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On June 4th 1989, tanks filled Tiananmen Square in Beijing. Thousands of students had been engaged in peaceful marches protesting against the oppressive regime in China, but on that night the Chinese Government lost patience with the students. They ordered the People's Army to turn their weapons on the people, and many students were massacred. The image which astonished and gripped the world, was the sight of a lone student standing in front of the tanks, stopping their progress. It was a futile gesture, fraught with danger. But it was a gesture of immense courage which has been remembered ever since.

It was similar to Jesus' gesture in the Garden of Gethsemane. Knowing what was about to happen, Jesus didn't search wildly round for the easiest means of escape. He didn't even allow his friends to defend him, but accepted betrayal and walked quietly forward, offering himself to those who were about to destroy him. The soldiers were only obeying orders, just doing their job. But we are all responsible for our own actions, no matter what people in their authority over us demand. Those in authority over Jesus demanded that he stop teaching and preaching. He refused. He quietly and calmly continued with God's work, knowing the likely consequences of his actions. And on that first Good Friday, his actions caught up with him. He was brutally beaten, jeered at and mocked, subjected to a corrupt trial and finally executed in the most inhumane way.

Was it worth it? Wouldn't it have been better for Jesus to have avoided arrest and all that followed, and to have gone on to live to a ripe old age? Had he done so, we might have had years more of his teaching, preaching and healing. What was the point in dying an agonising and gruesome death at such a young age? On that first Good Friday, Jesus made a deliberate choice to walk forwards into darkness, suffering and pain. It seemed to be the end, a futile gesture ending in inevitable death. But as we discover on Easter Sunday, it wasn't the end at all, but a gateway into a glorious and unexpected resurrection. Jesus showed us on the cross that if we are able to face our fears by maintaining our own integrity and continue to love, we too will reach a glorious and unexpected resurrection. Sometimes we will be

required to walk forward deliberately into terrifying darkness perhaps by facing people or occasions that scare us. At other times we may walk into darkness by life's events, such as serious illness or redundancy. The message of the cross is always the same; fears that are accepted and faced in the strength of God lead to new growth and new life. This is the good news of Jesus Christ. Jesus faced pain, suffering and terror and overcame them. His body was horrifically damaged and died in the process, but he himself – the real Jesus, his essence not only remained alive, but reached a new and glorious life in some different dimension. He promised the same for us. That if we face our own particular darkness, whatever it might be, we too will reach resurrection. After the final death of our bodies, we too will experience a wonderful new life in some different dimension.

The message of Easter is new life, new hope and new joy.

May God bless you and your families as we celebrate Easter at the end of March.

Canon Dave

SPECIAL SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday 21st March, Tuesday 22nd March, Wednesday 23rd March
Compline 7.30pm ~ St. Peter's, Edensor

Maundy Thursday 24th March
Holy Communion 7.00pm ~ St. Anne's, Beeley

Good Friday 25th March
Quiet Hour 2.00pm ~ St. Peter's, Edensor

Holy Saturday 26th March
7.30pm Holy Saturday Liturgy including lighting of the new fire, Blessing of the Easter Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows ~ St. Peter's Edensor

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		Fiona Swain	<i>ex directory</i>
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Dates for your Diary -March

- 8 BEELEY WI** Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
Beetle Drive - *A fun filled, highly competitive beetle drive ...bring your pencils*
Tea & raffle: Tammy and Hayley
- 12 Derbyshire Singers** with Lewisham Choral Society Mendelssohn's Elijah
7.30pm Highfields School, Matlock Tickets £15 (conc. £13)
available from Robert Young Florist, Matlock; Natural Choice, Ashbourne
or for more information contact : www.derbyshiresingers.org
- 16 CHATSWORTH WI** Monthly Meeting - 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage
Speaker: Heather Vickers - Corn Dollies (hands on)
Competition: corn Dolly
Vote of Thanks: Anne Hayes Tea: Kath Watts and Margaret Oliver
- 22 BEELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** 7.30pm Village Hall
- 24 St. Peter's 2pm** Pilsley School Service
- 29 Sheffield and District Orchid Society Annual Show -**
Cavendish Hall, Edensor 10.30 to 4.00 Entrance £2.50 (young children free). Light refreshments available. Free parking
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FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

WEDDING ~ 30TH JANUARY

Jennifer Louise Pringle & Pranav Mahajan

THANKSGIVING SERVICE & INTERMENT OF ASHES ~ 11TH FEBRUARY

Anne Myfanwy Gregory 1922 ~ 2016 aged 93 years

BAPTISM ~ 21ST FEBRUARY

Finlay James Bruce



St. Peter's Church 100 Club January Draw 2016

1st Prize £30 - no. 56 Michael Gowdey

2nd Prize £20 - no. 85 Jean Clarke

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

Snoring....smile

A clergyman consulted his doctor about his wife's snoring. 'It has to STOP,' he insisted.

The doctor was intrigued: 'Does it really bother you that much?'

'Well, it's not just me,' explained the minister. 'She is bothering the whole congregation.'

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.

Here is a second contribution from a reader following our December article on 'Dad's Army'

Memories of 'Dad's Army' in Sheffield 1941 - (Margaret Thomas)

My Father, having survived 3½ years in the trenches in WWI looking after the lovely horses who pulled the heavy guns, was considered fit to join the Auxiliary 'Dad's Army' Fire Services in Sheffield.

We had a fairly modern house with no cellars and little room to build a shelter. I also kept 6 bantams in the back yard for the eggs as I had been very ill and they helped in my recovery.

My Dad, with our good friends across the road, reinforced their big cellar for both families and I even had a little bed.

On the 12th December my sister (8½ years older than me) disappeared at 6.50pm to go to night school less than a mile away at Abbeydale Council School, where I went to in the day.

Promptly at 7pm the sirens went and yes, it was a lovely clear night with a beautiful "Bombers Moon" in the sky, which allowed them to follow the silver railway lines into the city and East End to bomb the steel works and other types of metal works. The bombers would drop incendiary bombs as well on the way in and if any were left on the way back.

Parallel to our road the other way was a lovely barrage balloon which was pitched on the Nether Edge Tennis Club courts. We children loved it as we could talk to the RAF boys. Outside the wire and closing the road

was a crater which regularly had 3 bombs dropped in it, but they never hit the balloon!

None of us slept that night, my sister and Dad were missing for many hours. The school itself was hit and all floors were on fire. We had no news if anyone was injured in it so it was very worrying. Eight houses at the bottom of the road were all on fire and the men were desperately trying to stop the wind blowing it up the road to us. They succeeded.

The "All Clear" siren went at about 5am but my sister didn't return until about 6.30am. They were all safe in the school cellars but were not allowed to leave until a possible unexploded bomb was made safe in the road outside the school. A very exhausted Dad also returned safely and all my bantams had survived - "God was kind" as my friend regularly said.

Nearly all of The Moor to Main Street in Sheffield had been flattened and our lovely large toy shop, Redgates, had been bombed and we children were very upset as we were quite sure Father Christmas would not be able to call as all the toys had been destroyed in the Blitz. Luckily for us he was able to call and again my friend said "God was kind", how right she was.

But for 'Dad's Army' we may not have survived. Several months later my Dad took me to the big fire station in Division Street and a very senior officer invited me to get on one of the enormous fire engines and "Ring the Bell". The noise was unbelievable but never forgotten!

'Elijah' by Felix Mendelssohn
Saturday 12th March
7.30 pm Highfields School, Matlock

For their **Spring Concert The Derbyshire Singers** are again joining forces with the Lewisham Choral Society and a star cast of soloists and musicians - Lorna Anderson (soprano), Catherine Wyn-Rogers (mezzo), Andrew Mackenzie-Wicks (tenor) and Gavan Ring (bass) - to perform Felix Mendelssohn's great oratorio 'Elijah'. Further details of what promises to be a spectacular evening can be found at www.derbyshiresingers.org.

Tickets £15/Concessions £13/ Students and under-16s (if accompanied by a paying adult) free entry (with ticket). From Robert Young Florists in Matlock, Natural Choice in Ashbourne (01335-346096), or online via the website.

St. Anne's, Beeley - Brasses

After many years cleaning the brass at St. Anne's, Ian Fraser-Martin has decided that the time has come for him to retire. We would like to thank Ian for the brilliant shine he has given the brasses during this time.

In the future we would like to ask those who arrange the flowers to go back to 'flowers & brasses' as happened in the past. During Lent it will be 'brasses only'.

Many thanks.

LECTERN CANDLES - St. Peter's

Would you like to sponsor a pair of Lectern candles to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one? Candles £10 per pair and will remain in place for 4 weeks.

You may also be interested in sponsoring candles for the reredos, where there would be four candles at a cost of £20, they will also stay in place for 4 weeks. (Yes, we have heard the one about 'fork 'andles').

For more information please contact Margaret Nelson 01629 812257 or have a word with the wardens.

'All the lonely old people'

Following the article in last month's magazine, we have had a response from two of our readers.

Sarah Porter is willing to be the contact for anyone who would like to receive a morning call in **Beeley**, for more information call Sarah on 01629 732365.

The other response is information about the services already available:

Age UK/Befriending Services

The Befriending Service provides social support and companionship to people living in the community who are isolated, vulnerable or lonely. We also provide a specialist befriending service to support people in the early stages of dementia.

For some people who live alone or are housebound it can be days before they speak to another person. A regular befriending visit gives you an opportunity to have a chat, express worries or concerns, share a joke, or reminisce with someone who is happy to listen and talk.

How do I find out more?

If you would like to find out more about the service or how to become a volunteer befriender, please contact:
Telephone: 01433 620 263 Email:
befriending@ageukderbyandderbyshire.org.uk

Post: Befriending Service Administrator
Caroline Court Day Centre
Marsh Avenue
Hope
Hope Valley
S33 6RX

Hope Valley Online

Hathersage Careline

Contact Person: Pam
Phone: 01433 650549

A free, friendly telephone call every day to people who are living alone and are elderly or vulnerable. It is also available to people who may need contact for a short time. It is operated entirely by trained volunteers and maintained by voluntary contributions.

For more information contact Pam or Libby on 01433 659360. Mobile - 07821031838

Derbyshire Dales Careline

01335 210353

Careline offers a FREE telephone befriending service to people living in the Derbyshire Dales and Uttoxeter area.

We aim to make people's lives better by calling those who feel in need of support – they may be elderly, less able to get out, recently bereaved, feeling lonely or isolated. We offer friendship to the people we call and peace of mind to their family and friends.

Our team of over 70 volunteers make the befriending calls, providing greater social interaction for our members and helping to give them the confidence to remain living independently. We monitor people's well-being and pass on useful information about the services available to them in their local community.

Our service is completely free and available every day of the year including weekends and bank holidays.



Traidcraft

Receipts this month have been a mere £123

following the Christmas rush. However, the Spring catalogue is now with us with a number of interesting new products. These include White Chocolate Raspberry Ripple Rice Crispy Bars, Cakes and Flapjack, and an even wider range of Divine chocolate. Geobars have had a facelift, not only in appearance but also in content, being now less sweet and more fruity. Good to hear is that price increases have been kept to the absolute minimum with even some reductions.

Not yet in the catalogue but a world first for Traidcraft, is fairtrade rice from Myanmar - that country's first ever Fairtrade product. Believe it or

not, in the 1990's Burma was the world's largest exporter of rice, but the dictatorship and the international sanctions put a stop to all that. Now, though, as the country transforms itself, exports are picking up and Traidcraft is working in two remote rural communities, supporting the modernisation of a rice mill and providing storage facilities. Watch this space.

Easter will be upon us at the end of this month, so it is time to stock up with the Real Easter Eggs. I have the standard best seller in stock, and will be pleased to order from the wide range illustrated in the new catalogue.

Peter Bird (pabird@gmail.com)
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Get gardening this Spring, and beat the blues!

The gardeners among us have long known that there is nothing like an hour or two in the garden to dissolve your tension, depression, and anger, and to bolster your feelings of calm and well-being. It also helps keep you in good physical shape.

Now the scientists agree: recent research from the universities of Westminster and Essex has found that gardening (especially caring for an allotment) can prevent a range of diseases (ranging from mental illness, obesity, and cardiovascular disease to straightforward loneliness) - and thus save the NHS a good deal of time and money.

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

March 13th 2016

Legend (2015, UK)

Biography, Crime Thriller

Identical twin gangsters Ronald and Reginald Kray terrorize London during the 1950s and 1960s.

ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

An invitation to sing in

BAKEWELL METHODIST CHURCH

Matlock Street, Bakewell

A celebration of Hymns and Music in the Methodist tradition

Saturday 9th April 10.30am

Free entry ~ Refreshments available ~ No singing experience needed

Ten years of Twitter

Do you 'tweet'? Tim Lenton reports.

Twitter, the online social networking service that enables users to send and read short 140-character messages called "tweets", was founded ten years ago this month. Launched in July that year, it is now reckoned to have over 500 million users.

It stemmed from members of the podcasting company Odeo. One of them, Jack Dorsey, said: "We came across the word 'twitter', and it was just perfect. The definition was 'a short burst of inconsequential information', and 'chirps from birds'. And that's exactly what the product was."

Registered users provide a profile and follow other users. There is a choice of who to follow and the facility to block someone from following you. It is also possible to post pictures and videos and links to websites, among other things. Although basically simple, it has many refinements, such

as #hashtags, which enable users to follow a particular "trending" issue.

Twitter is free and is used widely for self-advertising, though if this is done to excess, there is always the risk that your followers will leave!

Twitter is also used by churches to connect with their congregation and community, and some congregations have used tweeting in their services or for special events. There is a strong argument that the more tech-savvy congregations should be using it more. Many individual Christians already use it for inspiration or support from like-minded believers.

For those more deeply into the tweeting experience, tools like Tweetdeck enable you to keep track of different topics at once.



Volunteers at Thornhill House

Serving coffee, planting bulbs, delivering meals-on-wheels, sharing in home communion services, making jam and cakes for fundraising, holding a hand, mending clothes, playing cards, reading the paper, playing the piano, filling bird feeders. Where do you find people doing these diverse voluntary activities in Great Longstone? –

Answer - Thornhill House Nursing and Residential Home. Thornhill House's not-for-profit philosophy welcomes local people as well as families and friends of residents who have a few hours to spare to provide extra support which enhances lives in and around the care home.

Each midweek afternoon you will find Claire, activities co-ordinator, energising the residents with various enriching activities which often benefit from an extra pair of hands. This is especially so if it's an outdoor visit where individual residents may need some help with their wheelchair or getting in and out of a vehicle. Those who help in this way get special training to ensure the resident and the helper are safe. Last year 8 residents had a wonderful day out at Cleethorpes where they enjoyed the bracing sea air and traditional fish and chips. This would not have been possible without the help of the volunteers.

Volunteering not only benefits the receiver but also the volunteer. People can benefit from getting out and helping others. Working for the benefit of others raises the spirit and

is inclusive. Thornhill House also welcomes young volunteers as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme or work experience from school in the afternoons to help with activities.

Volunteers who serve morning coffee or help with activities enjoy the opportunity to talk with residents about their early lives, their families, their previous work or their special interests. Thornhill House residents past and present have had a wide range of life experiences from which to learn, for example: a cricketer, a farmer, a gardener, a painter, a musician, an architect, a teacher, a hospital matron have at some time lived at Thornhill House. Their stories add to the wealth of local history knowledge that the volunteers gain from working with residents and staff at Thornhill House. Only today, over tea and biscuits, I learned a wonderful story from the 19th Century from a resident after helping with the afternoon's Chinese New Year activities. For Valentine's Day the residents will be writing love stories, you will have to wait for its publication before you read the true love story I heard today.

If you are interested in giving an hour or two to Thornhill House (you will need a DBS check formerly known as CRB check if you decide to volunteer) please contact the manager Di Duncan or the administrator Emily tel: 01629 640034 or email: administrator@thornhillhouse.org

How ancient words attract younger worshippers

The Book of Common Prayer, written more than 460 years ago, has been found to have a surprising new use: numerous churches have discovered that it attracts growing numbers of younger worshippers.

The new trend is easily understood, says the Prayer Book Society. Recent decades have brought so much liturgical reform to the C of E that fewer and fewer churches have been using the Prayer Book at all. And so it is only now that the younger people are even getting a chance to encounter it.

‘They are struck by the beauty and relevance of the language, which has inspired writers like Shakespeare as well as churchgoers down the ages,’ says the Prayer Book Society’s John Service, who provides a link between the society, churches and clergy. He goes on: “Unwittingly, many of us use its words and phrases within

everyday conversation in the twenty-first century.”

One south Manchester parish who reintroduced the Book of Common Prayer also found that “many of our older worshippers welcome the opportunity to attend services they remember from their childhood.”

The parish has seen attendances at Holy Communion increase from around 30 to 50 since the Prayer Book service started.

For any church reconsidering the Prayer Book, John Service suggests “an initial step might be to introduce it just once a month, on a trial basis, so that longer-term decisions can be made on the basis of practical experience.” Details and support at: www.pbs.org.uk

Editor’s note: St. Anne’s and St. Peter’s have continued to use the Book of Common Prayer and many members of our congregations first came to us for just that reason.

How to have a happy old age

It takes more than health and money to be happy in old age: you need good relationships with friends and (hopefully) your family. A recent report by the Centre for Ageing Better has found that “strong social connections” are vital to people in old age, who

otherwise may find themselves alone and struggling, worried and disconnected from others.

If you are getting older, and feeling a bit lonely, our church would love to welcome you into our community.

The world at its worst and the world at its best

The Ven. John Barton considers Easter in light of the evil in the world.

At the very time Christians celebrate the great Easter Festival commemorating Christ's victory over evil, we are confronted by news of death, barbarity and terror across the world. Unless we choose to live in fantasyland, we must look for the connection between the daily news and the Bible.

First, Jesus Christ did not escape death. Nor did He promise His followers a trouble-free world. Actually they themselves can expect an above average share of suffering.

Secondly, we believe that Christ's death was no accident. The Crucifixion was a calculated risk: God's costly and unexpected intervention in human affairs. The Christian claim that God's Son was put to death is deeply offensive to religious groups who cannot believe that a remote and all-powerful deity to whom human beings should yield has Himself submitted to our brutality. Yet it is in this way that God perseveres with his creation without violating it.

Thirdly, Christ's way of sacrifice, forgiveness and reconciliation is God's ultimate offer to the human race. We are going to learn it, if necessary the hard way, however long it takes.

The first reaction of the people who witnessed the resurrection of Jesus Christ was of fear. Incredulity, too, but fear. In the last book of the Bible, an encounter with the Risen Christ is described like this:

"I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters..... When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead."

That is the natural response to a heavenly vision. Only then can we hear the words spoken by this terrifying figure:

"Do not be afraid: I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of death and the world of the dead."

God's rule over the world – the world at its worst and the world at its best – was reasserted at the first Easter. This is no domestic, ecclesiastical event. It is God's glorious yet solemn challenge to his rebellious creation: the grip of evil and death is terminally weakened. Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Where there's a Will

David Pickup, a solicitor, explains why making a will is a Christian thing to do...

Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, 'But my brother Esau is a hairy man while I have smooth skin. Genesis 27 v 11

We all know the story. Isaac was an old man close to death. He was tricked by Jacob to get his father's blessing and the family business. A charming family death bed scene that would be a delight for lawyers. Imagine the court case this would generate! We should all make Wills when we can and not leave it too late. The Prayer Book in the 17th century put it like this in the comment on the 'Visitation of the Sick':

And if he have not before disposed of his goods, let him then be admonished to make his Will, and to declare his debts, what he oweth, and what is owing unto him; for the better discharging of his conscience, and the quietness of his Executors. But men should often be put in remembrance to take order for the settling of their temporal estates whilst they are in health.

I love the phrase "the quietness of his executors". Being an executor is not easy, and life (and death) would be simpler if we put our affairs in order.

There are lots of articles that tell you Wills are important ways of making your wishes clear and saving tax. And so they are, but they are also a way of witnessing your faith. This used to be common but it is less so now. On 11th July 1695 Thomas Turney of Berkhamsted in Hertfordshire, a tallow chandler, wrote, "first and before all things I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and my body to the earth..."

On 23rd August 1671 William Hare of Therfield, Herts, a tailor, wrote "First I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping to receive full remission of all my sins by the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ my only Saviour." Both are wonderful simple statements of faith.

So do not get tricked! Be prepared.

Want to downsize your home?

Elderly people who live in houses too big for their needs often want to downsize - but are frightened to do so. They fear that a new home might not have such good neighbours next door, or that they will not feel part of the new community.

So says the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. In recent months it has been urging that elderly people who want to downsize should be offered 'emotional' support to do so. The Institution says that more needs to be done to help pensioners' 'distress', and to make the downsizing experience 'more positive'.

Church of England and Church of Scotland reach a 'partnership'

The Church of Scotland and the Church of England have reached an historic agreement that recognises their longstanding ecumenical partnership, and lays the groundwork for future joint projects. The Columba Declaration runs to 15 pages in defining "Growth in Communion, Partnership in Mission".

The Rev Dr John McPake, co-chair of the study group and one of the authors of the report, said: "We

believe that approval of the Columba Declaration by our two churches will represent a significant step in the long history of their relationship, one that ... opens up new possibilities for the future."

This year the churches established the Churches' Mutual Credit Union as a response to concerns that low-income families needed access to low -cost banking and loans. That is just one of the areas where the two churches are already collaborating.

The mighty Hindenberg

David Winter looks back on a different era in air travel.

Eighty years ago this month the Germans launched the world's largest and most luxurious airship, the 'Hindenberg'. Although there were fixed wing planes already crossing the Atlantic and taking passengers, the public were fascinated by the massive dirigible, which provided space, comfort and even the freedom to move about during slower but leisurely flights across borders and oceans.

Airships – 'zeppelins' as the Germans called them - had been around for about 25 years. They were used by the Germans in the Great War as bombers – one was shot down over London.

The Hindenberg was spectacular and luxurious, and its maiden flight was reported world-wide. Was this how people in the future would cross continents, meals and drinks provided as they quietly glided through the sky? It might have been, but for the airship's tragic end the following June.

As the Hindenberg attempted to moor at the end of a flight in New Jersey, USA, with a full complement of passengers and crew, a fire broke out on board. Quickly the whole airship was engulfed in flames and 36 people were killed. The disaster was recorded by newsreel cameras and seen across the world. Shocked at what they had seen, people decided airships were not for them. The end of the mighty Hindenberg also marked the abrupt end of the airship era.

The Way I See It: ANYBODY NOT DISTURBED?

David Winter considers our reactions to horror.

We are all used to it. The TV newsreader pauses from her task to warn us that a filmed report we are about to see ‘contains scenes which some viewers may find disturbing’. We then go, by way of the cameras, to Syria or Kenya or the streets of Paris. Before our eyes are scenes of appalling horror. There are dead bodies, some of children. There is blood. There are people who have lost limbs. We are viewing carnage.

Let’s go back to that helpful warning. ‘Some viewers may find this disturbing.’ Some viewers? For the moment, let’s forget the vast majority, who are simply sitting in front of their television sets appalled at what they are seeing. ‘Some’ implies that there are other people who are watching all this and not finding it ‘disturbing’. Is it really

possible that years of watching violence - actual or dramatised – has so inured ‘some people’ to actual human suffering that it no longer ‘disturbs’ them?

There are two possibilities here. Either we are creating a sub-class of viewers who are not ‘disturbed’ by real, actual, right-now-at-this-moment human suffering, or those who bring us news of it are fully aware that we are, all of us, appalled by it but prefer to suggest that it is only the super-sensitive who are ‘disturbed’ by it.

Well, I’m appalled, shocked, horrified at what human beings will do to each other, even, in some cases, in the Name of God. I am also gratified and reassured that in the midst of that carnage there are ordinary men and women showing compassion and care for those who suffer. That’s why the weasel word ‘some’ won’t do. The least any of us should be is ‘disturbed’.

20TH MARCH - PALM SUNDAY:

Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to his own people in their capital city, and yet he came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse.

As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into his path. They knew his reputation as a healer, and welcomed him. But sadly the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put him to death. On this day churches worldwide will distribute little crosses made from palm fronds in memory of Jesus’ arrival in Jerusalem.



27th March EASTER – the most joyful day of the year

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in his joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will be still be 'growing' in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for Good Friday: Friday 7 April 30 AD or Friday 3 April, 33 AD, with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these the most likely.

Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first

full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an 'ecclesiastical full moon', which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22 March, which last fell in 1818 and won't fall again until 2285. The latest is 25 April, which last happened in 1943 and is next due in 2038.

Why the name, 'Easter'? In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month', but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

In The Artist's Garden - a Wormingford Journal

By Ronald Blythe, Canterbury Press,
£14.99

Ronald Blythe inherited an ancient farmhouse and a three-acre garden from the artist-plantsman John Nash who created a naturalistic idyll in a fold of the Stour valley in Constable country. The delectable garden is a backdrop to Ronald Blythe's weekly column, 'Word From Wormingford,' which has appeared on the back

page of the Church Times for over 20 years and was praised as one of the finest journalistic columns by the Guardian.

As the garden evolves through the year, Ronald Blythe celebrates the gifts of each season in this ninth collection of columns, blending literature, poetry, spirituality and memory as he muses on the world from his garden gate.



Hedgehogs in need

Only a few weeks to go, and hedgehogs will be waking up from their winter sleep. Keep an eye out for them this Spring, and do try and offer food to any that you see. For hedgehogs are in trouble: numbers have more than halved in rural Britain in the last 15 years, where intensive farming and poor hedgerow management have destroyed their habitats. In the city it can be just as bad: fenced off gardens and lawns laid to concrete can mean death to a starving hedgehog.

There are now believed to be less than a million hedgehogs left in the entire UK, according to the 'State of Britain's Hedgehogs 2015'

report. So here's how to help your local hedgehog:

Cut a five-inch square hole in the bottom of your garden fence, or remove a brick or two from the base of a wall, to let hedgehogs get through. Where possible, replace fences or walls with hedges. Don't pave over your garden. Encourage insects with nectar-rich plants. Leave out meaty cat or dog food. Avoid treating your lawn with herbicide. Pile up logs to create a habitat for hedgehogs. Take care when clearing piles of leaves, in case you disturb one. And finally, please avoid using slug pellets! (Advice from *Hedgehog Street*)



GOD AND THE ARTS

Have you ever thought how an actual church building might provide a series of visual aids to spiritual meditation? The Rev Michael Burgess continues his procession through a church building, this month pausing to consider the significance of the railings and kneelers.

‘HE GAVE US EYES TO SEE THEM’ ~ RAILINGS AND KNEELERS

This month we visit St Nicholas’ Church, Compton in Surrey. It is a very fine building with an unusual double sanctuary on two floors at the east end. Our eyes look up to see a gallery and an altar, and then at ground level is another altar surrounded by a glorious Norman arch with Jacobean railings and kneelers. As we enter this church, we realise with T S Eliot in ‘Little Gidding’ that we are here ‘to kneel where prayer has been valid.’

With the liturgical reform of the last century, it is customary in many churches to stand to receive Holy Communion. Sitting and standing seem the norms now for worship in spite of all the beautifully embroidered kneelers that many churches boast. But open the Book of Common Prayer, and there is a multitude of rubrics on kneeling whenever people

gather for services. It is a posture that takes us back to those vivid images of Jesus praying on his knees in St Luke’s Gospel, Peter kneeling to pray in Lydda, and the people kneeling on the beach with Paul in Acts 21.

The Psalmist invites us to kneel before the Lord our Maker, and Paul wrote to the Philippians, ‘At the name of Jesus every knee should bend.’ As we kneel at the Jacobean railings of St Nicholas, Compton or in our own churches, we are heirs to that tradition. Cranmer in the Prayer Book said that kneeling was a sign of gratitude for benefits received. But it is more than that. Buildings like Compton church bring us to our knees quite naturally as we gaze and wonder at the beauty and majesty of the building. Kneeling is a sign of reverence and adoration of the God who inspired such architecture of old and who feeds us now in the sacraments.



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

Pilsley C of E Primary School

Pre-School Nursery

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

Everyone Welcome

Spaces available for rising
3 year olds

Can you understand your own car's dashboard?

There you are, driving along, and suddenly, a red light flashes up on your dashboard. What do you do? Very likely, you stare at it in consternation, and then pull over and ring the AA or RAC.

The AA alone receives about 17,000 warning light calls every month. March is one of the peak months of the year for such calls, as the new car registrations have just been released.

It is hardly surprising that thousands of us are bewildered: many modern cars have dashboards that resemble the 'Starship Enterprise' in complexity. To add to the problem, one in eight of us do not even carry the handbook in the car.

Meanwhile, the AA is doing its best to help: it has added a catalogue of 1000 symbols and their meanings to its app.

Passive smoking puts pets at great risk

If nothing else will stop you smoking, consider this: smoking can even kill your pet. Cats and dogs spend most of their time in your home, and are close to carpets where smoke particles linger.

Recent research at the University of Glasgow has found that animals

exposed to second-hand smoke develop health problems ranging from cancer to cell damage to weight gain. Cats are particularly vulnerable, as they self-groom extensively, and thus ingest smoke particles into their bodies. Such 'third-hand' smoke particles are considered even more carcinogenic than second-hand smoke.

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.

Patient Online: Have you registered to use the online service, allowing you to book and cancel appointments on line and order your repeat medications? You can also request access to your Summary Care Record. As of 1st March 2016, patients will be able to request access to their Detailed Coded Data contained within their medical records.

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 – Closed for training afternoons:- 9th March; 13th April & 11th May

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

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The 'cool' way to propose marriage

Once upon a time, if a man wanted to propose marriage, he might get down on one knee before his beloved, in order to demonstrate his affection. Not any more. Nowadays it seems he makes sure to pop the question while on an overseas holiday.

Recent research by the insurer Liverpool Victoria found that 60 per cent of engagements now happen

abroad – with Paris as still the romance capital of the world. After that come New York, Las Vegas, Orlando and Venice as the most popular cities in which to get engaged. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge got engaged in Kenya in 2010. Apparently Prince William carried the engagement ring - which originally belonged to his mother Diana, Princess of Wales, in his rucksack for three weeks while waiting for the right moment.

Beware of these contagious diseases in church.....

Frontophobia; A morbid fear of the front seats in church. The sufferer is struck by an attack just inside the church door, and collapses in the nearest back seat.

Accelerate Vocal Response: A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing faster than the organ.

Retarded Vocal Response: A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing slower than the organ.

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SERVICES & ROTAS FOR MARCH 2016

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
6	3pm Family Service PLEASE NOTE NO 9.30am SERVICE TODAY (Mothering Sunday)	Mrs Turner*	9 th -12 th Lynda & Sarah
13	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Turner*	
20	9.30am Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)	Mrs Mather*	23 rd -26 th Rupert & Liz
24	7pm Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday		
27	9.30am Holy Communion (Easter Day)	“ “ (Easter Flowers)	
* Brasses only during Lent			
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
6	10.45am Holy Communion (Mothering Sunday)	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
13	10.45am Holy Communion	J Bowns/M Pindar	
20	10.45am Matins (Palm Sunday)	Mrs Thomas + I	
21st/ 22nd & 23rd	7.30pm Compline		
24	2pm Pilsley C of E School Service		
25	2pm Quiet Hour for Good Friday		
26	7.30pm Holy Saturday Liturgy including lighting of the new fire, Blessing of the Easter Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows		
27	10.45am Holy Communion (Easter Day)	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
6	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Michael Pindar	Lent - no flowers
13	M Douglas/D Maskery	Mr & Mrs Nelson	“ “
20	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	“ “
27	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Easter Lilies
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
6	Colossians 3: 12-17 John 19: 25-27	Margaret Thomas Mothering Sunday	Annabelle Porter Children in Service
13	Isaiah 43: 16-21 John 12: 1-8	Duke of Devonshire Fifth Sunday of Lent	Fiona Lichfield SS Sarah Porter
20	Philippians 2: 5-11 Passion Gospel according to Luke	Molly Marshall Palm Sunday	Rupert Turner No Sunday School
27	Acts 10: 34-43 Luke 24: 1-12	Christine Robinson Easter Day	Claire Cadogan No Sunday School

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