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Mary had experienced a hectic week and was totally exhausted. She had been up late every night writing a report for work and was trying to squeeze the preparation for Sunday School into last thing on Saturday evening. She had just picked up her pen, when the doorbell rang. Through the window Mary could see her neighbour standing there in tears. What emotions did Mary feel: compassion for her friend or irritation at the interruption? How would we feel?

In the sixth chapter of St. Mark's Gospel, we are told that the disciples had been busy going from village to village preaching and healing the sick and were keen to tell Jesus all they had done. Jesus, however, was concerned that after such work they would be tired. So he decided that they should escape the crowds, taking a boat across the Sea of Galilee to a peaceful place. What happened next shows the constant pressure Jesus faced. People guessed where he would be heading and ran around the perimeter of the lake, managing to reach this peaceful place before the boat. Just imagine the disciples' feelings! They were looking forward to a well deserved break only to be greeted by a vast, expectant crowd. Mark says five thousand men but, with women and children, the figure was probably considerably more. Jesus' response to this disruption of his plans, however, was not annoyance but compassion. He saw their need, looking upon them as vulnerable lost sheep, lacking the guidance of a shepherd, and so he responded by teaching them "many things". After this well known story about the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus sets sail again, this time to Gennesaret. Here his arrival ignited more excitement and people ran from all over the region, many bringing to Jesus those who were ill. There must have been pushing and shoving as people wanted to touch even the fringe of Jesus' cloak; these continuous demands must have been overwhelming.

So Jesus' life was extremely pressured. Yet rest and refreshment were very important to him. He instructed the disciples to rest and sought time himself to pray alone after dealing with the crowd.

We often find it difficult to achieve a healthy balance between work, rest and prayer. Why might this be? I know that some people picture Jesus as a hard

taskmaster who can never be satisfied and so try to please him by working even harder. But Jesus is full of compassion: he cared deeply for his exhausted disciples as well as the crowd.

Some of us find it hard to say “no” and, indeed, Jesus didn't say no to the crowds in the gospel story. Jesus acted because he recognised a genuine need and when he had dealt with that need, he dismissed the crowd.

Perhaps we don't find we have time to say our prayers. Jesus had to take action to ensure prayer happened in his hectic life by walking to deserted places, climbing mountains, crossing lakes and praying at dawn and night. We too, could take positive action. If space for prayer and rest is a regular part of our lives then when we do face interruptions we will hopefully be more equipped to handle them with Christ's compassion rather than the disciple's irritation.

If Jesus took prayer seriously, relying on his Father for strength, wisdom and compassion, how much more should we?

Every blessing
Canon Dave

FROM THE REGISTERS ~ ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

WEDDING ~ 26TH MAY

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Dates for your Diary - July

- 8 Wedding St. Peter's 2.30pm** - Michael Robinson & Emma Morecroft
- 11 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Village Hall
 'Art Attack' - You can paint...Mark Evans Refreshments - Lyn & Di
- 17 BEELEY Parish Council Meeting** - 7.30pm Village Hall
- 18 Beeley Heritage Group** - 6pm M & S car park, Matlock -
 An S shaped walk with Peter Wild
- 19 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage
 Speaker: Maureen Taylor - Elizabethan costumes
 Competition: Compact mirror
 Vote of Thanks: Pat Brown Teas: Melanie Holmes & Mary Read
- 22 Wedding St. Peter's 2.30pm** - Kristopher Little & Nicola Sterland
- 28 Wedding St. Peter's 12.30pm** - Dominic Machell & Tara Leadley

Chesterfield Studios Ltd and Theatre & Beyond present

HEAR MY SONG

St Peter's Church, Edensor

Saturday 22nd July at 7.30pm

A collection of favourite songs from famous musicals as well as a few less well known items. With musical direction by Jonathan Francis and singers direct from the West End, along with local talent, *Hear My Song* features music from Les Miserables, The Phantom of the Opera, Chess and many more well-known musical shows.

Tickets £10.00 each and are available on the door/by telephone 01246 271540 (credit/debit cards accepted)/or online at chesterfieldstudios.co.uk

Refreshments will be served in the interval.

Early Notice -

Saturday 12th August
 Chatsworth WI Coffee Morning
 10am - 1pm
 Coffee/Cakes/Tombola



Mary Read's,
 Ground Floor Flat,
 Edensor



St. Peter's, Edensor



Do you enjoy
 having a cup of
 coffee and a chat with friends after the
 service on a Sunday?

Do you like to come into a clean and
 well cared-for church?

If the answer to these question is **YES**
 then why not put your name down on
 the coffee or cleaning rota (or both!)?

At present there are only five sets of
 names on the coffee rota and six on the
 cleaning rota so it comes round very
 quickly. With more people helping it
 would mean more time between duties
 and more people to swap with for those
 times you aren't able to do your turn.

If you are interested please have a word
 with the vicar or one of the wardens.

Well dressing: Watch or have-a-go!
M 10th - W 12th July 10am - 9pm

TH 13th July
7pm Well blessing

7.30pm Hot Pork sandwiches outside Devonshire Arms
and dancing in the street with Jose Feel-it-and-Dance. Join in!

F 14th July 6pm children's sports on with Becky Lynne on School Field
Free to join in while the parents/carers erect the marquees and tents!

50th Anniversary year!

Pilsley Village Fair

Saturday 15 July 2017

Adults £1, Children free. 1pm - 4pm *th earlier than usual*

Judging of fancy dress at 12.45pm at the top of High Street

Garden
Cream Teas!

Tideswell
Silver Band

ROVING
MAGICIAN!

Maypole
Dancing

AN excellent value day out For all the Family!

Bric-a-brac
TOMBOLA

Village
Timeline

Plants

Bouncy
Castle

Coconut
Styl

Puppet show
with David-O!

Games

Raffle for 2x tickets
for RHS Chatsworth
Flower show 2018
& other prizes

Books

... and sunshine!

Easy Fundraising

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

To Register

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

To Shop

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

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

The Padley Centre

We are collecting: All types of clothing for adults; sleeping bags are always welcome. Food - 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.

These donations of food and clothing are always very much appreciated at the centre.

'SPICE' Sunday

The next 'SPICE' Sunday at St. Peter's will be on 10th July. Please remember to bring your 5pence pieces along and remind anyone who collects them for you to let you have them in good time.

Thank You.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club May Draw 2017

1st Prize £30 - no. 36 Duke of Devonshire

2nd Prize £20 - no. 72 Janet Cosgrove

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

Ashgate Hospice

Are you outgoing, community-focused and passionate about the work of Ashgate Hospicecare? We are looking for people in the local area to set up a fundraising group.

The group doesn't have to be large; it can be you and a group of friends. Every penny you raise or hour you give volunteering will make a BIG difference to the lives of local people living with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

Your group will be supported by our Community Fundraising team, who are on hand to help with planning your events throughout the year, provide Ashgate Hospicecare branded promotional material, advice about holding collections and raffles, and help with promoting your events to the local community.

The hospice provides care and support to patients with life limiting

illnesses and their families across North Derbyshire. Our range of services includes a 21 bed In-Patient Unit, Day Hospice and Hospice at Home. All services are provided free of charge, aiming to give patients the best possible care.

The hospice also needs people to give two hours to help with occasional street and store collections. If you can help with occasional collections or would like to be part of a Fundraising group please contact the Fundraising Hub on 01246 233404.

The hospice has a variety of volunteering roles so if fundraising is not for you but you would like to volunteer in a different role, please visit www.ashgatehospicecare.org.uk/volunteer or contact Jane Briggs, Voluntary Services Manager on 01246 568801

BASLOW CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT 2017

1 July at 7.30 in St Anne's Church Baslow

Favourites such as Amazing Grace, Battle Hymn of the Republic and Finlandia as well as less well known pieces by Smetana and Bob Chilcott are just part of the programme chosen by our Musical Director Andrew Marples. We finish with a medley from Les Miserables featuring our guest soloist Hannah Johnson (soprano). Hannah's father, Nigel Johnson, is our other soloist on the organ and we are accompanied as usual by our pianist Carol Reid.

Tickets (inc. a glass of wine or soft drink) £9 adults /£5 children available from: tickets@baslowchoir.co.uk, wegottickets.com, Baslow Spar shop, choir members or ring Heather on 01433 631586.

Whatever happened to good old water fountains?

Simple water fountains could be a good way of reducing Britain's growing litter problem.

For it seems that we use 7.7 billion single-use plastic water bottles a year, and fewer than half are ever recycled. That means that 16 MILLION water bottles a DAY are being simply binned in the UK.

Now the Keep Britain Tidy campaign has found that many people feel obliged to buy water when out and about, because of a dearth of

fountains and taps at railway and bus stations, airports and motorway service stations. Many teachers also believe that a lack of water fountains is encouraging pupils to drink unhealthy fizzy drinks instead.

The charity is calling for greater access to tap water when people are out and about. This could include information about free water supplies, and also footprint stickers on pavements to direct people towards their nearest fountain.



Why it is good to talk to yourself

When we see people talking out loud to themselves, we can tend to avoid them as slightly odd. But, in reality, they may be very smart indeed. According to a recent study at Bangor University, those of us who speak to ourselves while focusing on a task do better than those of us who stay silent. It seems that when we read instructions out loud, our brains

absorb information more quickly. As one psychologist at Bangor explained: 'Our ability to generate explicit self-instructions is actually one of the best tools we have for cognitive control.'

Things simply work better when said aloud. Talking to ourselves helps us to better organise our thoughts, plan our actions, consolidate our memories, and control our emotions.

New Lambeth library

Lambeth Palace is to build a nine-story tower in order to house the biggest collection of religious works outside the Vatican. The new library will stand at the far perimeter of the grounds.

The first library at Lambeth Palace was founded in 1610. The construction of the new one will begin next year, and hope to finish in 2020. It will be the first new construction on the site for 180 years.

Jane Austen – 200 years since her death

Jane Austen, a brilliant, quintessentially English novelist much loved for her irony, social realism and criticism of the upper classes, died 200 years ago this month, on 18th July 1817. She was almost unknown in her lifetime, having published books like *Pride and Prejudice*, *Sense and Sensibility* and *Mansfield Park* anonymously.

She was also a Christian (and the daughter of a rector) but did not wear her heart on her sleeve. A reticent Anglican, she wrote early on that she “did not like the Evangelicals” but later felt that those who were Evangelicals “from reason and feeling must be happiest and safest”. Her novel *Mansfield Park* tackles a

theme dear to the heart of many late eighteenth century Evangelicals – the abolition of the slave trade.

Throughout her writing her main characters are transformed by love, an idea of course central to Christianity. Her faith may not call attention to itself in her novels, but it is everywhere in her work.

One critic wrote: “The stories are subversive and work like Jesus' parables. The humour and the ironic insight into human sin get under your skin.”

An image of Jane Austen will appear on the new polymer £10 note, to be released in September.

Shakespeare in cathedrals

A new production of Shakespeare's Richard III by the theatre company Antic Disposition is to be staged at Leicester Cathedral this month (July), where the king's remains are interred.

The production will then be seen at Ely, Peterborough, Gloucester, Bristol and Salisbury Cathedrals, until it concludes at the Temple Church in London in September.

Living with Gods

BBC Radio 4 and the British Museum are collaborating on a 30-part series, *Living with Gods*, on the world history of religion told through historical artefacts. The British Museum is to open an exhibition in November to run alongside the series, which will be broadcast on Mondays at 9:45am from 23rd October.

Handel's Water Music – 300 years ago

Tim Lenton looks back on a special event on the Thames

It was 300 years ago, on 17th July 1717, that Handel's *Water Music* was performed for the first time, on a barge on the River Thames in London. The music, which lasted about an hour, had been commissioned by King George I as part of the entertainment for a royal cruise. The monarch was so enthusiastic about it that he asked to hear it four times.

George Frideric Handel was a German-born English composer known particularly for his memorable oratorio, *Messiah*, which he composed some 25 years later. He was devoutly Lutheran and was

described by a friend as “manifesting a deep sense of religion”. Although he came under criticism for using the theatre for biblically-based works, he maintained that he knew the Bible as well as any bishop.

Water Music, a suite of short pieces for a small orchestra, was known particularly for its highly spirited movements in dance form. Most of the pieces were intended for outdoor performance. Selections from the suite were published during Handel's lifetime, but the entire collection did not come into print until 1788, nearly three decades after his death.

The order in which the composer wanted the various movements to be played remains uncertain.

Be kind to newts

July is a perilous time for newts. They leave their breeding grounds in your local pond or ditch and head for land, where they live until next Spring. Male palmate newts absorb their crests and tail filaments and all three species (great crested, smooth and palmate) become drab in appearance ('good looks' are no longer needed to impress the girls). Instead, camouflage is now key.

You will be fortunate to see one, as they are nocturnal and spend the day

hiding under stones, in wall crevices or compost heaps. In winter they hibernate in those places, or simply dig a hole in the ground. While on land, newts must change their diet from shrimp, water lice, larvae, water snails and tadpoles to insects, worms and slugs.

So – how can you help them? They are a natural pest control and well worth helping. Leave the vegetation around your pond long, and include piles of logs, leaves and compost heaps, as shelter.

The robots are coming

Dr Peter S Heslam of the University of Cambridge and LICC considers the approach of Artificial Intelligence.*

The worldwide artificial intelligence (AI) revolution is on its way. Once the preserve of science fiction, its impact is likely to be so radical and pervasive that it amounts to a new industrial revolution.

Whereas earlier industrial revolutions have been based on mechanisation in textiles, steam power, electricity, steel, and consumer products, the key shift in the AI revolution is towards mechanised autonomy.

As robots become increasingly independent in making decisions, philosophical and ethical issues are surfacing amongst ever widening circles of technologists. To what extent, for instance, can robots become conscious moral agents operating an ethical code?

For people of faith, these questions can appear inappropriate. Human beings may be made in the image of God but no human creation can exercise consciousness, morality and conscience. Just as they cannot be virtuous, they also cannot sin and therefore have no need for redemption.

But serious theological engagement with such issues is yet to get underway. It remains to be seen how useful this engagement will be to public debate and whether it can be sufficiently nuanced and

technologically literate to avoid extremes and misconceptions. The way theology tends to engage with contemporary capitalism suggests this will not be easy.

Yet whatever status theology is able to attribute to robots (whether they are called cyborgs, artefacts, androids or transhumans), it is the dignity of the human person within its natural environment that will need to remain central.

To the extent that AI compromises that dignity is the extent to which people of faith should join the likes of Bill Gates, Elon Musk and Stephen Hawking in being wary of AI.

It will be important, however, to avoid knee-jerk reactions. It is true, for instance, that the AI revolution will – like all preceding industrial revolutions – bring job losses as existing knowledge and skills are made obsolete. But it will also create jobs, not least in the troubled manufacturing industry, and will help safeguard humans from the dull and repetitive jobs that are a chief cause of unhappiness and stress in the workplace. In helping humans to be more creative and productive, AI will increase human fulfillment.

The challenge for AI producers and consumers is to design and use machines that have greater autonomy for a purpose: to do things better than humans can do, in the service of human and environmental flourishing.

**(London Institute for Contemporary Christianity)*



HIDDEN FIGURES

MOVIE MOMENTS

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

Getting there together

Hidden Figures is the true story of how men and women, black and white, worked together to put a man in space. The film recounts the largely unknown contribution of three black women, whose gifts were crucial to the success of the space program. Kevin Costner describes it as 'a story of three women whose God-given abilities were allowed to flourish and make a difference'.

In particular, the film highlights the role of Katherine Johnson (played by Taraji P. Henson), whose remarkable ability in mathematics is recognised by the project director Al Harrison (played by Kevin Costner). Initially, Katherine was not welcomed into Al's team. Indeed, when she entered their room, one white male mathematician assumed that this black woman must be a cleaner, and rudely handed her a waste bin, complaining that she didn't empty it properly the previous night.



As well as being black, and a woman, Katherine was also a widow bringing up three young daughters. But she did not let any obstacle hold her back from utilising her prodigious ability at mathematics for the good of others. As Taraji Henson, who plays Katherine Johnson, says: 'If God has something for you, no-one can take it from you.'

Although set in the 1960s, a particular time of racial and sexual discrimination, this film has much to say to all of us today, about how we can work together to use the gifts that God has given to each of us, for the benefit of all people.

As the character Al Harrison says to his team: 'We all get there together or we don't get there at all.'

EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.

ETHOS MEDIA.org

Hidden Figures is released on 4K Ultra HD, Blu-ray™ and DVD on 3rd July 2017.





Traidcraft

Sales last month totalled £641 helped by £35 at the

Christian Aid lunch, £61 at Oxfam's Jazz Breakfast, £196 at the Great Longstone Flower Festival and £9 at the Methodist Coffee Morning.

Some readers may remember that, 7 years ago, I was lucky enough to win a trip to Chile to visit some of Traidcraft's producer groups. The most memorable was Apicoop which is now celebrating its 20th birthday. Chino Henriques was so keen to help his disadvantaged neighbours that he mortgaged his home to provide funds to set up a co-operative for local bee keepers. The idea was to help them earn a living, educate their children and support their families. Apicoop started with 40 bee keepers, producing 150 tons of honey a year, and a tiny processing plant in need of repair.

Now there are 350 members providing more than 10 times as much honey, and Apicoop is the third largest honey producer in Chile. Traidcraft also helped them to diversify into growing blueberries and Angela and I were there to witness the first harvest. These are also flourishing and being exported as well as being included in geobars and muesli.

This was the most memorable and inspiring group we encountered and we enjoy our honey and muesli with renewed pleasure as we remember the folk we met. If you haven't yet tried Apicoop's honey and Traidcraft's muesli you are missing a treat.

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

Taxes smile... *"There will always be death and taxes; however, death doesn't get worse every year."*

Feeding more than 5000

A recent survey of all free-food providers in Norfolk has found that churches and Christian groups are feeding at least 7000 people every month.

The survey found churches are providing free food through a mix of

foodbanks, soup runs, breakfast clubs, community lunches and other outlets. "Collectively, the Christian community has come up with dozens of innovative and inspirational projects to meet the basic needs of vulnerable and sometimes desperate people." More info at: <http://norfolkfeeds5000.co.uk>

THE WAY I SEE IT – There's No Place Like Home

Canon David Winter considers the merits of getting away...

July and August – the British holiday season really takes off. Literally, for those who are flying to warmer or more exotic climes. The full-colour ads still promise their annual delights, whether it's a cottage for four in Wales or a fancy hotel on the Boulevard des Anglais in Nice. Others of us will simply load the caravan, or pack the boot of the car, and set off for, well, 'somewhere else'. Holidays, which were originally holy days spent in church or at home, have become the great evacuation. "Going anywhere nice for your holidays?" asks my neighbour.

My truthful answer would be "Yes, I'm staying here."

But that's more my age than a judgment on holidays. My mind can re-run so many, without any need of an album of old photos: the kids knee-deep in a rushing Welsh stream, or having pedalo races off a Spanish beach. A couple of cappuccinos in the piazza in Capri. The beauty and holiness of Assisi. And far back memories as a child myself, the boarding house, the beach, the sand in the sandwiches.

But still it's true. Every single time it was nice to see the key go in the lock and to know we were home.

How far do you live from where you were born?

Where were you born, and how far away is it from where you now live? The average distance seems to be up to about 100 miles. If that does not seem far, consider this: only 25 years ago most British people tended to live within five miles of where they had been born.

Recent research by the genealogical website Ancestry has found that exactly half of us still live in the place where we were born, and half of us move on. 70 per cent of people who move away from their birthplace are sure that they will not return, and just 14 per cent ever plan to go back.

40 years ago, on 1st July 1977, British tennis player Virginia Wade won the ladies' singles championship at Wimbledon. (She remains the last British woman to do so.)



They may look like just weeds to you....

Where would you think to look for some of the UK's rarest plants? Well, you could be forgiven for ignoring the roadside verges, but that is where they are.

The myriad of weeds and grasses that grow wild along our roads each summer are also home to such rarities as fen ragwort, sulphur clover, crested cow-wheat and wood bitter-vetch. In fact, fen ragwort is now reduced to living in a single drainage ditch beside the A142.

In total, Britain's verges are home to more than 700 species of wild plants, one in eight of which is threatened with extinction. The research was done by the charity Plantlife. Some verges are leftover fragments of wildflower-rich ancient hay meadows and grasslands, while coastal plants thrive beside motorways and A-roads because they are salted in winter. No wonder the charity is pleading for better verge management, in order to give the plants time to flower and set seed each year. For more information visit their website: <http://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk>

Help stop slavery in the UK

The Church must direct its 'unconditional energy' towards detecting and then supporting those trapped in the brutality of modern slavery here in the UK. So says the Bishop of Derby, Dr Alastair Redfern.

In a recent keynote speech at a conference on modern slavery at Lambeth Palace, he said that there are too many communities in Britain where "people are treated like commodities, with no rights, no proper pay, who often have their passports confiscated, and are trapped, dominated and made to work." An estimated 45.8 million people are trapped in forms of modern slavery across the world,

including about 11,700 victims in the UK.

Dr Redfern went on: "Prostitution and sex slavery is growing exponentially, especially because of the internet, and the age of those trapped – girls, particularly – is getting younger. The internet...fuels the industry."

Dr Redfern, who chairs the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner's Advisory Panel, said that Churches can use their unique position in the heart of their communities to identify and report such instances of modern slavery. Christians should be "people who notice what is going on, and try and help others notice it, too, and respond."

Not much of a doubter, really

Canon David Winter recalls the dedication of Thomas...

It's a strange nickname for a man whose burning faith in Jesus took him, so some accounts say, all the way to India to found a Christian Church there (*Mar Thoma*). But 'Doubting Thomas' he is, and in one way it's good to have someone in the early band of disciples who represents all those of us who tend to find unquestioning faith difficult.

His tendency to ask the searching, even perhaps sarcastic, question can be found in the Gospel (see John 14:6), but his reputation was set for ever on the first Easter night. Thomas was not in the Upper Room when the risen Jesus appeared for the first time to the apostles, and when they told him what had happened he was unimpressed. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my

fingers in his wounds I will not believe."

A week later Jesus appeared again, and this time not only was Thomas there, but Jesus singled him out for special attention. "Come on," he said, "here are the wounds. Do not doubt, but believe." That was the end of the Doubter, who fell to his knees to exclaim, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus observed that he had seen and believed. There would be many in the future, He said, who would not have such evidence set before them, but yet would believe. Among them, I like to think, are many like Thomas, people for whom faith (in the sense of believing propositions) is seldom easy. I suspect Thomas's favourite saying of Jesus was "Seek and you will find." It's not a bad one to have in mind this year on St Thomas's Day, 3rd July.

We value our churches

Half of us would regard the closure of our nearest church as a significant loss to our community. One third of us would join a campaign to keep our local church open, and one third of us would also consider giving money to keep our local church going.

So says Ecclesiastical Insurance, following a survey by One Poll. It also found that more than half of us

see our local church as part of the community's history, and one third of us see it as part of the very fabric of our community, providing vital services to its people.

As a spokesman from Ecclesiastical explained: "The value and reach of churches' work is on a scale that would be almost impossible to replace.... Our research provides a timely insight into how relevant churches remain today."

The role of Faith in politics

Faith has a central role to play in politics, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have said.

In a recent pastoral letter to the parishes and chaplaincies of the Church of England, Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu urged people to remember Britain's Christian history and heritage. They called for reconciliation, for a drawing on shared British values based on cohesion, courage and stability.

This is a time of "deep and profound questions of identity," they said. "Opportunities to renew and reimagine our shared values as a country and a United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland only come around every few generations. We are in such a time. Our Christian heritage, our current choices and our obligations to future generations and to God's world will all play a shaping role."

The Archbishops highlighted major concerns over poverty, housing and

the dangers of "crushing" debt, among other issues. They called for a hospitable welcome to refugees and migrants, but also warned against being "deaf to the legitimate concerns" about the scale of migration into some communities.

They also single out the importance of standing up for those suffering persecution on grounds of faith around the world. Faith, they argue, has a unique role to play in preventing extremism and religiously motivated violence.

"Contemporary politics needs to re-evaluate the importance of religious belief," they insist. "The new Parliament, if it is to take religious freedom seriously, must treat as an essential task the improvement of religious literacy."

They add: "Political responses to the problems of religiously-motivated violence and extremism, at home and overseas, must also recognise that solutions will not be found simply in further secularisation of the public realm."

Holy Trinity, Hull

England's largest parish church has recently been made a minster. Holy Trinity Hull faced closure in 2009, but was transformed by a £4.5million

development project, and the energy and commitment of its congregation, which has tripled. The 700 year-old church was founded by Edward I, and is as old as the city.

The story behind the hymn: Eternal Father Strong to Save

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless
wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!*

The author of these words, William Whiting, was an Anglican clergyman in Winchester, which is hardly a seaside town. Yet Whiting had not only grown up by the sea, but had nearly died in it. As a young man he had been on a ship that got caught in a violent storm, and afterwards he felt certain it was only God who had saved the ship from sinking that night.

Some years later, as headmaster of the Winchester College Choristers' School, Whiting was approached by a student in distress. The student was due to sail to the USA, and was simply terrified at the thought of 3000 miles of ocean. To try and reassure the student, Whiting decided to share his experience. And so he wrote this poem, basing the description of the power and fury of the sea on Psalm 107.

It is not known if it helped the nervous student or not, but within a year the poem had become a hymn, and sailed into the influential first

edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern of 1861.

Another Anglican clergyman, John B Dykes, wrote the music for it. He was already a successful composer, with 300 hymns to his name. Dykes named this tune 'Melita', after an old name for Malta, where St Paul was once shipwrecked. Whiting released two more versions of the lyrics, in 1869 and in 1874.

During the rest of the 19th century the hymn became a favourite with the Royal Navy and the United States Navy. Other Services adopted it, including the Royal Marines, the Royal Air Force, the British Army, and the United States Coast Guard. Above all, it became known as the Royal Navy Hymn.

Well into the 20th century, it was the favourite hymn of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who had served as Secretary of the Navy during the Second World War. In 1963 Eternal Father was played by the Navy Band, as President John F. Kennedy's body was carried up the steps of the U.S. Capitol to lie in state. (Kennedy had been a PT boat commander in World War II.)

More recently, Eternal Father made a 'guest appearance' in the Hollywood blockbuster Titanic, and is also often chosen by ship's chaplains for use in civilian services at sea.

The less you move, the more you age

Older people who spend most of their time sitting down age significantly quicker than those who are more active.

To add some detail to that: if you sit for 10 hours or more a day, and do less than 40 minutes of moderate physical activity, then you will end up with a body of a person eight years older than your real age. You may have shortened telomeres, the tiny caps found on the ends of strands of DNA which protect chromosomes and which are associated with faster ageing.

Experts from AgeUK are therefore urging older people to make sure

that they stand up and walk around every 20 minutes, if at all possible. Government advice recommends 150 minutes of moderate aerobic exercise a week for older people.

UK Active urges: "With health and social care budgets stretched to the limit, it's time to end our love affair with the chair, and get people moving again. It's never too late to get active, and simple things at home, such as carrying the groceries, climbing more stairs and pottering around the garden can play a huge role in staying healthy and independent. Keeping active is the surest way to look after our physical, mental and social health, adding life to our years and years to our life."

Men enjoy being in the kitchen

Men have discovered they like to cook. As many as 40 per cent are now confident about cooking a meal from scratch, and many enjoy the many new hi-tech kitchen gadgets available.

The study by Mintel found that aspirational advertising has had a big effect: 'Cooking is seen as a project – men get to build things and be creative.' They especially

enjoy baking, with almost one in four men aged between 16-24 saying they feel very confident in their baking skills. (Compared with just 12 per cent of men aged over 65).

Of course, TV has had a lot to do with it, with the huge success of The Great British Bake Off and Masterchef. Both programmes are widely watched by men.



When Lennon met McCartney

During a Europe-wide heat-wave 60 years ago, on 6th July 1957, John Lennon and Paul McCartney met for the first time – at what must be one of the best documented church fetes in history.

This was the annual Woolton Parish Church Garden Fete in Liverpool – a parade and outdoor fair at which 16-year-old John and his Quarry Men skiffle group had been invited to play. The main attractions were a dog show and a brass band.

It was far from inevitable that they would meet. The two boys lived in different neighbourhoods, went to

different schools and were nearly two years apart in age. But the younger Paul, who was entranced by John's performance as a lead singer, was introduced to him by a friend in the church hall.

Despite himself, John was impressed when Paul played a couple of songs and showed him how to tune his guitar properly. Later, he invited him to join the band. The pair went on to form the Beatles.

A recording of the Quarry Men's performance at the fete sold at auction in 1994 for £78,500. The Beatles Bible website has the tagline "Not Quite as Popular as Jesus".

Summertime, and the living is boring...

This summer, don't worry about your children becoming bored – it may be better for them than being organised into a packed schedule of activities.

After all, bored children begin to entertain themselves, and this can

help them develop inner resourcefulness and independence. They are encouraged to find creative new ways to occupy their time. This is the view of Fred de Falbe, the headmaster of a leading prep school.

Review...

Musings of a Clergy Child

By Nell Goddard, BRF, £7.99

Vicarage life can be exciting, hilarious, scary, surreal and delightful... and that's just one day! Nell Goddard writes honestly and openly about the ins and outs of growing up in a Christian home,

from her experience as the daughter of two vicars.

With hilarious anecdotes, tough lessons and spiritual reflections from wrestling with faith, this book charts what it's like to live in the goldfish bowl of a vicarage, grow up in the shadow of your parents, lose your faith and find it again.

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

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 for training -

Wednesday afternoons - 12th July;

13th Sept.; 11th Oct. & 8th 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 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 I I I

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June
solution

July
Sudoku 

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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

Growing up *smile...*

Your child has started growing up
when he stops asking you where
he came from and
starts refusing to
tell you where
he's going.



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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.

Are we there yet?

Are you off on holiday by car soon?
Then beware: car journeys become
too long for hot, bothered children
after precisely two hours and 37
minutes. That is when you are likely
to hear 'Are we there yet?' 14
minutes later, arguments break out
in the back seat.

This is the finding of recent research
by the Highways Agency, who feels
sorry for parents preparing for the
long summer getaway by car. It
suggests that parents travelling with
children might wish to consider
planning to stop for a break about
two hours into the trip, to help
young passengers cope with the
boredom, and to keep family peace
alive.

SERVICES & ROTAS FOR JULY 2017

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
2	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Hopkins	28 th -1 st Rupert & Liz
9	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	12 th -15 th Fiona L
16	9.30am Holy Communion	Barbara Hawksworth	
23	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	26 th -29 th Sarah
30	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Swain	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
2	10.45am Holy Communion	J Bowns/M Pindar	
9	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Thomas + I	
16	10.45am Matins	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
23	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Clarke	
30	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
2	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Nelson	Wedding flowers remain
9	Mr & Mrs Bosett	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	Wedding flowers
16	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Christine Robinson
23	M Douglas/Diana Maskery	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Wedding flowers
30	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Wedding flowers
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
2	Jeremiah 28: 5-9 Matthew 10: 40-42	Marian Venning <i>Trinity Three</i>	Matilda Cadogan <i>Family Service</i>
9	Zechariah 9: 9-12 Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30	Bob Carter <i>Trinity Four</i>	Fiona Swain <i>No Sunday School</i>
16	Isaiah 55: 10-13 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	Roger Wardle <i>Trinity Five</i>	Sarah Porter <i>S.S.Claire Cadogan</i>
23	Isaiah 44: 6-8 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	Trevor Grimshaw <i>Trinity Six</i>	Rupert Turner <i>No Sunday School</i>
30	1 Kings 3: 5-12 Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52	Gloria Sherwood <i>Trinity Seven</i>	Fiona Lichfield <i>No Sunday School</i>

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