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# 'The Bridge'



BEELEY WITH EDENSOR  
*Including CHATSWORTH, CALTON LEES & PILSLEY*  
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On 27th November I could wish all of you a happy new year. It won't be 2017, it will be Advent Sunday – the beginning of a new Church year. Advent Sunday will mark a new beginning. That may seem strange at the end of November, very nearly December. Winding down into winter and the days getting shorter. So why will the Church mark a new beginning at the end of November? Why not start the new Church year in January, or at least during the Christmas period? After all, a new baby certainly marks a new beginning. But, like all babies, the new baby of Christmas didn't come out of the blue. One of the many miracles of childbirth is that we usually have nine months to get used to the idea! In the case of Jesus, there had been even more advance warning: centuries of it.

In Advent we remember all that led up to his birth. The Old Testament readings tell the story of God's people in waiting, of Israel preparing for her promised Messiah: the story into which Jesus fits. The New Testament readings complete the picture: of preparations for his birth and earthly ministry, and of the Church preparing for his return. In the Gospels, Jesus talks to his closest friends about the unexpected time of God's judgement. There will be no chance for last minute preparations, so we must be prepared now. We have to be in a constant state of readiness, because we don't know when he will return.

It is difficult for us in our age of timetables and deadlines, of clock-watching and appointment diaries, to cope with not knowing when. With each new calendar we buy, we are reminded of how long it is since Jesus was born, and (give or take 30 years or so) since he died. What would those first disciples have said, if they had known that nearly 2000 years would pass and the Lord still hadn't returned? But some of our difficulty vanishes if we remember that we are already invited into a new relationship which the second coming will complete. The new beginning has already started. The new Church year will start on Advent Sunday before all the excitement of Christmas. Advent will give us a chance to acknowledge that new start with God. Like Lent, Advent is a time for thinking about our faith, what it means to us and how we can live it now. As Lent helps us to prepare for Easter, so Advent helps us to prepare for Christmas. What can we do to be ready? How can we prepare

for the day of the Lord? In his letter to the Romans, Paul urges us to lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. In other words to put on the Lord Jesus. Every day we should clothe ourselves in Christ, so that when people look at us they see him, radiating goodness, love, justice and peace. Drawn into that light, they too may see the new beginning which God holds out to everyone. Then on Christmas morning we can all welcome the birth of his Son and look forward with joy to his coming in glory.

Every Blessing  
Canon Dave

### **The Padley Centre**

This is St. Peter's chosen charity for 2016 and we are now collecting clothing for adults; tinned meat; tinned fish; tinned soup and tinned tomatoes. These items can be brought to Sunday services or left at the back of the church at any time.

After our Harvest Thanksgiving Services at the end of September, Canon Dave took the produce from both churches to the Padley Centre, where it was well received and very much appreciated.



### **FROM THE REGISTERS ~ ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR**



**FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY INTERMENT**  
29<sup>th</sup> September ~ Richard Hugh Askey aged 80yrs

**FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY CREMATION**  
12<sup>th</sup> October ~ Florence Carr aged 91years  
17<sup>th</sup> October ~ Jacqueline Anne Allen (Jackie) aged 76years  
19<sup>th</sup> October ~ Nicola Gregson aged 56years

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## Dates for your Diary - November

- 5 St. Peter's** Visiting Ringers from Ranmoor 10am - 11am
- 5 Wedding Blessing** - 1.30pm St. Peter's Clinton & Jennie Faulkner
- 8 BEELEY WI** Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm
- Visit to the Farrier** - a visit to see the Farrier, Doug Bradbury, who spoke to us last year. *Refreshments at a local pub.*
- 12 Wedding** - 2pm St. Peter's Marc Exton-McGuinness & Francesca Tupling
- 16 CHATSWORTH WI** Monthly Meeting - 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage
- Speaker: Robert Alan-Haven - The Dolphin Experience
- Competition: Something Fishy      Tea: Mel Holmes & Mary Read
- 17 Pilsley CofE School Christmas Fair 4.30 - 6.30pm in school**
- 26 Dukes Barn, Beeley 1-5pm Lily Foundation Xmas Bash**
- 27 St. Peter's Church, Edensor** - Advent Carol Service 6pm
- 29 BEELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm Village Hall**



### **EARLY NOTICE**

**The Cavendish Hall, Edensor**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7.30pm**

**Belper Wind Band - Music for Christmas**

**Tickets £10** (includes refreshments)

Bar available

## Edensor Village Day

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, at Edensor Tea Cottage, Diane Naylor welcomed village residents and those who had helped with Edensor Day and introduced Claire Campbell, Community Fundraising Manager for the NSPCC, before handing over to Peter Day to say a few words about the late Anne Coombe, her interest in the welfare of children and her support for the NSPCC. Andrew Coombe presented Claire with a cheque for £3,300, from the money raised at this year's Village Day and Open Gardens, in memory of his mother, Anne Coombe who had lived in Edensor for many years until her move to Broomgrove Nursing Home.



*I-r Andrew Coombe, Claire Campbell & Peter Day*

## CHRISTMAS GREETING

via 'THE BRIDGE'

*Donations to Church Funds*



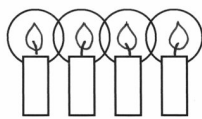
If you would like to send Christmas Greetings to friends, family and other readers of this magazine, please put your name on the list which will be at the back of church (in St. Peter's) during the next few Sundays, or telephone or email Liz Bradshaw **before Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November.**

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

## ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT

ST. PETER'S CHURCH ~ 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 6PM

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



ADVENT

EVERYONE WELCOME

In a packed Derby Cathedral on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Liz Bradshaw was presented with 'The Bishop's Badge' for service to the Church and Community.

Liz became Churchwarden after the death of Kath Bosett and has been a dedicated, enthusiastic, and very gifted person. She puts in hours of selfless work producing the parish magazine together with all the rotas for the seamless running of the Church.

Without Liz I couldn't do my job.

David Jackson (St. Peter's Edensor Churchwarden)

## 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](http://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](http://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.

## Lily Foundation Xmas Bash

Please Help us

Fight Mitochondrial Disease

**26<sup>th</sup> November**

**Duke's Barn, School Lane, Beeley**

**1 - 5pm**

- ❖ Santa ❖ Golden Carrot ❖ Tombola ❖ Raffle ❖
- ❖ Tables to Rent ❖ Tinsel Pull ❖
- ❖ Tea, Coffee & Cakes Stall ❖

**Plus LOTS MORE!**

For more information or if you are interested in renting a table please call 01629 733116 or 07745535497

*For more information on Mitochondrial Disease go to the Lily Foundation website: [www.thelilyfoundation.org.uk](http://www.thelilyfoundation.org.uk)*

Brief Notes from St Peter's PCC Meeting  
held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Nine members of the PCC were present and one apology was received from Steve Wilton. Dave Perkins opened the meeting with prayers and the Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as correct.

•Matters arising from the last meeting: There were no matters arising which didn't appear on the agenda.

•Report from the Chair: Canon Dave said that more weddings are being booked for next year and couples take their commitment to attending St. Peter's before their wedding very seriously and all say how welcome they have felt. Canon Dave reported that he had taken the produce from the Harvest services at both churches to the Padley Centre and they had been most grateful for all the food received.

Canon Dave continues to take Communion to those who are infirm at home or in care homes.

The Advent Carol Service will be on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm

The Christmas Carol Service will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm

•Financial Report: This was given by the Treasurer, the figures having been circulated earlier.

•Update on Grants: Since the last meeting David Novokovic had been looking into possible sources for grants for the work needed on the gutters etc. He is hoping to have a meeting soon with Sarah Porter.

•Common Fund: The Bishop's presentation was shown to the PCC and after discussion it was agreed that we should ask one of the Diocesan advisers to come along to talk to the congregation one Sunday morning instead of having a sermon. In 2016 the amount requested from St. Peter's was £18,389, this will rise to £22,856 in 2017, £26,955 in 2018 and £31,054 in 2019; these figures are subject to any revisions to the formula and overall increases in Common Fund.

•Fundraising Report: The Pea & Pie Harvest Supper had been enjoyed by all and had raised almost £400 for Church funds.

The Lizzie Ball concerts are now completely sold out for both evenings.

Belper Wind Band will be giving a concert of Christmas Music on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the Cavendish Hall - 7.30pm. Tickets £10 to include refreshments

•Church Path: The new path was put down at the beginning of August and has been much admired. Quotes to be obtained for the section from the south porch round to the north steps, which was tarmaced with material left over from the main path.

•A.O.B: Mike Pindar and Steve Wilton had reviewed the Christmas lights and found that some needed replacing. John Bowns generously agreed to donate £200 towards the cost of replacement lights.

The architect had sent specifications for proposed new guard mesh on the east window and quotes would be obtained.

David Jackson would chase up the new parking signs for the church wall.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm at the Vicarage

The Meeting closed with The Grace.



**Traidcraft**

Sales last month totalled £493 helped by £32 at the Methodist and £74 at All Saints' Church Coffee Mornings and £46 at the Village Aid Concert.

Christmas is drawing near and sales of Traidcraft items are gathering pace. Staff at the warehouse in Gateshead are very good and deliveries are always prompt which means that Christmas orders can, in theory, be left quite late. The problem is that items do go out of stock sometimes, so, to be sure of avoiding disappointment, it is wise to order early. To help you with this there will be a second Sale and Coffee Morning in the Newark Room at All Saints Church, Bakewell on Saturday

November 26th from 10.30 - 12 noon. The full range of Christmas cards will be available for you to view and order together with many other items. There will be a similar Sale in the Village Hall at Great Longstone on the morning of November 9th when the same will apply.

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

Peter Bird ([pabird@gmail.com](mailto:pabird@gmail.com),  
01629 813087)

## **BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY**

*November 13<sup>th</sup> 2016*

### **Testament of Youth**

(2014, UK) Certificate 12A, 129 minutes

History, War, Biography

A British woman recalls coming of age during World War I. A story of young love, the futility of war, and how to make sense of the darkest times.

*Introduction by Ken Watson*

### **St. Peter's Church 100 Club**

#### **September Draw 2016**

1st Prize £30 - no. 86 Bob Bowness

2nd Prize £20 - no. 12 Gloria Sherwood

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

### **'SPICE' Sunday**

'SPICE' Sunday on October 9<sup>th</sup>.  
raised £30 for church funds.

Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring their 5pence pieces. The next 'SPICE' Sunday will be on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017





## All Saints Church, Bakewell

By popular request there is again to be a Festival of Christmas Trees at Bakewell Parish Church from 9th - 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Please put these dates in your diary and come along to join in the joyful celebrations.

If you require any information please contact:-

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## Good old Advent!

*Canon David Winter looks forward to Advent...*

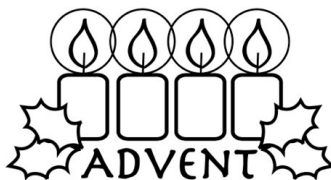
On the last Sunday in November the Church celebrates Advent. In popular thought this is seen as the start of the Christmas season. Advent Calendars are on sale in the supermarkets. Christmas, our annual festival of excess, is just a few weeks away. Good old Advent!

I yield to no one in my enjoyment of Christmas, with all the trimmings, but where Advent is concerned I have to be a bit of a party-pooper. It's not the start of the 'run-up to Christmas', whatever the shops think. In any case, they've been 'running up' since September. Advent is a solemn but exciting reminder that Christmas is not the end of the Christian story, but the *beginning*.

The end, with which Advent is concerned, is the ultimate triumph

of love and goodness over evil and cruelty. The final loving purpose of God will be achieved. The kingdom of heaven will lie before us, its gates permanently open. 'Death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more'. God says, 'I am making everything new'.

'Advent' simply means 'Coming'. The first Advent was Christmas, the second Advent will be when all that the coming of Jesus promised will be fulfilled. Yes, it's a bit more complicated than a cattle shed and a manger, but it's a wonderful prospect. Good old Advent!



## **Premium Bonds – launched 60 years ago this month**

*By Tim Lenton*

The first British Premium Bond was sold 60 years ago, on 5 Nov 1956 – to the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd.

On Budget Day the previous April, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan had announced the launch of the Bonds, which he said were intended to reduce inflation and offer an alternative way to save. They were immensely popular: by the end of that first day £5 million worth had been sold.

However, there was opposition from the churches. Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher was against them, and Hemsworth MP Horace Holmes said hundreds of thousands of churchmen had communicated with him and were “utterly opposed” to the Government’s policy.

He added: “I am of the opinion that they have started on a scheme now

which will have its repercussions upon the nation’s moral standards and conduct.”

Many, however, regarded the Bonds as in a different category from gambling, as you could not lose the money you invested. Others pointed out that you were gambling with the interest.

Winning numbers were (and are) chosen by Ernie – which stands for Electronic Random Number Indicator Equipment. The original was invented by one of the Bletchley Park codebreakers. It is now in its fourth incarnation.

The prize fund in September this year was over £65 million, with £2 million given away in prizes.

Meanwhile, the nation has taken to gambling in a much bigger way with the National Lottery and its offshoots.

## **How quickly are you out of breath?**

How far can you run before you are out of breath? Apparently nearly half of us (adults) admit that we get out of breath even just running to catch the bus.

It seems that one in five of us can manage only about 100 metres before we are gasping. Some of us say that we can run a mile – but when pushed, we admit that the last time we had actually tried it was more than a decade ago.

A recent survey by the British Heart Foundation (BHF) also found that nearly two-thirds of us say we do not feel fit enough to join a gym, and 28 per cent of us think that running is only for those who are already fit.

The BHF has called the figures ‘worrying’. It has urged people to try and run the marathon distance of 26.2 miles in little sections, over the course of a month.

## **Make a good Will gesture to be proud of**

*Each November we are reminded of the need to make a Will...*

Nobody likes to think about dying, but it seems that in the UK we are particularly bad about confronting its inevitability.

So Will Aid is a charity drive that targets the huge amount of Britons who haven't yet made a Will. For the month of November, it offers you the chance to make a basic Will with a solicitor – and donate a small sum to charity in exchange for the service.

A Will tells your loved ones two very important things in the event of your death:

who should have your money, property and possessions; and who will be in charge of following the instructions you leave - your executor.

Without this information, the law decides how your estate is passed on – and this may not be in line with your wishes!

Since being founded in 1988, Will Aid has enabled legal firms to raise over £17 million for nine of the UK's favourite charities: ActionAid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Save the Children, Sightsavers, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (N. Ireland).

At the same time, the campaign has encouraged and helped thousands of people to write their Will. So if you do not have a Will and think it is time you did, visit [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk)



## **We are not meant to be alone**

Loneliness is bad for your health. Social isolation is known to activate the 'fight or flight' stress signal that increases levels of protein fibrinogen, in anticipation of injury and blood loss. But too much of the stuff for too long can lead to raised blood pressure and cause the build-up of fatty deposits in the arteries.

Now Harvard researchers have measured protein levels against the numbers of a person's social network, and found a remarkable correlation. As the number of social connections fall, the level of fibrinogen rises. The loss of ten to 12 friends has the same impact on your health as taking up smoking. The study was published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society B journal.

## **THE WAY I SEE IT:** **80 years of BBC television**

*David Winter looks back on the start of a world-wide phenomenon.*

Some things seem to have been around forever, and among them, I suppose, is television. Most people alive today can't remember a time when the TV set didn't stand in the living room. So it is worth noting that 80 years ago this month BBC television went on the air for the first time. I remember working in a studio at the front of Broadcasting House, and reading the plaque on the wall recording that the world's first television transmission was made from there in 1932.

It was not technically a 'broadcast', because in fact it was simply a successful experiment. Four years later regular evening programmes went on air from the BBC television studios at Alexandra Palace, north London. And look at it now!

Some people would say that we are now in the 'post-television' age. On the whole young adults don't watch television, in the normal sense, but stream or download the content

when it suits them, on various 'platforms'.

World-wide, however, television is still the universal medium of mass communication. Elections are won or lost on it, reputations built and shattered, genius recognised and incompetence or error instantly ridiculed on social media. It is an unforgiving medium, yet most of us, I suspect, would miss it enormously.

I like to think of television as simply rather sophisticated gossip. Most of it is the sort of thing my parents talked about with neighbours over the garden fence. Only instead of 'that Mrs Jones at No.72' it's 'that woman with glasses on Bake Off'. We feel as though we know – and like or dislike - all these important, dazzling and gifted people personally.

Indeed, TV personalities often remark how people on a train or even in the street will assume they know them and start up a conversation. And why not? It's important, surely, that we treat television as an accessory of life, not its substance. Neither we, nor the people who make it, should take television too seriously.

## **The piggy-bank raiders**

Where do you turn when hit by a domestic cash-flow crisis? Apparently nearly half of us admit to being occasional 'piggy bank raiders'. We dip into our children's store of cash to meet all sorts of expenses, ranging from takeaways, taxis and school trips, to paying the window cleaner.

Mothers are more likely to raid the piggy bank than fathers, but fathers are more likely to take bigger amounts. Parents in Yorkshire, the Humber, the North East and the South West are most likely to raid the piggy bank, while those in London, Wales and the North West are least likely.

## Remembrance – 100 years after the Somme

*Remembrance Day this year is especially significant...by David Winter.*

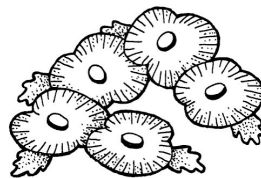
Remembrance Day this year will have a special significance. Almost exactly a century after the Battle of the Somme finally came to its inconclusive end (18th November) we shall once again be remembering all those who have lost their lives in war, or had their lives blighted by its consequences.

The unbelievable slaughter of the Somme – more than a million men were killed or wounded – made it perhaps the bloodiest battle of human history. The incessant bombardment of heavy artillery, the suicidal waves of attack by unprotected soldiers, the introduction, a few months from its close, of the first tanks in battle all contributed to the vast number of casualties, but so did the pointless efforts of both sides to break what was, in fact, a five month stalemate. This was a battle nobody won but a million men lost.

This year we shall once again make our prayers for peace and our reflective remembrance against a back-drop of a world that is stubbornly inclined to think that problems can be solved by fighting over them. In the Middle East and in parts of Africa there are still too many who believe that guns and bombs can solve things, when all the evidence of history is that they can't.

Today, a hundred years after the Battle of the Somme, historians still can't decide what the Great War was actually about. And the arrival of the Second World War in 1939 tells us that whatever anyone thought it was, five years of sickening killing had not settled it.

'We will remember them', we say. Surely the finest remembrance would be a world without violence. It still seems a long way off.



## 5<sup>th</sup> November Guy Fawkes – an early terrorist

Back in 1605 Guy Fawkes managed to stow a good few barrels of gunpowder under the House of Lords without anybody noticing. He

was part of a Roman Catholic plot to murder James I of England and his parliament at the state opening. Fortunately, Guy Fawkes was found - and stopped - in time.

## **The other side of ‘The Dambusters’ – God is our refuge and strength**

*Remembrance Day reminds us of our fallenness and need for redemption. By Preb. Richard Bewes.*

My wife Pam and I recently watched again the British war film ‘The Dambusters’ – and all that lay behind the RAF Squadron 617’s historic ‘bouncing bomb’ attack on the dams that resourced Hitler’s industrial heartland. At a ‘Bible Week’ once in Germany, I was driven by my generous hosts to see the initial target of the 1943 raid - the Mohne Dam. Some of the original scars were still visible on the great repaired structure.

But there is always another side to war. For, back in England, a church friend whom Pam and I greatly love is ‘Inge’ – a sweet German Christian woman. Her family home had been in the valley, just below the Mohne Dam, the night of the fatal 17<sup>th</sup> May. *Somehow Inge survived.*

“How could I ever forget it?” she confided. “We heard the planes and explosions; then came the crashing water - sweeping homes, people, whole families to destruction. Almost the worst sound,” she went on, “was that of the animals all around us, in their terrified baying and shrieking, as they were swept away.”

War.... It occurs as an ever-repeated reminder of our own fallenness and need of redemption through the cross of Christ. And yet – according to the Psalmist - we were originally made only ‘a little lower than the angels,’ capable – even in our fallenness and at the height of war – of acts of incredible heroism and selfless care.

I decided to write a hymn on Psalm 46, and obtained copyright permission to set it to the film’s theme music – ‘The Dambusters’ March.’ Since then, ‘*God is our Strength and Refuge*’ has gone all over the world, and is used in many churches on Remembrance Sunday.

A hand-written letter once arrived for me from an RAF veteran who had been rear-gunner in one of the Lancaster bombers flying in the famous 617 Squadron. He had been thrilled “to hear our own squadron’s Dambuster’s March now set to words of peace!”

There is massive inspiration in The Dambusters’ story. Yet Remembrance Sunday, at its heart, reminds us again of the other side. It can even summon us on, beyond the memories, sorrows and hurt of war, to where our friend Inge is today; in the permanence of a secure faith, and in the membership of the eternal Church, against which – as Jesus promised - not even the powers of hell can stand. *(hymn on page 15)*

## **God is our strength and Refuge**

1. God is our strength and refuge,  
our present help in trouble,  
and we therefore will not fear,  
though the earth should change!  
Though mountains shake and tremble.  
Though swirling waters are raging,  
God the Lord of hosts is with us  
evermore!

2. There is a flowing river,  
within God's holy city,  
God is in the midst of her –  
she shall not be moved!  
God's help is swiftly given,  
thrones vanish at his presence –  
God the Lord of hosts is with us  
evermore!

3. Come, see the works of our maker,  
learn of his deeds all-powerful;  
wars will cease across the world  
when he shatters the spear!  
Be still and know your creator,  
uplift him in the nations –  
God the Lord of hosts is with us  
evermore!

*From Psalm 46, Richard Bewes;  
Copyright, Jubilate Songs; Tune  
Dambusters' March, ("Sing Glory" No  
650)*

## **The Advent Sleepout Challenge**

*Do you have adventurous people in your church? Then the following story may be of interest...*

The Advent Sleepout Challenge is a national, sponsored event to help marginalised people in England transform their lives and communities through the work of Church Urban Fund.

During Advent, people all over England are being invited to take

the Christmas story as inspiration to create their own Advent 'stable' and give up a night of comfort; sleeping out with friends, families, church groups, clubs and community groups.

The Advent Sleepout Challenge is described as "a great way to do something really special during the build up to Christmas." More info at: [www.sleepoutchallenge.org.uk/about/](http://www.sleepoutchallenge.org.uk/about/)

## **Friendship lowers the pain**

Never underestimate the power of friendship – now it seems that friendships can even help keep pain at bay. A recent study has found that an active social life can actually lead to

you having a higher tolerance for physical pain.

The study, which appeared in the journal Scientific Reports, investigated the effect of endorphins. As one medical expert explained:(cont. page 17)

## Church of England responds to Government education proposals

The Church of England's Chief Education Officer has responded to the Government's education proposals in a blog published on the Church's blogsite. And while the Rev. Nigel Genders is glad "that the Prime Minister recognises the need to ensure that the whole system serves everyone and removes disadvantage," he goes on to stress that although the "government proposals may lead to a lifting of the cap on faith-based places... we remain committed to ensuring our schools serve their local community.

"Our schools are not faith schools for the faithful, they are Church schools for the community, and we don't propose to change that. Many of our schools have large numbers of

children of other faiths or no faith. Those that give priority to Christian children, do so in areas where competition for places is acute and providing places purely on distance from the school would mean that only the wealthiest, who can afford to move house nearby, can access the best schools."

Mr. Genders also commented on the Church's plans to open new secondary schools, so that "more of the 800,000 pupils who choose a Church of England primary school education can have access to a secondary education that shares our vision for education which promotes life in all its fullness.

The full blog can be read here: <http://cofecomms.tumblr.com/post/150170407937/church-schools-for-the-whole-community>

## Church donations boost food banks and homeless charities

Food, clothing and items from toothpaste to soap were collected in many Church of England parishes this autumn to help supply food banks and support homeless and vulnerable people.

Canon Dr Jill Hopkinson, the Church of England's National Rural Officer, said Harvest Festival remains popular in both rural and urban areas, with

churches and schools active in collecting for local food banks and homeless projects.

"Where people would have brought fresh produce in the past, there is probably a greater emphasis now on bringing food that is in tins and packets that can be given to those in need," she said.

*For the last few years St. Anne's and St. Peter's churches have supported the Padley Centre in Derby in this way, which enables them to help those people in very real need.*



## **Increase in ministry numbers is necessary and achievable, report shows**

Dioceses are responding to the call to work towards a 50% increase in candidates for ordination, with new posts and new procedures.

A review of numbers in ordained ministry over the last 67 years shows that the 50% increase in candidates for ministry by 2020 agreed by the General Synod in February, 2015, is needed to stabilise and increase the numbers ministering in parishes, chaplaincies and new forms of church.

The Church of England is seeking to increase by half the numbers training for ordained ministry and to sustain those numbers for a decade: an increase from about 500 to 750 by 2020. At the same time, the Church is also seeking greater diversity among those training for ministry. This will better reflect the communities where the Church is working, in terms of age, gender and ethnic and social background.

Encouraging more young men and, especially, young women, as well as more Black, Asian and Minority

Ethnic (BAME) worshippers to consider ordination will help the Church of England hit its aspiration of an extra 50% new clergy each year, according to a recent report on ordained vocations statistics.

The statistical review shows that, while similar numbers of men and women are being recommended for ordination training each year, women are testing their vocations at a later age and tend to retire sooner than the men. Currently, women recommended for training are, on average, significantly older than the men recommended. The majority of younger paid clergy are men, while, among older clergy, more are women. The Church is encouraging women to test their vocations younger.

The projections illustrate a steady decline in the total pool of clergy if the current trends in ordinations and retirements continue.

Currently, around 500 candidates for ordained ministry are recommended for training each year. By 2020, it is hoped to increase this number to around 750.

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“Endorphins are part of our pain and pleasure circuitry. They’re our bodies’ natural painkillers, and also give us feelings of pleasure... One theory

suggests that social interactions trigger positive emotions when endorphin binds to opioid centres in the brain. This gives us that ‘feelgood’ factor that we get from seeing our friends.”

## 20 years since Scotland got back her Stone of Scone

*Tim Lenton considers an ancient Scottish treasure....*

Twenty years ago, on 30th November 1996 – St Andrew's Day – the Stone of Destiny returned to Scotland for the first time in 700 years.

In a service at St Giles Cathedral the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt. Rev. John MacIndoe, formally accepted the return of the Stone – also known as the Stone of Scone or Lia Fail (the speaking stone).

The Stone is a symbol of Scottish independence, and was used as part of the crowning ceremonies of the Scots kings. It arrived in Scone, Perthshire, in 840AD, having originally been located in the west of Scotland.

Long before that, legend had it that it was the same stone that Jacob used

for a pillow at Bethel and that became the pedestal of the Ark in the Temple.

The Stone remained at Scone until it was snatched by the English King Edward I in 1296, and taken to Westminster Abbey. The current Coronation Chair was made to house the stone in 1301, and it has been used in the crowning of every subsequent English monarch.

There is doubt, however, surrounding the authenticity of the Stone now in Edinburgh Cathedral. It is a simple oblong block of red sandstone geologically similar to the stone found around Scone, lending credence to the story that the monks of Scone hurriedly removed the Stone of Destiny and hid it as Edward I approached, replacing it with another stone of similar size and shape.

### The power of fruit

Please eat more fruit. Eating a piece each day significantly lowers your risk of having a heart attack or stroke.

In fact, a recent Oxford University study has concluded that a piece of fruit each day can even have similar effects to taking a statin. Although Oxford researchers do NOT recommend swapping statins for fruit, they do say that increasing fruit in your diet may provide an extra

boost if you are at risk of heart problems.

About 17.5 million people are currently eligible for statins in Britain, which means that most men over 60 and most women over 65 are offered the drug.

But many stop taking the pills within a year because of muscle pain, weakness and fatigue. The research was published in Science Translational Medicine.



## **Worker or Worshipper?**

*We look forward to the coming of baby Jesus, but how much time do we really spend in listening to Him in our daily lives? By Lester Amann*

What would you do if someone famous unexpectedly arrived at your home? No doubt you would invite them in and have a good chat! When Jesus came to the home of Martha and Mary they reacted differently. Martha carried on working, but Mary sat with Jesus and listened to Him. (Luke 10:38-42)

Perhaps Martha wanted to be with Jesus but women, at that time, were responsible for looking after the guests. If men turned up it was the women's role to offer food and drink. Suddenly, Martha's role was to be in the kitchen while the men were elsewhere, sitting and talking!

So when Martha saw Jesus, it was a time to get busy. A meal had to be prepared quickly. As this was a massive task she didn't like seeing her sister sitting around and doing nothing! Surprisingly, Martha didn't address her sister directly but spoke to Jesus wanting Him to intervene and issue the order that Mary should help with the work.

Jesus gives Martha a gentle rebuke. Her concern for hospitality was good, but at that moment it was the wrong decision. Mary ignored the

catering to be with Jesus because this was a special moment and she didn't want it to pass. Mary's need to be with Jesus was so intense she went against Jewish convention and stayed with the men. Martha was so caught up with everyday concerns, important as they probably were, that listening to Jesus took second place.

Of these two characters, which one resembles us? Are we like Martha, always busy with a hands-on approach to life, task-orientated, concerned and anxious with so many things? Or are we like Mary, calm, reflective, unrushed and discerning about what needs to be done?

Jesus knows what craves our attention and gently says 'Pause awhile in your busy times and listen to Me. Then, return to your responsibilities with a renewed purpose.'

As Christians we have to get the balance right between service and solitude, the work-place or the private place. If we do not discern when and how to have quiet times with God, we will become busy like Martha, and not be blessed. The temperaments of these sisters show us the need for a balanced life: a practical hand and a devotion to God; the worker and the worshipper.

## 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 church altar.*

### ‘HE GAVE US EYES TO SEE THEM’ – THE ALTAR

In ‘The Temple’ the reader travels through the poems of George Herbert and makes a pilgrimage through the church to arrive finally at the altar where Love bids us welcome to make our communion. For the poet and for us, the altar is a sign of Christ: His presence in the sacrament of His body and blood. At the Reformation stone altars gave way to wooden holy tables, but in 1972 a stone altar was created for a London church that was designed not only as a sign of Christ, but as a reminder of the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem – the place where Abraham was ready to offer Isaac.

The altar is a focus of offering. Its sculptor was Henry Moore who began his work 300 hundred years after Sir Christopher Wren designed the new church of St. Stephen, Walbrook in 1672. Neither Wren nor Moore was afraid of innovation and experiment. As a result Wren

created one of the most beautiful of London churches, famous and admired throughout Europe, with its central dome carried on twelve columns. His concern was that in worship all should hear and see, just as Moore’s concern was to show the altar at the heart of the church, and consequently a church that is at the heart of the city.

The placing of that altar led to a lengthy court case in 1987, and opinions may still vary over this marriage of stone and building. But it remains as a focus for offering and worship, just as the church of St. Stephen stands nearly 350 years after it was rebuilt. Both take us in faith and prayer to an earlier age when Jesus shared a meal with His disciples in the Upper Room. We rejoice that the same Jesus welcomes us to the Eucharist now at this altar of St. Stephen and at the altars of all our churches.



*the stone altar at St. Stephen's, Walbrook*

## **Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow**

[www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk)

### **New Patients Welcome**

**Appointment Times:** Clinicians will endeavour to keep to time; however, they also need to afford the patient the appropriate consultation time, which may lead to them overrunning. Therefore, it is imperative that patients arrive on time for their appointments as it will have a rolling knock on effect if you are late. Patients, who miss their appointment by 10 minutes or more, will be marked as failed to attend and have to rebook. If you are later than 2 minutes you may have to wait to be seen.

**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, and Detailed Coded Data contained within your 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)

**Flu Vaccination:** You are advised to have an annual flu vaccination, if you are pregnant, aged 65 or over, have a health condition such as asthma, chest or heart complaints, diabetes, weakened immune systems or are personal carers. Also children between the ages of 2 and 4. If you are in the above category, please contact reception to book an appointment.

### **Normal Surgery Opening Times**

Monday (7:30 - 19:00) Tuesday - Friday  
08:00 - 18:30 (closed Bank Holidays),  
(Phones 08:00 – 18:30 Mon - Fri).

***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 afternoon - Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Email:** Please contact the reception and give us your email address if you would like to have the option of being contactable via email and receive the Practice and the Patient Participation Group newsletter.

### **Patient Participation Group -**

(PPG) – If you want to be kept up to date and have the opportunity to express your views please consider joining Baslow's PPG. Contact Keith Maslen on [kmaslen@aol.com](mailto: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
- **All 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**

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October  
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November  
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### 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

#### Did Noah fish? Smile.....

A Sunday school teacher asked,  
"Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot  
of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could  
he, with just two worms?"

### Pilsley C of E Primary School 3 - 11 years

Our new and exciting Foundation  
Stage unit is now running all day  
Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday plus two afternoons  
(Monday and Friday).

The unit is led by a fully qualified  
Early Years teacher with two highly  
experienced teaching assistants.

Visits to our lovely school are  
warmly welcomed.

Please contact Emma Bond,  
Headteacher on 01246 583203.

## PILSLEY C of E SCHOOL

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November

4.30 - 6.30pm

in School

Stalls - Games - Crafts - Secret Santa  
Refreshments



## SERVICES & ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER 2016



<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
6	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Hopkins	2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Rupert & Liz
13	3pm* Service of Remembrance	Barbara Hawksworth	16 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> Fiona L & S
20	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	
27	9.30am Holy Communion	Advent - no flowers	30 <sup>th</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Rupert & Liz
<b>* No 9.30am service at Beeley on 13th November as the main service will be at 3pm</b>			
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
6	10.45am Holy Communion	J Bowns/M Pindar	
13	10.15am Service of Remembrance Pilsley School Yard		
	10.50am Service of Remembrance	Mrs Thomas + helpers	
20	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
27	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Mrs J Clarke	
	6pm Advent Carol Service	The Wardens	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
6	M Douglas/D Maskery	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	Wedding flowers
13	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Wedding flowers & Poppies
20	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Wedding flowers remain
27	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Advent - no flowers
4 Dec	Mr & Mrs Bosett	Mr & Mrs Carter	" "
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S &amp; SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
6	Job 19: 23-27a Luke 20: 27-38	David Jackson Third Sunday before Advent	Phoebe Porter Children in Service
13	Wisdom 3: 1-9	John Bowns Remembrance Sunday	Fiona Swain No Sunday School
20	Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Luke 23: 33-43	Marian Venning Feast of Christ the King	Claire Cadogan Sarah Porter
27	Isaiah 2: 1-5 Matthew 24: 36-44	Bob Carter Advent Sunday	Sarah Porter No Sunday School

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