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# 'The Bridge'



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*Including CHATSWORTH, CALTON LEES & PILSLEY*

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**January 2017**

On 6th January the Church celebrates the Feast of Epiphany. The day when we remember the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus.

In the early 1900's O. Henry published a famous book called 'The gift of the Magi'. The story concerns Della and Jim, a young couple who fall on hard times and cannot afford to buy each other Christmas presents. Eventually Della sells her beautiful long hair to buy Jim a fob chain for his prized watch, only to discover that he has sold his watch to buy a set of tortoiseshell combs for her vanished hair! When she opens the combs, Della's grand sacrifice seems pointless. When she gives him the watch chain, likewise Jim's sacrifice also seems pointless. The story ends with O. Henry talking about the Magi (The Three Wise Men), who invented the act of giving Christmas presents and gave sacrificially to Jesus, but gave what could be regarded as pointless gifts for a baby. A blanket or a cot might have been better than gold, frankincense, or myrrh. Henry suggests that Della and Jim, who foolishly sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures they possessed, are actually the wisest of all, for, like the Magi, they gave their love.

It is very interesting to note that in St. Matthew's gospel, the first human beings to speak are the Magi, who were Gentiles, people who were practising a different religion. When the Magi find the baby – in a house rather than a stable, according to Matthew – they are filled with joy. After they offer their gifts God speaks to them in a dream, warning them to avoid King Herod. They return to their own country by another route, and we never hear of them again. God called scientists from another religion to travel thousands of miles over a long period of time just to see a baby? WHY? Many would have considered them to be the wrong people to receive God's call and that journey to be without purpose, and yet it gave a very important message to humanity. Those scientists proclaimed the Christ, showing that Jesus is the Messiah not just for the Jews but for the whole world, and welcomes those of any religion and none.

As long as we are open to recognise God's promptings, any of us may be called by God to give sacrificially of our time, talents, wealth and love, just as

the Magi gave. Like the Magi, we may not be able to see the ultimate purpose of our calling, but if we step out on our particular journey of faith, we will find that all is held firmly in God's hands.

Who knows what God will call us to do for him in 2017!!

Happy New Year and Every Blessing  
Canon Dave.



FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

INTERMENT OF ASHES

2<sup>nd</sup> December ~ Jacqueline Anne Allen (Jackie)

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY INTERMENT

26<sup>th</sup> November ~ Kay Reeve aged 92years

**Knit for Peace**

This is a charity supported by Mary Leigh (mother of Richenda).  
If you have any unwanted/leftover double knitting wool then please consider donating it to Mary for 'Jerseys for Refugees'.  
For more information contact Margaret Jackson - 01246 583452

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## Dates for your Diary - January

- 9 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm in the Village Hall  
Yoga taster session.
- 11 Edensor PCC Meeting 7.30pm** - The Vicarage
- 16 BEELEY Parish Council Meeting** - 7.30pm in the Village Hall
- 18 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage  
David Spencer - 'Georgian Rural Life in the Peak District'  
Competition: A Chatsworth related item



# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

## Waste & Recycling Collections 2016/17



Normal day	Christmas/New Year collection days
<b>Monday</b>	Tuesday 27 December Tuesday 3 January
<b>Tuesday</b>	Wednesday 28 December Wednesday 4 January
<b>Wednesday</b>	Thursday 29 December Thursday 5 January
<b>Thursday</b>	Friday 30 December Friday 6 January
<b>Friday</b>	Saturday 31 December Saturday 7 January

All collections in the two weeks after Christmas Day are **ONE DAY LATER** than usual.

- **Garden waste** collections will be suspended during weeks commencing **26 December** and **2 January**
- **Food waste** will be collected **weekly**
- **Household waste and recycling** collections will continue **fortnightly**.



Details of which containers to put out and a downloadable calendar are online at: [w: derbyshiredales.gov.uk/mycollection](http://w:derbyshiredales.gov.uk/mycollection)

**Please note we are not able to collect any additional household waste**  
Make sure your household waste is contained in your grey bin or in four black sacks if you are on a sack collection.

Recycle your **real** Christmas tree. Place at the edge of your property on your green/recycling day between 9 January and 3 February

Our administrative offices are **closed** during Christmas week. Report missed collections online at [w: derbyshiredales.gov.uk/missedbina](http://w:derbyshiredales.gov.uk/missedbina)



[www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/waste](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/waste)

Email: [waste@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:waste@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

**Waste Helpline:** 01629 761122



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### 'SPICE' Sunday

The first 'SPICE' Sunday of 2017 will be 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Please remember to bring your 5pence pieces and remind anyone who collects them for you in good time so that we can get the year off to a good start.

### St. Peter's Church 100 Club November Draw 2016

1st Prize £30 - no. 67 Janet Machin  
2nd Prize £20 - 83 Margaret Clamp  
Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

Subscriptions for 2017 are now due at £12 per number held.

Please make cheques payable to:-  
St. Peter's Church 100 Club.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Reminder*

**'THE BRIDGE'**  
Magazine Subscription

*Reminder*

Your magazine subscription for 2017 is now due - £7.20. Please give the money to the person who delivers your copy of the magazine\*, or if I post it to you please enclose a book of 12 stamps with your subscription.

Cheques should be made payable to Edensor PCC. Thank you for your continued support and do remember that we welcome suitable items for possible inclusion in 'The Bridge'.

\*Beeley subscribers should give their money to Pauline Mather or place it in an envelope and put it through her letter box - 1 Devonshire Square.

Items for the **FEBRUARY** magazine should reach me **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**; email to: [liz.bradshaw@w3z.co.uk](mailto:liz.bradshaw@w3z.co.uk)  
'The Bridge' Parish Magazine 60p per copy (£7.20 per year).



Thanks to Lizzie Ball and the James Pearson Trio who came up from Ronnie Scott's and gave us two fabulous nights of music at the Cavendish Hall. We made £6000 for Edensor and Beeley Churches after all expenses. Due to demand from the audiences, and also the fact that the band loved Derbyshire so much, they plan to make a return visit in November 2017 probably over the same weekend. So save the dates **NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Thanks must also go to **The Belper Town Wind Band** and **Bel Canto Male Voice Choir** for their very entertaining evening of Christmas music at the Cavendish Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. They were joined in a couple of songs by a young soloist - only 12 years old - who had the most amazing voice; her brother, aged 14, was the youngest member of the choir and their mother accompanied them on the piano - what a talented family.

We raised £535 before expenses (£100 for the bar) so a very worthwhile and enjoyable evening. Thank you to everyone who supplied food for the buffet, which went down very well.

## 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.

## When we are never made to wait *Siobhan O'Reilly Calthrop*

Recently the giant online retailer Amazon launched its latest innovation in 'smart shopping' - 'Amazon Dash'. Now, with just a click of a button, we can order any one of 40 basic household items, and have it on our doorstep 24 hours later.

Dash is just the latest in an increasing number of products and services offered by retailers to satiate our every need, whim or desire in eye-wateringly fast times. At the click of our online fingers, we can have our favourite restaurant meal on our table within 30 minutes, or that iPad that little Jonny wants by bedtime. Yes, really.

So how do we respond to this reality of shopping becoming an on-demand,

instant gratification experience? As with all new technologies, the benefits are undoubted – imagine the joy of never running out of loo roll! But below the surface are potentially negative impacts that are deeply challenging to the fabric of society, which go beyond the obvious costs to the environment and smaller retailers.

Are we becoming a society that is losing the ability to wait, rely on our neighbours, or simply to 'do without'? If we never have to wait for goods and services, how will that affect our ability to sit and listen to each other, to work through difficult relationships, to listen to our own thoughts, and especially to hear God? For those of us who have children, how will they learn these essential life skills? The implications are profound.

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Sales last month totalled £1,628, helped by £20 and £71 at the Methodist and All Saints' Coffee Mornings, and £72 at the Bakewell Choral Society Concert.

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

However, there are still many millions of people living in poverty. Traidcraft has always been more than just the

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

May this continue with all our help into the coming year and beyond.

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

## BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

January 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Brooklyn

(2015, USA) Certificate 12A, 141 minutes  
Drama, Romance

1951/52. A young Irish woman immigrant to Brooklyn finds romance. Her past catches up with her.

Introduction by Ken Watson.

90 years ago - on 15<sup>th</sup> January 1927, the BBC launched its first live sports broadcast on BBC radio. Teddy Wakelam commentated on the England vs Wales rugby match from Twickenham.



## **A Message from our District Councillor**

As your Derbyshire Dales District Councillor I wanted to take the opportunity to remind residents that if there is an issue in the area, that you feel I may be able to help you with, you can contact me on 01246 582447 or email [susan.hobson@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:susan.hobson@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

During the last year I have attended local parish council meetings in this area, and also become a trustee of Derbyshire Dales CVS. They administer a grant scheme for local organisations. If you would like a copy of the guidelines, or an application form, please telephone 01629 812154, visit

[www.ddcvs.org.uk](http://www.ddcvs.org.uk) or telephone me for an application form.

As a district councillor I also have a small amount of money available through the District Council Local Projects Fund and I would urge you to apply if you have a small project in mind I can help you with. The link is: <http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/community-a-living/funding-and-grants/local-projects-fund>.

During the last year I have been able to support projects in Baslow, Beeley and Pilsley. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Regards  
Councillor Susan Hobson

## **Derbyshire Dales Local Plan to be submitted to Government**

After two years of preparation and extensive public consultation, district councillors have approved the contents of a new Local Plan for the Derbyshire Dales.

The District Council agreed by a majority vote last night (Thursday 8 December) that the Plan - which will guide development in the Dales for the next 17 years - was ready for submission to the Secretary of State.

It features 6,571 new homes on 28 residential sites - 15 in the central area of the Dales and 13 in the southern area.

The meeting agreed minor modifications following a six-week public consultation that ended in September, and the Plan itself will be submitted on Thursday next week.

The Inspectorate will decide the date of an Examination in Public, which is likely to be February or March next year.

Describing Thursday's debate as one of the best he had heard, Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, Leader of the District Council, told fellow councillors and a full public gallery:

"We have debated the whole concept of a Local Plan over a long time with the public and with each other. I hope we can reach some closure, so far as

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the District Council is concerned, tonight and let the public have their say with the Inspector.

The public engagement in this process has been first class and I'm sure it's going to be of an even higher standard when it comes to the Inspector because there is the real opportunity to argue the points you have put forward so very well."

Thursday's meeting was streamed live on the District Council's YouTube channel and the video archive can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/8y7lmzFlp2o>.

The District Council has involved local people in a series of consultations since a previous version of the Plan was withdrawn two years ago after an Inspector ruled that the number of new homes proposed at that time - 4,400 - was 2,000 homes short of what was needed.

In January and February this year draft Local Plan policies and a new housing target figure were agreed, and provisional sites allocated.

Of the 6,571 new homes that could be allocated in the Local Plan, around 2,200 have already been built or have the benefit of planning permission. It is anticipated a further 400 new homes will be built by 2033 in parts of the Derbyshire Dales that lie inside the Peak District National Park, where the District Council does not control development.

So the designated development sites, once approved, will need to accommodate the majority of around 3,600 new homes over the next 17 years to keep up with a predicted population growth of 8.4% and economic growth that could see around 1,700 new jobs delivered across the district.

## **Peaceful New Year?**

Probably not many of us have included 'peace and quiet' into our resolutions for 2017. Yet the World Health Organisation warns us that 40 per cent of Europeans are exposed to noise levels in excess of 55 decibels throughout each day. That is the level of a loud conversation, and 30 per cent of us have to put up with that same volume at night. Such a level will disturb sleep, raise blood pressure, and even increase the risk of heart disease.

Continual noise can make you ill. Even continually expecting noise or interference can make you ill. Living on the alert keeps you flooded with cortisol, which makes you feel twitchy, unable to focus, hyper-vigilant, and unable to carry out complicated tasks.

Modern life is a cacophony of attempts to distract you with all types of demands on your time. So why not include some regular times of 'peace and quiet' in your year ahead?

## **C of E welcomes help for the 'JAMs'** (just about managing)

The Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt Rev David Urquhart, recently welcomed the Chancellor's Autumn Statement's emphasis on long term stability, investment in innovation, in our national infrastructure and on supporting regional growth.

'The Government is to be commended for wanting to address the situation of those who are 'just managing', and for its emphasis on work as being an important route out of poverty. The increases in the National Living Wage and a partial reversal of planned cuts to Universal Credit are welcome and will offer some help.'

## **Changes for religious broadcasting at the BBC**

The former Labour minister James Purnell, who is the BBC's head of radio and education, is to take on responsibility for its religious affairs programming. BBC Director General Tony Hall said that the decision meant the BBC was taking "one of the big issues of our times" seriously.

The BBC seems set to diversify its religious programming, with increased multi-faith coverage, to better reflect the "role of religion in modern Britain". Director

General Tony Hall, Lord Hall of Birkenhead, has said he will soon invite religious leaders to a round table to discuss how the broadcaster can improve on its existing output. A senior executive will also be appointed to design new programme concepts alongside what is currently delivered, such as Songs of Praise and Thought for the Day.

More details at: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/bbc-christian-bias-plans-diversify-faith-programming-a7416141.html>

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There is no doubting the value God places on patience and waiting. The Bible is brimming with stories of people who had to wait for God to move – think of Abraham, Moses, or Anna. Patience and its close cousin self-control are two fruits of the Spirit.

Countering this 'culture of now' requires self-awareness, self-discipline and healthy boundaries. If we can pursue these, tough though it may be, they will not only keep us healthy, but might also serve as a witness to others that God's ways are indeed good – even if not always as fast as we would like!

## **New Year, New Life**

The Rev Paul Hardingham on letting go of the past.

The month of January is named after the Roman god Janus, who is depicted with two faces. We may look back to the old year with sadness or regret, but how can we make a fresh start at the beginning of 2017? The apostle Paul writes 'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 3:13,14).

Firstly, if you want a new start, you need to forget the things which are behind. Paul pictures himself as an athlete running for Christ, yet not looking back. He refused to allow his past sins and failures to define who he was. By God's grace, he no longer saw himself that way. The same can be true of ourselves, as

we confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness and new life. Secondly, we need to focus on the things that lie ahead. The athlete is entirely focused on winning the race and gaining the prize. Like Paul, we have to be single-minded in making Jesus the focus of everything we do. How can we go deeper in our prayer life and Bible reading this year? What will it mean to better serve Christ in our workplace and career, or family and children?

Paul looked forward to the day when he would stand before God, and God would say, 'well done, good and faithful servant'. In light of all that Jesus had done for him, Paul wanted to give his very best to Jesus. As we stand at the beginning of this New Year, let's ask ourselves, 'What can I do this year that will help me bring glory and honour to God?'

## **Tackling hate crime**

The Church of England has welcomed the Government's recent announcement that it will be funding schemes to tackle hate crime in communities and also to protect places of worship. A spokesperson for the C of E said: "Practical support to ensure that places of worship, including churches, continue to be safe spaces helps our work in uniting communities, breaking down barriers and encouraging friendship."

The Church of England already supports a number of initiatives to encourage friendship between communities including 'Near Neighbours' and 'Love Your Neighbour'.

## THE WAY I SEE IT:

*By Canon David Winter, a former Head of Religion, BBC.*

I have now reached the point in life when the mere sight of the adjective 'new' attached to anything causes mild panic. My favourite tomato soup comes in a new-fangled can, and I know I won't be able to open it. My internet provider insists on burdening me with an 'update' - a 'new' approach to computing. I'm thrown into blind panic, until I see that I can click on 'decline' which I always do. 2016 had more than enough that was 'new' – Brexit, a new Prime Minister, and a new President-elect of the USA. Is there a pause button somewhere?

So how do I approach the New Year? Well, it's a nuisance to have to change my computer letter-head, and I know in mid-February I shall absent-mindedly revert to typing '2016' everywhere, but on the whole it's a bit of a non-event. So what? Some numbers have changed.

Nothing significant is different. What the people baptising themselves in the Trafalgar Square fountains are celebrating eludes me. Peace in the Middle East? An end to poverty, homelessness and loneliness? The coming of an age of justice, love and compassion? It might take a bit more than a change in a single digit on the calendar to bring those about.

What I suppose New Year does spark, in a low-key kind of way, is hope. Really, that should be celebrated at Advent, when the great theme is the 'Christian Hope' of a new kingdom of justice and love. Or at Easter, when the Spring's new colours are matched by our songs of resurrection and new life. In ordinary English usage, 'hope' can imply doubt – 'I hope so'. But in the language of faith, hope is something clear and promised. Human hopes can be dashed. Hope in an unchanging God is another matter altogether.

## Becoming Reverend

*By Matt Woodcock, CUP, £9.99 (review)*

Meet Woody. Former journalist. Die-hard Oasis fan. High energy. Low sperm count. Training to be a vicar. Obviously.

Matt Woodcock's frank, funny real-life diaries reveal what it was like for him to train as a vicar while struggling

against all odds to become a father. In them he lays bare his joys and struggles as he attempts to reconcile his calling as a vicar with his life as a party-loving journalist, footy-freak and incorrigible extrovert.



## We, three kings?

*Canon David Winter considers the role of the Magi*

They're there in most Nativity plays, resplendent in regal gowns and cardboard crowns, carrying their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Actually, the Church celebrates the coming of these exotic people to the stable at Bethlehem not at Christmas but now, in January, in a season called 'Epiphany'.

The word means 'revealing', and it reminds us that the Saviour was a gift to the whole world – even Gentiles from 'the East' were welcome at His coming. The story of the Wise Men, as we usually call them (but more accurately the Magi), is a 'revealing' – the 'new king' was to be the Saviour of the world, 'good news for all people', as the angels proclaimed to the shepherds.

The name 'Magi' should alert us to their true role. They were 'wise' in the sense that they knew and studied

the stars, but their primary trade was fortune-telling. 'Magi' is the root of our word 'magic', and people like them held the ancient world in thrall to their predictions. In the Greek and Roman world of the time no major decision would be made without their sanction. Think of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar and the superstitious fear that dominated people's lives.

Yet when these powerful representatives of the world of magic, portent and fear came to the stable, they prostrated themselves before the infant Jesus, as they gave Him their gifts. Thus, as the first Christians saw it, the old world of fear and superstition gave way to the new world of love, grace and faith. That was the 'revealing' that we celebrate in Epiphany – not some elderly men bringing gifts to a baby, but a baby bringing to the world the greatest gift of all, a Saviour.



**Stepping into Grace** – moving beyond ambition to contemplative mission

*By Paul Bradbury, BRF £7.99 (Review)*

*Journey with the prophet Jonah...* Written by someone with experience of pioneering mission, reflecting on the Jonah story in the light of his experience, *Stepping into Grace* finds powerful connections between the call and mission of Jonah and the mission context of our own time.

Using the narrative thread of the biblical story to explore themes of ambition, vocation, spirituality, mission, leadership and personal growth, it argues for a ministry rooted in grace, where who we are becoming in Christ provides a foundation for our participation in the mission of God. This unique journey takes us to a place of grace where the work of God, in shaping who we are, finds space alongside what we feel called to do.

## 6<sup>th</sup> January - What about the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh?

The story of the coming of the Magi grew in the telling. By the 6<sup>th</sup> century they had acquired names: Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. By medieval times they were considered to be kings. Whoever they were, we do know from Matthew that they brought three gifts to Jesus.

What about their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? While we cannot know for sure what was in the minds of first century Magi, one Victorian scholar has offered a possible explanation as to the significance of their gifts. He was the Rev John Henry Hopkins, an American Episcopalian minister, who in 1857 wrote his much-loved Christmas carol: 'We Three Kings of Orient Are'.

Gold, said John Henry Hopkins, was a gift that would have been given to a king. Frankincense had traditionally been brought by priests as they worshipped God in the Temple. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial.

If that is true, then you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts for this infant, honoured

Jesus with gold because he was King of the Jews, with frankincense because he was to be worshipped as divine; and with myrrh because he would also become a sacrifice and die for his people.

The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for months over difficult terrain, they never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, his divinity or his sacrificial death. They worshipped him through faith in God's promises about him. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi's eyes of faith saw clearly and far into the future.

Compare that with the High Priest and religious leaders whom the Wise Men saw in Jerusalem when they first arrived. These head priests knew all about the prophecies of their own coming Messiah, but NOT ONE Jewish religious leader travelled to look for him in Bethlehem. And it is only six miles down the road!



## **Savings clubs & financial education for primary schools**

A network of savings clubs and financial education in primary schools across England has been recently launched with backing from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

LifeSavers, a programme promoting financial education and savings clubs administered by credit unions in primary schools, is on course to reach 30,000 children by the end of 2018 after a successful pilot scheme.

LifeSavers gives children practical experience of money management through saving small, regular amounts of money in savings clubs administered by credit unions.

The scheme encourages support from parents and volunteers and provides teacher training and resources to help schools integrate financial education across the curriculum.

The programme is a partnership between the Archbishop of

Canterbury's Just Finance Foundation and Young Enterprise, the enterprise and financial education charity.

A grant from Virgin Money will enable LifeSavers to reach 120 more schools by 2018 in six areas including the North East, Nottinghamshire, South East London and West Yorkshire.

An additional funding boost from the Government announced earlier this year will enable the resources and learning to be shared with many more primary schools across the country.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "How we think about and use our money is central to a fulfilled and contented life. That is why I strongly support this exciting initiative to encourage children to develop positive attitudes towards money and the habit of saving. This programme has the potential to make a significant difference to the lives of millions of children and future adults."

## **Final grants to cathedrals**

Grants totalling £5,423,000 have now been awarded to 24 Church of England and Catholic cathedrals for urgently needed repairs including to stained glass windows, stone pinnacles, and roofs as well as drainage and lighting. Heritage Minister, Tracey Crouch said: 'The First World War Centenary

Cathedral Repairs Fund has done fantastic work to revive and restore stunning cathedrals across the country.' The Church of England's 42 cathedrals are estimated to contribute around £220 million to the national economy every year through employment and tourism.



## Why we have Trump and Brexit

*The Ven John Barton considers the politics of the past year.*

Voters surprised politicians on both sides of the Atlantic last year. As a result, America has an unlikely President and the United Kingdom is in the process of leaving the European Union. There are hints that the electorate in other countries are also disgruntled with the status quo and may vote for untried alternatives.

Why? Here's one suggestion. Dreams of utopia have evaporated. Not so long ago we thought the human race was set on a moving walkway called progress, which would deliver health, wealth and happiness. Up to a point it has done that. Modern medicine has kept millions alive. We can fly to the other side of the world in a day or if we prefer, sit at home and communicate with our distant relatives via Skype. Astonishing advances are being made, but simultaneously the bloodiest wars are being fought and there's no sign of a let-up. Human beings are no nicer than they ever were.

Confidence has been rocked by nightly news of carnage across the world. We are losing faith in progress and in politics. And when it comes to prosperity, we have witnessed the world's economy shipwrecked by a handful of bonus-greedy bankers. The outcome? The rich have become richer and the poor, poorer.

We still have a built-in yearning for something more stable, more trustworthy, more just. Imagine a different world where the Kingdom belongs to the spiritually poor, where mourners find comfort and meekness is rewarded. Where a deep desire for right to prevail will be satisfied, mercy is offered and received, purity of heart brings a vision of God, and peacemakers are His children. This is Christ's alternative to the status quo. It isn't cheap. Some will be persecuted, as He was, simply for being identified with righteousness. Their place, too, is in heaven. Is that the manifesto we're seeking?

## IT picnic

Looking over the log-book kept by the computer support staff at my office, I noticed several entries stating the problem was PICNIC. I asked one of the technicians what PICNIC meant.

He laughed as he told me it meant "Problem In Chair, Not In Computer."

## 75 Years on a Desert Island

*David Winter considers the ever-popular legacy of Roy Plomley...*

Seventy five years ago this month, on 29th January 1942, the now familiar signature tune 'By a Sleepy Lagoon' heralded the very first edition of 'Desert Island Discs'.

Devised and presented by Roy Plomley, it was broadcast on the BBC Forces Programme. In the dark days of the War it was an instant hit – well known people asked to choose which eight records they would choose to have with them if they were cast-away on a desert island.

Helpfully, they were granted a copy of the Bible and the works of Shakespeare, as well as 'an inexhaustible supply of gramophone needles', essential accessories for the gramophone player that had somehow survived the ship-wreck.

They could then choose one 'luxury' to have with them. It could not be a means of escape nor of communication with the outside world. Two have chosen a piano.

'Desert Island Discs' is still on the air. I remember the producer telling me that no one turned down a chance to be on it. 'Why would they?' she said. 'A nice free lunch, your own choice of music and a chance to talk about yourself for 45 minutes'.

The programme still has a loyal and large audience, with distinguished presenters – currently Kirsty Young - taking over since Roy Plomley's death about 30 years ago. It's living proof that the best ideas don't have to be complicated. They simply have to work, as 'Desert Island Discs' has done on BBC radio for 75 years. Will it make it to 100, I wonder?

## A calendar to colour in

Reach for your pencil case! Bible Society has launched a calendar of hand lettered Bible verses for you to colour in each month during 2017.

The calendar was designed by illustrator Emma Skerratt, who started hand lettering Bible verses to help her commit them to memory.

She found that the actual act of lettering helped her reflect on the verse and ultimately, to remember it.

Perhaps colouring the verses will have the same effect for you – and give you something beautiful to enjoy. For details of how to get one, go to: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/christmas2016-colouring-calendar>

## My Desert Island Choices

*David Winter, former Head of Religion at the BBC, considers what he would choose ..*

This is the moment I've dreamed of, sitting in the Desert Island Discs studio, picking my favourite records and talking about myself. Well, there's no harm in dreaming! But in my dream Kirsty Young has just asked me a difficult question. 'How would I cope with being a solitary cast-away on a desert island?'

The answer's easy, really: I'd be rubbish. Build a cabin, without tools? No chance. Catch wild animals for meat? Disgusting. Light a fire without matches? You must be joking. My career as a boy scout lasted three months and we never got around to lighting a fire by rubbing sticks together. And that word 'solitary'! I'm hopeless on my own. So I fail on all counts.

Then she asks me for my luxury. Before I can say 'a boat to escape on' she adds the usual limitation: nothing to aid an escape or communicate with the outside world. Again, I'm

useless. I'd like my lap-top with endless wi-fi, but that last bit's forbidden. So how do I get the football and cricket scores? Sounds like I should settle for a short-wave radio – and batteries. Still, if I've got my lap-top and plenty of batteries perhaps I could finally settle down to write a proper, long book. It might even be a best-seller.

Then comes the usual last question. If I could only have one of my records, which would it be? Really, like Theresa May, I'd choose a hymn – say, Charles Wesley's 'Love divine' to Howard Goodall's lovely new tune. But it only lasts three minutes. What use is that on a desert island? So it will have to be Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. By the time I'm rescued I will know every note.

What music/books/luxury would our readers choose to take with them on a desert island? Let me know and we may be able to include some of them in the coming editions of 'The Bridge'.

Cryptogram

Psalm 9: 1 NSRV  
answer on page 24

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## **The man who created Greenwich Mean Time**

*Tim Lenton tells the story of Greenwich Mean Time...*

The British mathematician and astronomer Sir George Biddell Airy died 125 years ago this month. Not a household name, he nevertheless had a long-term effect on everyone's lives by establishing Greenwich as the location of the prime meridian, through calculations made using an immensely accurate telescope he invented called the Airy Transit Circle.

Greenwich Mean Time became legal time in Britain in 1880, and was adopted in principle as the basis of universal time in 1884.

Sir George was not so much a brilliant scientist as a meticulous engineer and a self-taught expert in many areas, including theology. His wife Ricarda, who he met on a walking holiday and proposed to after

two days, was the daughter of the Rev Richard Smith, private chaplain to the Duke of Devonshire. After being initially rejected by Mr Smith, because of his limited means and prospects, he persisted in his suit for six years until he was successful.

Sir George was elected president of the [Royal Astronomical Society](#) four times, for a total of seven years between 1835 and 1864. No other person has been president more than four times.

He was famous (or notorious) for the care and foresight with which he planned his life. He made a careful note of everything that occurred in his life or interested him, and never threw anything away. These records still exist.

## **A magazine for rural Christians**

Some countryside magazines seem to be written for urban people contemplating the rural dream. But Country Way is about real people in the real countryside, and the inspiring Christian work that is going on there.

You will find Country Way of interest if you enjoy stories of farming, the

rural church, the environment and rural communities; as well as thoughts and reflections, and information on Christian resources and events. It comes out three times per year (January, June and October). The managing editor, Canon Dr Jill Hopkinson, is the National Rural Officer for the Church of England.

More details: <http://countryway.org.uk/>

## GOD AND THE ARTS

*Outstanding people in great stories of the Bible - as depicted in painting or sculpture – that is the theme of God in the Arts this year. Michael Burgess begins way back – with Noah and the Flood.*

## NOAH AND THE FLOOD

‘Once upon a time’ is the traditional way to begin a story. In the Bible it might be ‘in the days of’ or ‘it came to pass’: those words introduce us to the wealth of stories in Scripture. We read stories about the triumph of good over evil, others that are full of derring-do, and yet others that are heart-rending and poignant. And all of them revolve around colourful individuals. This year we shall be exploring that treasury of stories narrated in the Bible – it might be a patriarch or a king, a mother or a wife, a disciple or an evangelist. We shall see them described in Scripture and also reflected in a painting or sculpture.

We begin this year with Noah and the Flood, vividly described in Genesis and taken up by the Chester Mystery Plays and Britten’s ‘Noye’s Fludde.’ God’s

intention at the Flood is to judge the world and purify it, but to save a remnant. He chooses Noah, a just man, who with his family will be saved to people that renewed world. Like the other stories, we see human figures caught up in God’s plans, and they abound in the glorious mosaics that decorate the interior of the magnificent 12th century cathedral of Monreale, near Palermo in Sicily.

Among the scenes depicted there, one mosaic shows Noah and his family looking out of the ark. The bodies floating in the water are signs of the old sinful world, but Noah is leaning out to welcome back the dove. It bears an olive twig – a sign that the waters have receded. The dove and the olive twig promise a new earth and a new life to faithful Noah, who will preside over that reborn world.

January marks a new year for us, and our hopes echo this scene as we pray for our world and a renewed desire for peace and harmony in it.



## **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. You can also look at your test results\*.

### **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 (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 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. & afternoons of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan and 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017

**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
- **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. \*Or better still –why not register for the online service and view them for yourself!

**For Urgent Calls when we are closed call 111**

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December  
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January  
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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

**2017** Happy New Year **2017**

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## The Padley Centre

This was St. Peter's chosen  
charity for 2016 and we are still  
collecting:

warm clothing for adults -  
particularly hats, scarves, gloves and  
socks; sleeping bags would be very  
welcome with the winter ahead of  
us; tins of meat, fish, soup and  
tomatoes; dried food such as pasta;  
biscuits and chocolate are always  
welcome. These items can be  
brought to Sunday services or left at  
the back of the church at any time.

## 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 Primary School

The school Christmas Fair, held on  
17<sup>th</sup> November, was a great success  
with an impressive £1,450 being  
raised plus £40 raised for Children in  
Need and £55 by the Toddler Group.

*Cryptogram answer:* I will give thanks to  
the Lord with my whole heart; I will  
tell of all your wonderful deeds.



<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
1	9.30am Family Communion	Mrs Swain	All - post Christmas clean and decorations
8	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	
15	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Turner	11 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> Rupert & Liz
22	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	
29	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Mather	25 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> Fiona L
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
1	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Thomas + I	
8	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
15	10.45am Matins	Mrs Jackson / Jean Clarke	
22	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Machin	
29	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
1	No Coffee	Mr & Mrs Jackson	wedding flowers
8	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	wedding flowers remain
15	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Gloria Sherwood
22	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Carter	" "
29	Mr & Mrs Bossett	Michael Pindar	Janet Cosgrove
5 Feb	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Nelson	" "
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S &amp; SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
1	<b>Numbers 6: 22-27</b> <b>Luke 2: 15-21</b> <b>Isaiah 60: 1-6</b> <b>Matthew 2: 1-12</b>	Michael Douglas <i>The Naming of Jesus</i>	Sophia Lichfield <i>No Sunday School</i>
8	<b>Isaiah 60: 1-6</b> <b>Matthew 2: 1-12</b>	Diana Walters <i>Feast of The Epiphany</i>	Fiona Swain SS Sarah Porter
15	<b>Isaiah 49: 1-7</b> <b>John 1: 29-42</b>	Margaret Thomas <i>Epiphany Two</i>	Sarah Porter <i>No Sunday School</i>
22	<b>Isaiah 9: 1-4</b> <b>Matthew 4: 12-23</b>	Mollie Marshall <i>Epiphany Three</i>	Rupert Turner SS Claire Cadogan
29	<b>Malachi 3: 1-5</b> <b>Luke 2: 22-40</b>	Duke of Devonshire <i>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</i>	Fiona Lichfield <i>No Sunday School</i>