its biggest restoration project to date, the group has asked the public to help map all 140,000 miles of paths in England and Wales, in order to identify the problems that

need to be fixed. The Ramblers Association points out that local authorities have a duty to maintain and protect pathways, but that this is not always what happens.

The Big Pathwatch is at <http://www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved> If you can help, have a look! The Association has 150 teams of volunteers who will carry out the repairs. Some are retired engineers.



Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd December 2015

Nine members of the PCC were present and 1 apology was received. 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 least meeting:

The latest round of grants from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund are now available. St. Peter's will again apply for funding in relation to the gutters and rainwater goods - applications to be in by 26th February.

A6 postcards giving a welcome and details of the church services, website etc. are now available, free of charge, to visitors and are located on the book table.

The Travelling People concert on 19th December has been a complete sell out.

Car parking is still proving a problem and a meeting will be arranged between the vicar, the wardens and Nick Wood at an early date.

•Report from the chair:

Canon Dave reported how pleased he had been with both the Remembrance Day Service and the Advent Service.

Pilsley School will hold their Christingle Service at St. Peter's on Friday 6th February.

A contractor from Allen Organs would be coming on Thursday 3rd December to attend to a sticking E flat pedal.

A meeting had been arranged for 7th December between Canon Dave, the wardens, Peter Rogan (Church architect) and the DAC to discuss the idea of a new toilet and kitchen under the tower.

A request had been made by Brigadier Wilkinson about the installation of a plaque to commemorate the Chatsworth Rifles, for which a Faculty will be required. The meeting agreed to this and the process will be started.

Canon Dave hopes to organise a series of Choral Evensongs during the summer, with visiting choirs taking part.

New Bethlehem carol sheets have been acquired and as there is no charge for these the PCC agreed that a donation be sent to the organisation for its work with Christians in the Middle East.

Forthcoming Events - Carol Service 16th December 7pm.

•Financial Report:

Canon Mark Titterton requested the secretary to distribute copies of the accounts with the minutes. He had compared the accounts with the same period last year and there was a slight increase in running costs. The challenge is still in 'giving' and much work needs to be done to encourage more giving by the congregation.

•Fundraising:

The fund raising subcommittee had met to discuss ideas for future events.

Margaret Nelson suggested having an Advent event to include a decorated church, prayer tree, candles lit on key weekends, with the church stewarded at those times.

The Padley Centre: Over the last 2 years St. Peter's, in conjunction with Susie

Grottick from the Gym, have supported the Women's Refuge in Chesterfield. Susie is no longer supporting this charity and as St Peter's harvest gifts have been to the Padley Centre over the last couple of years the PCC agreed to support them during 2016. It was also agreed that the coffee money from 2015 should be sent to the centre.

•**Faculty for New Organ:** The Faculty is now almost ready to submit.

•**Church Path:**

A meeting had been held with Nigel Sherratt, Peter Rogan, Canon Dave and the wardens to discuss the path. No definite conclusion had been arrived at although it was agreed that the self binding material used had not been successful. A sample of resin-bonded gravel had been obtained and this was discussed. The PCC agreed that quotes should be obtained for re-doing the path in this material.

•**Any Other Business:**

Sheep in the Churchyard: It was agreed that a bottle of whisky be given to Ben Randalls, Head Shepherd at Chatsworth, as the sheep had done a great job in keeping down the grass in the old part of the churchyard and this has meant extra work for Ben.

Date of next meeting wednesday 16th March 2016 7pm at Edensor Tea Cottage.
The meeting closed with The Grace.

Are you taking a mid-winter break?

If you are preparing to take off for foreign climes, do keep an eye out for signs that have English words... but perhaps not an English meaning! In hotels and train stations and airports all over the world there are polite little signs that will bring a smile to the lips of even an exhausted traveller. For instance, how about these*:

Switzerland: We have nice bath and are very good in bed.

Romania: The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret you will be unbearable.

Russia: If this is your first visit to the USSR, you are welcome to it.

Italy: If service is required, give two strokes to the maid and three to the waiter.

Spain: Our wine list leaves you with nothing to hope for.

Denmark: In the event of fire, open a window and announce your presence in a seemly manner.

Canary Islands: If you telephone for room service you will get the answer you deserve.

Have you spotted any signs that mistranslate English? If so, please tell the editor, and we will publish them ...

**With thanks to 'Lost in Translation: Misadventures in English Abroad' by Charlie Croker (Michael O'Mara Books, £9.99)*



Sales last month totalled £1521 helped by £73 at the

Methodist Church Coffee Morning, £142 at the Farmer's Carol Service, and £36 at the Bakewell Choral Society Concert.

When Traidcraft first began in 1979, Fairtrade was not even a word let alone a concept or a reality. Thanks to Traidcraft, Oxfam and Christian Aid, the Fairtrade Foundation was set up in the early 90s and has now grown to a billion pound enterprise. The Fairtrade logo is the best known in the UK, and is given to those producers who fulfill the necessary criteria by paying fair wages, providing good working conditions and the sort of benefits, such as sick and holiday pay, which we take for granted.

However, there are still many millions of people living in poverty. Traidcraft has always been **more than just** the UK's leading Fairtrade organisation. Our priority is **more than just** promoting Fairtrade. It's about helping people, and that includes all of us, to understand the difference between what big companies do - which is fair enough - and what Traidcraft does - which is **better than fair**. We aim to give - and we do give - **more than just** support. We give particular help to smaller, more marginalised producers, helping them to work together to achieve self sufficiency and to grow, not just financially, but in confidence and ability, free from the debilitating effects of poverty.

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Political leaders *Smile.....*

"Don't worry about your son, he is set to become a great politician," the teacher said. The parents were delighted and asked how she could tell. "Well, he can say more things that sound well and mean nothing at all than anyone else in the class."

Be smart – don't keep up appearances

If you are struggling with money as the New Year begins, you are not alone. It has been estimated that half the people in the UK are living beyond their means. Too many of us are using our credit cards as almost permanent extensions of our bank account, instead of as highly expensive loans.

So this year, think about how just small changes could help you. For example, simply deciding to take your own sandwiches, and skipping lunch and coffee 'out' could save you £25 a week – that is £100 a month, or £1200 a year – probably enough to pay your heating bills, and a great deal of your Council Tax.

The lady who gave us Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple

Tim Lenton looks back on her achievements.

Dame Agatha Christie, the crime novelist who is probably as widely known as any modern writer in English, died 40 years ago, on 12 January 1976. Not least among her achievements is her play *The Mousetrap*, still in the West End after more than 26,000 performances. In its 64th year, it is the longest running show of any kind in the world.

But most people encounter Dame Agatha as author of one of her many detective novels, often featuring either Hercule Poirot or Miss Marple. She also wrote a series of six romance novels under the pseudonym Mary Westmacott, and 19 plays. Thirty of her detective novels were turned into films, and she wrote over 80 books in all.

Her detective novels have been described as both moral and theological, in that guilt and justice

are at their core. It has also been pointed out that hers was a profoundly Christian world.

She was baptised into the Church of England and kept a copy of *The Imitation of Christ* at her bedside – as did her amateur sleuth, Jane Marple. Her outlook was conservative.

Born Agatha Miller in Devon in 1890, she lost her father at the age of 11 and went to finishing school in Paris. She married Archibald Christie, an aviator, in 1914, but by 1926 he wanted a divorce and Agatha disappeared, abandoning her car on a cliff. She was found 11 days later at a Harrogate hotel, registered under the name of her husband's mistress.

The couple divorced in 1928 and Agatha took to travelling. She met her second husband, archaeologist Max Mallowan, a big fan of hers and considerably younger, at a dig site in Ur. She married him in 1930 and they remained happily married. His work inspired many of her subsequent plots.

The Bible from Scratch

By Simon Jenkins, LionHudson, £8.99

For all who find the Bible a bit daunting, *The Bible from Scratch* could be just what's needed. It offers a lightning sketch of the Bible using easy-to-follow graphics and explains clearly and simply the essential meaning of every Bible book. It provides helpful

hints for understanding what each biblical writer was aiming to get across to his readers. And it introduces all the famous people and events in the Bible story. Lively, witty and entertaining, it's the ideal starting point for all who want to get better acquainted with the world's bestselling book, but don't know where to start.

The star of Bethlehem?

Richard Bewes considers the star that guided the Magi...

What exactly was it? No scientific theory has ever gained common acceptance. Some speculate that it might have been a conjunction of Jupiter and Halley's Comet. But if the Star of Bethlehem was anything as mundane as that, while it might have excited the interest of the Gentile wise men ('the Magi') from the East, it would hardly have caused them to make a 300-mile journey to investigate further.

These Magi were not idiots. Although they would not have benefited from the privileges of Judaism or its Scriptures, it is very likely that they knew a prophecy uttered centuries earlier – by another Gentile, Balaam, from their own area near the Euphrates (Numbers 22: 4,5):

I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a sceptre will rise out of Israel. (Numbers 24:17)

Further lines predicted the widespread rule of this coming individual. So it was no wonder that when this new and miraculously unique star appeared, remembrance of the prophecy surfaced.

The Magi followed the star not because of anything to do with horoscopes or divination. They were simply responding to God-given revelation from above. And they persisted in their search. For although Herod's religious advisors checked the prophecy of Micah 5: 2 that Israel's future Ruler would be from Bethlehem, none of them thought to make the seven mile journey. What identifies the Magi as The Wise Men was their supreme desire to find and worship the Child of the Manger.

So, God sent a star to mark the birth of Jesus in a way that had never happened before and would never happen again. It was a unique star to herald the beginning of a unique life, that changed the course of world history.

Throughout the life of Jesus we find other God-given and miraculous phenomena. These all came at various significant stages of Jesus' saving work. As well as the angelic singing and star of Bethlehem at his birth, there was the dove at his Baptism, the transcendent light at the Transfiguration, the midday darkness and earthquake at Crucifixion, the visible angels at the Resurrection, the receiving cloud at the Ascension, and the flames and wind at the giving of the Holy Spirit.

What, oh what, is that person's name?!

David Winter ponders a common problem.

Do your New Year Resolutions include the forlorn hope that you will be better at remembering people's names in 2016?

Many of us – and not only those of the older generation – have difficulty remembering names. It's not just TV personalities and so on, but people we meet in the street. We know exactly who they are, we see them every week in church or the supermarket, we know what job they do and which school their children go to. But as for their name – it's a blank.

Help is at hand, however. Not to solve the problem, but at least to name it. 'Nominal asphasia' is the clinical name for the inability to remember a name, even when we can remember everything else about someone. It was a great relief to me to find it had a name. Up till then I thought it was the first symptom of dementia, or just plain stupidity.

There is also the strange truth that the cure for asphasia comes spontaneously, often in the middle of the night, when that elusive identity pops unbidden into our memory. We must be sure, of course, to put the light on and write it down, because it will be gone again with the morning light.

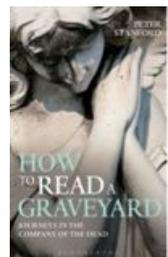
Review....

How to read a Graveyard – journeys in the company of the dead

By Peter Stanford, Bloomsbury Publishing, £10.99

Death is the one certainty in life, yet, with the decline of religion in the West, we have become collectively reluctant to talk about it. Our contemporary rituals seek to sanitise death and distance us from our own inevitable fate. If we want to know how previous generations dealt with death, graveyards (famous and not) tell us the history -- if we are able to read them.

From Neolithic mounds to internet memorials via medieval corpse roads and municipal cemeteries, war graves and holocaust memorials, Roman catacombs, Pharaonic grave-robbers, Hammer horrors, body-snatchers, Days of the Dead, humanist burials and flameless cremations, Stanford shows us how to read a graveyard, what to look out for in our own, and how even the most initially unpromising exploration can enthrall.



When Terror rattles the bars

Richard Bewes considers the Jihadists in the light of biblical history...

...You have been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat; for the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall (Isaiah 25:4 NKJV)

Right up to the Jihadists of today, the tides of history show up the astonishing inability of violent power-mad men to learn from the past. 'Only with guns,' wrote Chairman Mao, 'can the whole world be transformed' (*Mao's Thoughts, page 61*). The Jihadists too have fallen to the lie - oblivious to posterity's verdict that resorting to violence to win your case is a candid admission that you have already lost the argument.

In Isaiah's time it was the Assyrians. Their supreme weapon was Terror; inspired by their distorted religious beliefs. By enslavement and exile, butchery, mutilations and beheadings, their aim was universal domination. Yet, despite the 'blast' threatened by their unremitting violence, the prophet predicted that this would eventually come to nothing as against 'the wall' that represented the stronghold of God's rule.

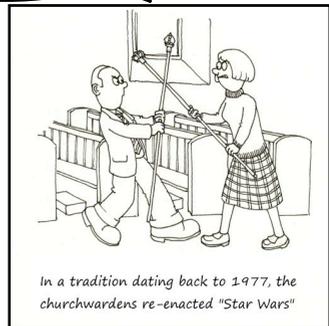
And so it proved. Assyria's capital fortress-city of Nineveh was taken in

August 612 BC, by a coalition of Babylonians and Medes. The vivid Bible book of Nahum prophesied its downfall in amazing detail, as was confirmed later by 19th century archaeologists. Nahum foresaw the coming disaster as the judgment of God, in the words "I will leave you no prey on the earth." For centuries to come, all that was left of Nineveh was a mound - Tell Kunyunjik - 'The mound of many sheep.'

Its later name was Mosul - a modern city which today's Jihadists have battled to make their own. Their weapon is the gun. The greater weapon by far is prayer by God's people to Christ, the long-prophesied Man of destiny. The New King James Version gives us the true reading of Isaiah 32:2 in the words, 'A man will be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.'

'It is prayer,' wrote Jaques Ellul, 'and prayer alone, that can make history'

On a lighter note.....



STAR WARS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Star Wars movies, from 1977 to the present, dramatise the conflict between good and evil. Drawing on themes from various religions and locating fictional events in an imaginary galaxy 'long ago and far away', Star Wars feature alien creatures, robots and the now famous Jedi who represent good, versus the Sith who are evil. An omnipresent energy, known as the 'Force' is said to bind the galaxy together.

Some people are so hooked on Star Wars that a number actually declare their religion to be 'Jedi'. 176,632 people in England and Wales did that on their 2011 Census forms.

So, when the latest in the Star Wars pop-culture series was scheduled for screening just before Christmas last year, it offered an ideal opportunity to remind cinema audiences of the importance of prayer in the real world, by drawing their attention to a brand new website www.justpray.co.uk.

A one-minute advertisement was made by the Church of England, with a wide range of people simply saying or singing the words of the Lord's Prayer, leading to the website. The video was paid for by the Allchurches Trust and approved by

the British Board of Film Classification. The company selling the cinema advertising space, Digital Cinema Media, actually said they would give a discount of 55% on their standard advertising rate. Months later, with no explanation for their change of mind, they issued rules which would exclude religious advertising on the grounds that it might offend. News of this extraordinary ban hit the UK headlines, then went round the world. Within days, more than a million people had seen the video on YouTube and the justpray and other websites.

Director of Communications for the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, the Revd Arun Arora, said: "the Church of England is absolutely full of people like me who make mistakes, but who have a change of heart or who are led to repentance and forgiveness. I hope the next step would be for the people who run DCM: Odeon, Vue and Cineworld, to show the strength of leadership, to recognise they've made a mistake, have a change of heart and reconsider their decision".

Unknown opponents then attempted to bring down the website and fill it with spam messages. They failed. So in spite of everything, people who want to pray can still learn the 'Our Father' by visiting www.justpray.co.uk.

THE WAY I SEE IT:

David Winter on how little things lead to big things...

I was struck last Autumn by the way public reaction to the news was shaped by apparently small events – small, that is, against the backdrop of the ‘big’ news of the refugee crisis. One photo – of a Greek soldier carrying the body of a tiny boy who had drowned when a refugee boat sank – literally transformed public opinion in Britain.

The man leading the prayers in my church, who had pleaded with God to help us to wake up and do something about the plight of these people, admitted to me after the service that he had originally felt that stronger measures should be taken to limit this mass migration from Middle East war zones. ‘What changed your mind?’ I asked. ‘Simple’, he said. ‘That picture. Instant conversion!’

I thought of that when I watched an elderly woman putting a bag of pasta in the food bank bin in our local Co-op store. Such a small gesture, but full of profound intent. And then I remembered the words of the poet William Blake: ‘He who would do good to another must do it in minute particulars’. That’s profoundly true, because our lives are built of ‘minute particulars’. Jesus pointed out to the crowds on one occasion that He, and the prophets of old, dealt with individuals. Not everyone was being healed, not every blind person restored to sight. If minute particulars would change things to the extent He did, then I’m all for them.

As the saying goes, I can’t do everything, but that’s no reason to do nothing’. There’s probably a New Year resolution there somewhere.

Ever wondered about the difference between Stress and Burnout?

The following may help!

Stress is:

- characterized by over-engagement
- your emotions are over-reactive
- it produces a constant urgency and hyperactivity
- you suffer loss of energy
- you develop anxiety disorders
- the primary damage is physical
- it may kill you prematurely

Burnout is:

- characterised by disengagement
- your emotions are blunted
- it produces helplessness and hopelessness
- you suffer loss of motivation, ideals and hope
- it leads to detachment and depression
- the primary damage is emotional
- it may make life seem not worth living.

Either way, you need help. Don’t ignore the symptoms

Source: *Stress and Burnout in Ministry*, quoted in *The Plain Truth, Summer/Autumn 2015*

No Longer Volunteers – the horror of 1916

Canon David Winter on how 1916 brought carnage to the soldiers fighting in France...

1916 was to be the year of mass slaughter in the Great War. The huge volunteer British army was being decimated in the plains of northern France – and the generals knew that worse was to come.

On 29th January 1916 Parliament passed the Military Service Act, which would introduce

conscription for the first time. From March all unmarried men between 18 and 41 would become liable for military service. They would be joined from April by married men – the extra month may have been to give them time to make domestic arrangements. Provision was made, as we have seen, for ‘Conscientious Objectors’, but conscription was a recognition both of the scale of the slaughter across the Channel and of the involvement of the whole nation in what was now a titanic conflict.

Did you know that 40 years ago - on 21st Jan 1976 - the supersonic airliner Concorde went into commercial service in Britain and France.



Transfusion of Life – 100 years on

One good thing - blood transfusions - came out of WW1... 1st January is the centenary of an important medical milestone. On that day in 1916, the RAMC (Royal Army Medical Corps) carried out the first successful blood transfusion, as we know them today – by using stored blood that had been cooled.

The desperate need to save men, who were literally bleeding to death in the front-line dressing stations from battle-field wounds,

was the great motivation. Minds were focused, experiments tried, first class brains employed to find an answer. A hundred years later the procedure they employed on that New Year’s Day long ago is still saving countless lives – indeed, most of us have probably received a blood transfusion at some time in our lives.

‘Necessity is the mother of invention’, the old saying goes. It’s strange how many vital developments in medicine – antibiotics, more recently - have sprung out of the horrors of war.

Things are not what they used to be!
Nigel Beeton offers a modern rewrite
of a well-loved carol.

As with gladness...

As with gladness men of old,
Watched their business plans
unfold,
Their successors, to this day,
Know how to get folk to pay.
The results are what you see
In the sales of January.

Shoppers queue right out of sight –
Some have been out there all
night!
When the doors are opened wide
A stampede to get inside.
One would think the goods are
free
In the sales of January!

People fight like dog and cat
For a bit of half-price tat;
Max their credit cards, but feel
That they've got a splendid deal.
They enjoy their spending spree
In the sales of January!

So the tills go 'ring ting ting',
As the cash comes rolling in,
Even with the goods half price,
Profit margins are still nice.
So shop bosses smile with glee
In the sales of January!

by Nigel Beeton



AN INCREDIBLE STAR

With Epiphany in mind, here is part of
a longer poem from GK Chesterton...

There fared a mother driven forth
 Out of an inn to roam;
In the place where she was
homeless
 All men are at home.
The crazy stable close at
hand,
With shaking timber and
shifting sand,
Grew a stronger thing to
abide and stand
 Than the square
stones of Rome....



This world is wild as an old wives'
tale,
And strange the plain things are,
The earth is enough and the air is
enough
For our wonder and our war;
But our rest is as far as the fire-
drake swings,
And our peace is put in
impossible things
Where clashed and
thundered unthinkable
wings
Round an incredible star.

From The House of Christmas,
by G K Chesterton (1874 - 1936)

Glory and Simplicity

This meditation from Richard Bewes is based on a reading from the lectionary for the season of Epiphany.

This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him (John 2:11)

At the age of eight, I was being driven by my missionary dad near Embu, on the lower slopes of Mount Kenya, when we suddenly drew up. “Look now!” said Dad. “Just here you can see how the road passes directly over a gully that was never dug out by human beings. It’s always been there. They call this place Ndarasha ya Ngai – ‘God’s Bridge.’”

Pantheism – the identification of ‘God’ with nature – was always the traditional mindset in East Africa, before Christianity took over. God was present - in a gully, in the rocks, the rivers or in certain trees. He was near, but.... tiny!

In much Middle-Eastern belief, God is ‘great’; transcendent and immutable – but.... utterly remote! He might reveal laws, but never his person, for He is unknowable and inaccessible.

But in Jesus, the glory of God becoming human has changed the entire outlook of two point three billion people today. The Incarnation has brought Almighty God near in

forgiveness and friendship – and without shrinking him!

‘We have seen his glory,’ testified John, in his first chapter. Chapter 2, then, instances this ‘glory,’ with the turning of the water into wine by our Lord. Here is the very style of the Incarnation, when:

God takes hold of the ordinary, what is more simple than a baby in a cattle trough, a carpenter’s shop in Galilee – or a crisis at a wedding reception? Life can never be dull when Jesus is present! Prove it yourself, this coming year! But then:

The ordinary becomes better, for John’s Gospel features seven miraculous ‘signs’ – all of them pointing, more and more, to the divine identity of the world’s Messiah. Once we have started with Christ, we can expect more!

The best is yet to come, the toast-master was unknowingly prophetic when he exclaimed, “Fancy keeping the best wine till the end!” So it was, with the saving ‘hour’ of the Cross and all that has followed since – for your salvation and mine.

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, starting at the Church Door....

'HE GAVE US EYES TO SEE THEM'

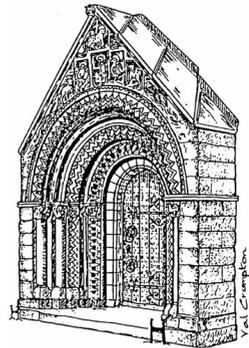
The Church Door: St John's Adel

George Herbert is a much-loved Anglican poet, who died just 40 years old in 1633. His volume of poems 'The Temple' was published later that year. In it the poet leads the reader through the church door into the building to meditate on all that is seen inside. That procession through the church is the theme of our monthly articles this year. We shall visit a variety of English churches as we make our way from the font to the altar. We begin this month outside the glorious Norman building of St John's Church, Adel, near Leeds in West Yorkshire.

The church has a very fine south doorway with ornate carving. The oak door is a Victorian copy of the original door; the Sanctuary Ring is a replica of the Norman ring/knocker. It shows a monster about to swallow a man, but open the door and there is safety and

protection away from the harms of the world. It is the theme in St John's Gospel of Jesus as the door to the sheepfold. Enter through Jesus, we are told, to find the safety of the flock, and also to find nourishment and renewal. We can stand at the door of this beautiful church or at the door of our own churches. It opens and welcomes us to enjoy the friendship and refreshment within.

The door could stay closed, protecting us from the storms of life without that threaten us like the dark creature in the Norman sanctuary ring of Adel church. But we know that in the church building we have no abiding city. Our worship ends and the door will open once again to lead us out into that world. Within we have found nourishment in the sacrament of the altar, in the word of scripture, and in the fellowship of the flock. We go out to share those gifts with the world that others may come to know Jesus as the door that leads to life eternal.



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

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3 year olds

The evangelism initiative that's five times more effective than the Alpha course...

If one of your New Year Resolutions is to this year share your faith with your loved ones and neighbours, here is some good news: recent research shows the most effective form of evangelism is a simple invitation to the local church.

“The statistics bear out what we have been saying for years,” says Michael Harvey, founding developer of Back to Church Sunday. “In spite of its many imperfections, the local church is still the best place to discover the faith and people of faith.”

However, many Christians are afraid to invite their friends and family. Reasons can include: 'I don't want my friend to suffer in church like I do', 'What if it damages my

friendship?' and 'I don't want to be seen as strange'.

But Harvey would urge Christians to go ahead with their invitation, anyway. “Noah looked strange building an ark in the desert and the Wise Men looked strange following yonder star. We may fear being ridiculed, but we actually need to become less self-conscious. If we wait for the perfect church, then we'll never invite anyone.”

Michael Harvey was commenting on the recent publication of Perceptions of Jesus, Christians and Evangelism in England, a survey conducted for the Church of England, Hope and the Evangelical Alliance. The survey found that personal invitations to church had drawn about 28% of Christians into making a personal commitment, while an Alpha course had drawn about 5%.

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 – Closed Jan 1st

and half day Wednesday 13th January

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 I I I

SERVICES & ROTAS FOR JANUARY 2016

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
3	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Turner	All - post Christmas Clean & decs.
10	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	
17	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Mather	13 th -16 th Rupert & Liz
24	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	
31	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Hopkins	27 th -30 th Claire & Fiona L
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
3	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Machin	
10	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
17	10.45am Matins	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
24	10.45am Holy Communion	J Bowns/M Pindar	
31	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Thomas + I	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
3	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Christmas Greenery
10	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Carter	Diana Walters
17	Mr & Mrs Bosett	M Pindar	“ “
24	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Nelson	Liz Bradshaw
31	M Douglas/Diana Maskery	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	Wedding flowers
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
3	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Matthew 2: 1-12	David Jackson <i>Feast of Epiphany</i>	Sophia Lichfield <i>No Sunday School</i>
10	Isaiah 43: 1-7 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22	John Bowns <i>The Baptism of Christ</i>	Fiona Swain <i>SS Sarah Porter</i>
17	Isaiah 62: 1-5 John 2: 1-11	Bob Carter <i>Second Sunday of Epiphany</i>	Sarah Porter <i>No Sunday School</i>
24	Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Luke 4: 14-21	Roger Wardle <i>Third Sunday of Epiphany</i>	Rupert Turner <i>Claire Cadogan</i>
31	Malachi 3: 1-5 Luke 2: 22-40	Trevor Grimshaw <i>Candlemas</i> <i>(Presentation of Christ in the Temple)</i>	Fiona Lichfield <i>No Sunday School</i>

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