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*"Little Polly Flinders sat among the cinders warming her pretty little toes.  
Her mother came and caught her and whipped her little daughter  
for spoiling her nice new clothes."*

So says the old nursery rhyme as the child's mother appeared from nowhere and took drastic action. Mothers have long been said to have eyes in the back of their heads, and are adept at spotting their children preparing to get up to mischief.

Many people think of God in much the same way, as a sort of stern, Victorian schoolmaster with a cane in his hand and eyes everywhere, waiting to pounce on unsuspecting sinners the moment they contemplate mischief.

In the 6th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus deliberately says, "Your Father who sees in secret will reward you." He does not say, "Your Father who sees in secret will punish you."

God is always looking for the best in us to encourage us and help us along the way, just as Jesus looked for the best in the woman who was caught in the act of adultery (John 8: 1-11). In this story there is no mention of punishment for sin and it is clear from the Gospels that Jesus had a soft spot for sinners. He had a real and deep love for those who were aware of their sin and reserved his harshest words not for sinners, but for hypocrites. In Jesus' day those who were hypocrites were mostly to be found amongst the religious authorities. They would put on an outward show of religion, but the love of God had not reached their hearts. Small quiet acts of kindness and gently spoken words which are mostly unremarkable to us and to other people, are heard and welcomed by God. As the Holy Spirit develops and grows within us, little acts of kindness and quiet words become more frequent and more habitual. We don't need to make a show before God because he knows our hearts, he knows of what we are made.

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday 1st March (Ash Wednesday). During this period we are called to repent of our sins and be mindful of how we can lead a more fruitful life in following Christ. We all know that sin is full of nasty little secrets which we all keep hidden, often from ourselves, let alone from other people. There are dark places within each of us which are shut away from the presence of God and where we do not allow his light to penetrate.

But Jesus explored all this darkness on the cross and faced all its worst secrets, expressed through the physical agony of the cross. He then emerged from that terrible cross into a glorious, light-filled resurrection. Jesus conquered sin for all of us so that we too might experience the glorious new light which resurrection brings. However, we need to acknowledge that we are indeed sinners and to open ourselves to God. The more we are able to open ourselves, the more God's light will penetrate the depths of our being. As we allow God to penetrate deeper and deeper into the dark recesses of our being, so sin gradually loses its hold over us and we find ourselves stepping confidently forward into God's amazing light.

The words of Jesus are true. Our Father does see what is in secret, and he will reward us.

Every Blessing  
Canon Dave



## FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR



1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY ~ A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

Robert William Bowness (Bob) aged 85years



## WEDDINGS



4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY ~ Matthew Scott Brookes & Samantha Teri Armin

17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY ~ Matthew Adam Coates & Stephanie Catherine Brew



LENT 2017

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If you would like to join the Lent group but haven't yet put your name down, please phone Dave Perkins or the wardens for dates, times and venues.

### Telephone Numbers

St. Anne's	Wardens:-	Rupert Turner	01629 732794
		Fiona Swain	<i>ex directory</i>
<u>St. Peter's</u>	Treasurer:-	Fiona Lichfield	01629 813382
	Wardens:-	Elizabeth Bradshaw	01246 582421
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		e-mail: <a href="mailto:mtitterton@btinternet.com">mtitterton@btinternet.com</a>	

## Dates for your Diary -March

- 3 Dukes Barn & Beeley Village Hall Charity Quiz Night**  
7.30pm Beeley Village Hall £10 per person including Pea & Pie Supper.  
Teams of six people. Proceeds to Dukes Barn Outdoor Activity Centre & Beeley Village Hall
- 14 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** 7.30pm Village Hall  
Trekking in Burma - David Spencer  
Fresh from his trek ... stories from the path  
*Tea & raffle - Tammy and Fiona L*
- 15 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage  
Speaker: Gill Glen - the lighter side of '999'  
Competition: Handmade Easter card  
*Vote of thanks: Val Blackwell                      Teas: Jean Sutton & Irene Machin*
- 20 BEELEY Parish Meeting at 7pm** followed by the  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** 7.30pm Village Hall
- 31 Bakewell Town Hall Chamber Concerts** - see page 7 for details

## **Early Notice**

### **Baslow Choir Spring Concert - 1<sup>st</sup> April** **St. Peter's Church, Edensor**

Tickets: £12 for adults/£6 children and are available from choir members or online at **wegottickets.com** or by email from [tickets@baslowchoir.co.uk](mailto:tickets@baslowchoir.co.uk) and now from the Spar village shop in Baslow.

### **St. Anne's & St. Peter's Churchyards**

With spring almost upon us would all those who tend graves and cremation plots please make sure that they remove all Christmas wreaths and any other plants they have put on the memorials or graves and which are now well past their best. This will make mowing a much easier task and will also tidy up the churchyards - old, dead wreaths and flowers are not a pretty sight! A timely reminder that only fresh flowers should be put on the graves or cremation plots. Thank you

### **St. Peter's Church 100 Club January Draw 2017**

1st Prize £30 - no. 74 Pauline Mather  
2nd Prize £20 - no. 80 Diana Walters  
Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

In 2016 the 100 club raised £645.46 for the Restoration Fund

The running total stands at £5,745.25 raised in 9 years.

Thank you to all members, past and present.

Ann Hall

## EASTER LILIES AT ST. ANNE'S



If you would like to make a contribution towards Easter Lilies for St. Anne's church please give your donation to Gladys Hopkins or Pauline Mather by Palm Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April.

## EASTER LILIES AT ST. PETER'S

*Once again we shall be having Easter Lilies in Church and you are invited to 'buy' a lily by donating £4 (or more) per lily and, if you wish, to sign a card in memory of a loved one. The cards will be displayed in St. Peter's over the Easter period.*



*Cards need to be filled in and returned by Palm Sunday - 9<sup>th</sup> April.*

*For more information or to order a lily contact:*

*Liz Bradshaw 01246 582421; Mrs Penrose 01246 583197 or Margaret Nelson 01629 812257*

## **BASLOW CHOIR SPRING CONCERT** **Handel's Judas Maccabaeus** **St Peter's Church Edensor** **April 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm**

*Guest soloists:*

Rachel Abbott - Soprano; the Israelitish Woman

Kate Huddie - Mezzo-Soprano; the Israelitish Man 1

Nick Cox - Counter-Tenor; the Israelitish Man 2

Stewart Campbell - Tenor; Judas Maccabaeus

Daniel Sumner - Bass; Simon

*Organist - Andrew Cummings*

*Conductor - Andrew Marples*

*Tickets: £12 adults; £6 children - Available from choir members, online at [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com) or by email from [tickets@baslowchoir.co.uk](mailto:tickets@baslowchoir.co.uk) and now from the Spar village shop in Baslow.*

## 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.



**Traidcraft**

Although sales for the last few months have been very good, the overall picture for 2016 is rather disappointing. At £8,128 the total receipts are the lowest I have known and 16% down on 2015. However, that is still a considerable sum, and represents many families who have been helped to be self sufficient and enjoy a fuller life.

Easter will soon be upon us so don't forget to buy your Real Easter Eggs in good time. Well over a million have been bought in the last 7 years, they have been voted the UK's favourite Fairtrade egg, and 10p for each one sold has been given to the Traidcraft Exchange to help support Traidcraft's producer groups. Each egg, produced by the Meaningful Chocolate Company

based near Chesterfield, is made from fairly traded chocolate and contains a book telling the Easter story and a chocolate bar. I will stock the standard eggs but there are several more exotic versions to be seen online at [traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://traidcraftshop.co.uk) which I will be pleased to order for you.

By this summer I shall have been selling Traidcraft goods in and around Bakewell for 12 years and I feel it is time for someone else to take over, with fresh enthusiasm and new ideas. I will be hanging up my calculator at the beginning of September and would like someone else to be in place by then. If you have an interest in trading fairly and in helping others, I would love to hear from you and will be happy to outline what might be involved.

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

## Spring Clean appeal to Dales communities



Derbyshire Dales District Council is backing a campaign to get half a million people out and about cleaning up their local communities in March 2017.

The brand new Great British Spring Clean will roll out for the first time from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017, with a view to it becoming an annual event helping to bring people together and clean up the country.

TV wildlife presenter and children's favourite Steve Backshall is lending his support to the campaign, which is backed by the key anti-litter charities including Keep Britain Tidy.

Many other organisations will also be supporting the clean-up including the Women's Institute, the National Trust and the RSPCA, as well as a range of businesses.

Derbyshire Dales District Council is encouraging groups and individuals who want to 'do their bit' to help clear up the litter that blights our streets and parks. The council can offer support by providing equipment such as litter pickers and collection of the bags of rubbish after your event.

A council spokesperson said: 'We are delighted to be supporting the Great British Spring Clean and we encourage as many groups, individuals, organisations and schools as possible to take part'.

Whilst the Spring Clean weekend focuses on 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March, the District Council is happy to support events outside of this time frame too.

Please register your event, by 27<sup>th</sup> February, at  
[www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/GBSpringClean](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/GBSpringClean) Telephone 01629 761302 / 761151

## The Padley Centre

We are currently collecting: warm clothing for adults - particularly hats, scarves, gloves and socks; sleeping bags are very welcome with cold weather still 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.

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

## **Bakewell Town Hall Chamber Series - March – June 2017**

We're very excited to welcome members of the world-famous Halle Orchestra to Bakewell for a series of chamber music concerts. First up is a concert on the **March 31<sup>st</sup>** featuring the oboe and string trio, playing music by Mozart, Moeran and Dohnanyi.

The Mozart Oboe Quartet is one of the great pieces written for this lovely instrument and has a genial and happy character, presenting the oboe in a virtuosic display supported by the string players around him. E.J. Moeran was an English composer, with strong Irish links. His Fantasy Quartet for oboe and strings emphasizes the beautiful singing quality of the instrument, and evokes a strong pastoral content in this haunting piece, reflecting the music and moods of the Norfolk countryside, where it was written. The Hungarian composer Dohnanyi wrote his powerful Serenade Opus 10 for string trio in 1902. It's a five movement work with vigorous rhythmic energy and an exotic Magyar character, with rich sonorities and melody harking back to the late Romanticism of the previous era.

The second concert on **April 28<sup>th</sup>** will feature two string quartets and the famous String Quintet with 2 cellos, by Schubert. This work is revered as one of the greatest pieces of chamber music ever written and is certainly much loved by cellists everywhere. Alongside this will be the delightful Haydn String Quartet – 'The Lark' so called because of the soaring melodies in the first violin part. In addition Hugo

Wolf's Italian Serenade is a witty and lyrical short piece. More famous as a composer of Lieder, like Schubert, this is one of the few instrumental works he composed.

On **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** we will complete the series with music by Beethoven and Bach. The famous Goldberg Variations transcribed for String Trio will be the feature work in the programme. This is a wonderful version of Bach's hugely popular keyboard work. Alongside this will be one of Beethoven's great Opus 9 string trios. In these works his writing for strings really comes into its own, and paves the way for his later compositions for string quartet, which spanned his whole life.

**All the musicians performing for you in this series play with the Halle Orchestra**, either as members, former members or regular guests. They all love to play chamber music in their spare time alongside their busy professional schedules, and are committed to bringing **high quality chamber music to you, on your doorstep**. As the Arts are increasingly poorly funded, there is an urgent need to start up small series such as this one. For this we need your support. Please welcome these hard-working, dedicated musicians to your centre and enjoy the opportunity to listen to and meet these fine musicians in the relaxed setting of Bakewell Town Hall.

All concerts start at 7.30pm. Doors are open from 7pm. Tickets /further information from Bakewell Town Hall Box Office (£12/£10) 01629 810152. The bar will be open for interval drinks.



## **ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH - OPEN DOOR CAFE**

The Open Door cafe at All Saints Parish Church, Bakewell, is pleased to advise that tea and coffee are available if required before and after baptism, wedding and funeral services. If attendees come from a distance, they might welcome a refreshing cup of tea!

We are also pleased to provide full refreshments following funeral services.

Commencing Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, and thereafter on the second Tuesday of every month, Afternoon Tea for anyone who is in need of company.

3.30-4.30pm, tea, sandwiches and cake at a cost of £2.50. Transport will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Dot on 01629 814496.

Welldressing week – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June - the cafe will be open daily from 11am-4pm, ( Sunday 1.30-4pm) serving tea, coffee, light lunches and delicious home made cakes.

Regular lunchtime talks, with a soup and sandwich lunch. Watch this space for further details!

Come along and join us in the Newark of our beautiful Grade I listed building.

## **Thornhill House**

As many will know, Thornhill House is a small care home in the village of Great Longstone. It was built with community support by the John Thornhill Memorial Trust after Molly Thornhill saw the great need for somewhere for local people, who were no longer able to care for themselves, to be cared for in the area in which they had previously lived. We can now say very proudly that the Care Quality Commission, the National body which inspects care homes, has rated the care at Thornhill House as 'outstanding', the highest rating possible and one which only 1% of care homes in the

country achieves. The service is rated under the headings of being safe, effective, caring, responsive and well led and throughout the report there are examples of how this is given. Those of us who know the Home, the residents and staff, are not surprised, but to receive this national recognition is an excellent achievement so our congratulations go to Di Duncan, the Manager and all her staff and those involved with the Home.

For more information on the report type Thornhill House, Great Longstone into the CQC website [www.cqc.org.uk](http://www.cqc.org.uk)

## 2017 Faith Easter Egg launched

The new look Real Easter Egg 2017 range has been launched, and churches are being asked to encourage people to support this unique way of sharing the story of Easter.

This year a 24 page Easter story-activity book, illustrated by Alida Massari, is included in the Original, Egg Hunt and Dark eggs. The Special Edition has an Easter traditions booklet inside. The Sharing box, with 30 eggs, comes with 30 colour-in posters.

Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and makes a donation to charity from sales.

The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010 but the supermarkets turned down the idea. It was left to churches and church schools to place orders to fund The Meaningful Chocolate

Company so they could make The Real Easter Egg.

David Marshall, creator of the Real Easter Egg, said; "With the support of churches more than one million eggs have been sold with 750,000 of these sent through the post directly to churches and schools. The rest have been sold through independent retailers and supermarkets. The success of The Real Easter Egg has meant that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £250,000 has been raised from sales for charitable causes. Due to production restrictions, this year we have slightly fewer eggs available so we recommend people order as early as possible."

The whole range can be ordered online at [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk) (with free delivery) or from Traidcraft, Eden.co.uk, TLM trading.com, Embrace the Middle East. Christian bookshops and some cathedrals also have stocks. You can also buy the blue Original egg from Tesco, Waitrose and Morrisons.

### BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

March 12<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Florence Foster Jenkins**

(2016, UK) Certificate PG 110 minutes

Biography, Comedy, Drama

The story of Florence Foster Jenkins, a New York heiress who dreamed of becoming an opera singer, despite having a terrible singing voice.

*Introduction by Janet Byrne.*

## The man who brought us Thomas the Tank Engine

*Tim Lenton, our community reporter, looks back with fondness...*

A reluctant author who created characters loved by millions of children died 20 years ago this month, on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1997, aged 85.

The Rev Wilbert V Awdry is best known as the writer of Thomas the Tank Engine and 25 other railway books, which at the time of his death had sold an estimated 50 million copies. They have also given birth to toys, games, videos and a television film series.

He invented the stories initially to tell his son Christopher when he was ill with measles, and had to be persuaded by his wife Margaret to get them published.

Mr Awdry, who was made an OBE shortly before his death, was a clergyman who ministered in Hampshire, Wiltshire, Birmingham

and Cambridgeshire. He was also a pacifist who once lost his curacy as a result. He was always interested in railways, having been fascinated as a child in Wiltshire by listening to steam trains ascending the gradient into the nearby Box Tunnel.

The Fat Controller in the stories is sometimes thought to be a God-like figure, but he was intended as a satire on bureaucracy. For Mr Awdry, the morality of the stories was clearly Christian, and analogies between the Christian faith and the ways of the railway were obvious: the engines are meant to stay on the right track, and they pay the price if they go off the rails. But they are always forgiven, and never scrapped.

Asked how he hoped to be remembered, he said he would like his epitaph to say that “he helped people see God in the ordinary things of life, and he made children laugh”.

**75 years ago:-** on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1942, during World War 2, the national loaf was introduced in Britain. It was made from wholemeal flour, and most people did not like it.

**60 years ago:-** on 25th March 1957, the Treaty of Rome was signed, creating the European Economic Community which was founded on 1st January 1958. (It was renamed the European Community in 1993 and was dissolved in 2009, having been replaced by the European Union.)

**50 years ago:-** on 18th March 1967, the super-tanker SS Torrey Canyon hit a rock on a reef between the Cornish mainland and the Isles of Scilly while attempting to take a shortcut to South Wales. 32 million gallons of crude oil were spilled – the worst spill in UK history. Hundreds of miles of coastland were affected, and 15,000 sea birds died.

## **THE WAY I SEE IT – the strange rise of ‘Post-Truth’**

*Canon David Winter struggles with the concept of ‘Post-truth’.*

The strange phrase ‘Post-truth’ emerged, the media tell us, as *‘the Word’* of 2016. But as Post-truth, put crudely, is the assumption that nothing we read, see or hear is reliably factual, we may presumably take that claim, too, as unproven.

Thirty years working in the media convinced me, long ago, that quite a lot of what passes for ‘news’ is in fact either fiction or highly decorated fact. Try looking at the newspaper headlines this morning, and then read the story below them carefully. Very frequently the eye-catching headline (‘Fish and chips postpones dementia’) is only true in the sense that someone has said it. The full story (in a responsible paper) finally sets it in context. It’s based on a small piece of research by a group of students in California and professional medical sources have ridiculed the suggestion.

Post-truth takes us further, however. It implies that the ‘truth’ is less important than the impression. This apparently follows from the dominating influence, certainly with people under 50, of the ‘social media’ – Facebook, Twitter and so on. A great deal of what people post there, to be read often by a huge number of people, is simply fabrication. It is read and passed on not because people think it is true, but because it is interesting, amusing or shocking. Somehow it then becomes part of the social climate. ‘Have you seen the post in Twitter about the lady who sent her dog to school instead of her daughter?’

Post-truth is a menace because it devalues the currency of debate, distorts our decision-making and in the end turns us all into sceptics. Whatever happened to the ‘honest truth’?

### **Adam and Eve’s true nationality** *smile.....*

A Brit, a Frenchman and a Russian were viewing a painting of Adam and Eve frolicking in the Garden of Eden. "Look at that garden they are maintaining so well," mused the Brit. "They must be British."

"Nonsense," the Frenchman disagreed. "They're naked, and so beautiful. Clearly, they are French."

"Ah, but no clothes, no shoes, no shelter," the Russian pointed out, "they have only an apple to eat, and they're being told this is paradise. They are Russian."

## **Mirror, Mirror on the Wall – how do you see yourself this Lent?**

*The Rev Paul Hardingham says that Lent is an ideal time to find yourself.*

Somebody asked a Christian friend why he was eating doughnuts, when he had given them up for Lent! He answered, 'At the bakers I told God, that if He wanted me to buy doughnuts, He should provide a parking space in front. On the eighth time around, there it was!' Rather than seeing Lent simply as a time to give things up, let's use it intentionally for self-examination, reading Scripture, penitence, fasting and prayer.

At Jesus' baptism, God's voice says, 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' (Luke 3:22). The Holy Spirit then leads Jesus into the wilderness, where we find Him coming to terms with who He is. Satan's temptations challenge Jesus in three key areas of His identity: social action, political power, and religious

identity (Luke 4: 1-13). It is as though Jesus looked into the mirror at Himself to discern what kind of Saviour He would be.

We can also think of Lent as an opportunity to hold a mirror up to ourselves and ask the question, 'who am I? It is a season of honest encounter with who we are, what we've done, and the world in which we live. How will you keep the Lent period of 40 days running up to Easter? What will you see when you hold up the mirror to yourself? Alongside taking time to read Scripture, study a Christian book and pray with fasting, why not give up texting for Lent and simply talk on the phone; commit ourselves to just working 40 hours a week or spend five minutes each day in silence!

Whatever we do, Lent is a season for self-reflection, as we put ourselves in a position to receive afresh the forgiveness and healing that God offers.

### **Men and women smile....**

Three men were hiking through a forest when they came upon a large raging river. Needing to get to the other side, the first man prayed, "God, please give me the strength to cross the river." Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs and he was able to swim across in about two hours, having almost drowned twice.

After witnessing that, the second man prayed, "God, please give me strength

and the tools to cross the river." Poof! God gave him a rowboat and strong arms and strong legs and he was able to row across in about an hour after almost capsizing once.

Seeing what happened to the first two men, the third man prayed, "God, please give me the strength, the tools and the intelligence to cross the river." Poof! He was turned into a woman. She checked the map, went a hundred yards up stream and walked across the bridge.

## **Christian Aid appeals for good 'neighbours'....**

As Christians around the world mark Lent, Christian Aid is asking the British public to support people seeking a safe place to call home.

Based on the hymn 'When I Needed A Neighbour, Were You There', Christian Aid is asking its supporters to follow Christian Aid's Lent calendar, and reflect each day on the good things in their lives, thinking about daily opportunities to give, act and pray for communities around the

world, and helping them to find a safe place to call home.

This Lent, Christian Aid is working with local partners in South Sudan, to provide much-needed food, safe water to drink and sanitation facilities to desperate communities. The charity says that £15 can provide fishing gear for a family; £8.50 could provide two cooking pots so they can eat a hot meal; and £3 could pay for two plastic jerry cans so they can store safe drinking water.



## **Project Joseph helps to feed starving Zimbabweans**

A million meals a month, or 70 tonnes of maize meal: this is what Barnabas Fund is providing starving Zimbabweans with through the Project Joseph feeding programme.

Last year's crop failure is still debilitating: it takes more than a season to recover from the ravages of drought. Although the rains arrived on cue in November last year to plant this season's crops, many farmers had either been forced to eat their seed, or had no harvest from the previous year to eat. Their livestock herds were decimated, and the lack of jobs meant families also

had no money to purchase their farming inputs, let alone food.

Barnabas Fund provided seed, fertiliser and training so that farmers could plant on time. But the outcome of the harvest will be critical. And how can they survive until the April/May harvest? As Violet, a farmer and mother of five, puts it: "We were panicking, in Zimbabwe it is so hard, we have got nowhere to look."

Barnabas Fund is working closely with local churches to ensure that the farmers are not forgotten or left hungry during this crucial period.

## **20<sup>th</sup> March - St Joseph – patron saint of fathers and holy death**

Why should St Joseph's day be in March? Surely he belongs to Advent and Christmas, at Mary's side in millions of nativity scenes around the world.

In any case, as foster-father of Christ and husband of Mary, Joseph played a major part in the story of the coming of Jesus Christ. All that we know about him for sure is in the gospels. Read especially Matthew 1 – 2. He was of Davidic descent, but his trade as a carpenter shows that he was not at all wealthy.

Joseph's gentleness and decency towards Mary, and his willingness to do God's will when it was revealed to him, portray him as a kind and godly person. Joseph is the patron saint of fathers of families, and he makes an excellent example. He comes across as a protecting, loyal, thoughtful, self-controlled person, full of integrity, and willing to work hard. Who wouldn't want a father like that?

Joseph is also the patron saint of all who desire a holy death. Thus countless churches, hospitals and religious congregations are dedicated to Joseph.

## **21<sup>st</sup> March - Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr**

Thomas Cranmer was the first ever Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury, following King Henry VIII's decision to pull away from Rome, and set up the Church of England.

Born in Nottingham in 1489, Thomas Cranmer became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1533. He was adviser to both Henry VIII and Edward VI. He helped Henry with the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon, and along with Thomas Cromwell, supported the principle of Royal Supremacy (where the king is

sovereign over the Church in his realm).

Under Edward VI, Thomas Cranmer made major reforms to the CofE. He put the English Bible into parish churches, compiled the first two versions of the Book of Common Prayer, and worked with continental reformers to change doctrine on everything from the Eucharist and veneration of saints.

But kings and queens, like American presidents, change, and the Catholic queen Mary I was determined to wipe out Protestantism. Thomas Cranmer was imprisoned for two years, found guilty of heresy, and burned at the stake on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1556.

## **25<sup>th</sup> March - Lady Day, the Annunciation**

This beautiful event (Luke 1.26-38) took place in Nazareth, when Mary is already betrothed to Joseph. The Archangel Gabriel comes to Mary, greets her as highly favoured, tells her not to be afraid, that she will bear a son Jesus, and that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is already pregnant (with John the Baptist).

The church calendar is never quite as neat as some would like it. To celebrate the Annunciation on 25<sup>th</sup> March does indeed place the conception of Jesus exactly nine months from his birth on 25<sup>th</sup>

December, but the latter part of March almost inevitably falls during Lent. But the birth and death of Jesus are intrinsically linked - he was born to die, and thus fulfill God's purposes.

The Annunciation is a significant date in the Christian calendar - it is one of the most frequently depicted in Christian art. Gabriel's gracious strength and Mary's humble dignity have inspired many artists. Certainly Mary's response to the angel has for centuries been an example of good faith in practice - humility, enquiry of God, and trusting acceptance in his will for her life.

## **Give the Best Away - The story of one of Britain's most generous philanthropists**

*By Murray Watts, LionHudson, £14.99*

Rosemary Lancaster grew up in a poor family in the North West of England, at the end of the Second World War. Struggling for survival in the era of ration books and austerity, she was destined for something astonishing and inspiring, far beyond even her wildest dreams.

John Lancaster, whom she married, left school without qualifications, but had an amazing ability to fix machines and invent things. He would go on to corner the market in conservatory roofing systems; his company became a world leader, floating on the stock market for £136 million. They were multi-millionaires.

The pair, both committed Christians,

set about giving away their astonishing fortune, starting with their employees. They set up the Lancaster Foundation, with Rosemary in charge, offering medical and practical support to the suffering, disadvantaged and marginalized people throughout the UK and Africa.

Rosemary immersed herself in the work of the charity, which purchased an emergency plane for Mission Aviation Fellowship, and started the first village for destitute AIDS victims in South Africa. Rosemary even found herself rescuing children from the rubbish tips of Kenya. Additionally the foundation has sponsored arts initiatives and major inner city regeneration projects in Manchester, and is committed to numerous on-going local and national youth and community projects. Rosemary and John continue to be among Britain's most generous philanthropists.



## **Margaret Clitherow – brave British Martyr**

*Ted Harrison continues his series on British martyrs.*

Some of the bravest, and certainly the most numerous, of British martyrs died for their faith at the hands of other Christians. The 16th Century was a specially brutal era of religious intolerance when there was open conflict between Catholics and Protestants. Each claimed they had the key to truth and those who disagreed were heretics.

At one time during the reign of Elizabeth 1 the Roman Catholic Mass was outlawed and priests were in constant danger of being captured and executed. It was even an offence to give shelter to a priest in one's home. Margaret Clitherow was born in York into a protestant family. She married a prosperous butcher and leading citizen.

However Margaret converted to Catholicism, being much influenced in her thinking by a Catholic friend, and like many converts became especially zealous in her practice. In 1577 she was imprisoned for refusing to worship as a member of the Church of England. It was then an offence not to attend the established church on a Sunday. Her husband, though not himself a

Catholic, is said to have paid her fine.

Then she began to shelter fugitive priests in a secret room in her house in the city's Shambles. But her home was raided and Margaret was arrested, tried and sentenced to death in a particularly horrible way.

On March 25<sup>th</sup> 1586 , at the toll-booth, she was stretched on the ground where she was pressed to death by having heavy weights placed on her. It took her an agonising fifteen minutes to die. When told her fate she said to a friend, 'I feel the weakness of my flesh which is troubled at this news, but my spirit rejoices greatly. For the love of God, pray for me and ask all good people to do likewise.'

Though Margaret had transgressed the law of the land, it is said that Queen Elizabeth was horrified when she heard that a woman had been executed in this manner. Margaret Clitherow was canonised in 1970 as one of The Forty Martyrs and today is often referred to as 'The Pearl of York'.

## Digging out the treasures of Nimrud and Nineveh

*Tim Lenton recalls an enormous discovery...*

The British archaeologist, traveller, author and politician Sir Austen Henry Layard was born in Paris 200 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1817. He is perhaps best known for excavating the ancient Mesopotamian cities of Nimrud and Nineveh, and especially for discovering the ruins of the library of the great Assyrian king, Ashurbanipal.

The library was perhaps most significant of his discoveries: what survived of it after more than 2,500 years revealed what had been a sophisticated recording system. The subjects etched in the 30,000 or so clay tablets covered history and government, religion and magic, geography, science, poetry and even classified government materials.

The most famous cuneiform text caused a sensation when its content

was first read. This was the 11<sup>th</sup> Tablet of the Epic of Gilgamesh, which contains a story with remarkable similarities to the biblical description of Noah's Flood in Genesis.

Sir Austen sent back to England – sometimes with great difficulty – the amazing specimens which now form the greater part of the collection of [Assyrian](#) antiquities in the [British Museum](#). He believed that the [Syriac Christian](#) communities living throughout the Near East were descended from the ancient [Assyrians](#).

Sir Austen, who was of Huguenot descent, later served in Parliament. He became a privy councillor in 1868 and was ambassador at Istanbul between 1877 and 1880. He was knighted in 1878 and died in London in 1894.

## Women's World Day of Prayer 3rd March – Philippines

On Friday 3rd March over 5,000 services will be held in the British Isles on the theme of 'Am I Being Unfair to You?' The Christian women of the Philippines wrote the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects, to be used, throughout the whole world, on that day, starting at sunrise over

the island of Samoa and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa.

In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan – named locally as 'Yolanda' – struck the Philippine islands in the western Pacific Ocean. This is mentioned in the service but you will also hear the stories of a girl, a mother and an older woman, recounting their situations and their hopes and fears.

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## GOD AND THE ARTS ~ SAMSON'S TRAGEDY

*Outstanding people in great stories of the Bible - as depicted in painting or sculpture – is the theme of God in the Arts this year. Michael Burgess considers Samson, as painted by the German artist Lucas Cranach the Younger.*

'Eyeless in Gaza at the mill with slaves': that is how John Milton expresses the tragedy of Samson's life in his poem 'Samson Agonistes.' There is an irony in his blindness and powerlessness, for Samson means 'sunshine.' As we read the story in Judges 13-17, he was called to be God's agent in bringing the dawn of a new day to the Israelites and freedom from the Philistines. But he breaks his vows as a Nazirite, and leads a life of sex and violence: the stuff of film and opera, of art and poetry.

Then he falls in love with Delilah, who uses her feminine wiles and intelligence to find out the secret of his strength. That moment is depicted in this painting of 1537 by the German artist, Lucas Cranach the Younger. We see Samson clad in

armour, but barefoot – a sign of vulnerability for Delilah is ready to cut off his hair and so deprive him of his power, symbolised by the jawbone of an earlier victory. The Philistines wait in the background, ready to capture him, while the partridges and fruitful trees are signs of temptation. The artist is telling us how easy it is to turn away from God's purpose, and the sleeping Samson is once again oblivious to that calling.

The book of Judges tells us how the tragedy unfolds: the Philistines imprison him and set him to grind corn. Called to bring light to Israel, Samson has been blinded. The world is a dark place for him, but then at the Philistines' festival celebrations he remembers his God. With renewed strength he brings down the temple and the people within it. That is why we find Samson's name in the list of heroes of faith in Hebrews 11. It is a reminder that we can all only too easily make a mess of life and God's calling, but God can still use us and work through us to bring new life and hope.

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The service focusses on the Bible story of the workers in the vineyard: Matthew 20 v 1-16. There is a reflection on the artwork designed by Rowena 'Apol' Laxamana-Sta.Rosa. It is very thought provoking and illustrates contrasting scenes.

Why not find out more about the theme, the Philippines and the service? The Day of Prayer is not just for women. Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

For more details, visit  
[www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

## **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:**

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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 - afternoon of 8<sup>th</sup> March & 12<sup>th</sup> April 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.

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- 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**

## Leave it Alone

*Canon David Winter, former Head of Religious Broadcasting for the BBC, has his own approach to gardening...*

In my tiny front garden I have a shrub. I don't know its name, but it has won a place in my life-long affections. Recommended about six years ago by a horticulturalist friend, it has produced, every summer, a magnificent array of splendid red blooms, much admired by my neighbours. They always ask what it is, but I can't remember – I must find out the next time I'm in touch with her. In the Autumn it's an absolute mess for a couple of months, dead leaves, stalks and trailing branches everywhere. However, 'just leave it

alone' I had been told, and very willingly I have.

The reward has been the astonishing sight of new shoots in early Spring, and eventually, in late May, the return of my beautiful bush and its glorious flowers.

'Just leave it alone' – Oh, the joy of that advice to a non-gardener. I could be an expert at just leaving things alone, like little Bo-peep in the nursery rhyme: 'Leave them alone, and they will come home, bringing their tails behind them'. Sometimes the Creator really does know best.



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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.

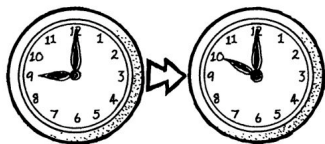
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to put your clocks  
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**26<sup>th</sup> March**



### Sent away *smile.....*

An irritated mother complained to her friend: "When I was a kid, my parents sent me to my room without supper if I misbehaved. But my son has his own TV, telephone, computer and every computer game and CD player in his room!"

"So how do you handle it?" her friend asked.

"I send him to MY room!"



## SERVICES & ROTAS FOR MARCH 2017

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
<b>5</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	Barbara Hawksworth*	8-11 Fiona S
<b>12</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Swain*	
<b>19</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	22-25 Jane Hornsby
<b>26</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Turner*	
* <b>NB Lent - brasses only</b>			
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
<b>1</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday</b>		
<b>5</b>	10.45am Holy Communion		Mrs Jackson/Mrs Clarke
<b>12</b>	10.45am Holy Communion		Mr & Mrs Machin
<b>19</b>	10.45am Matins		Mr & Mrs Wardle
<b>26</b>	10.45am Holy Communion		R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
<b>5</b>	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Wardle	No flowers - Lent
<b>12</b>	Mr & Mrs Bosett	Mr & Mrs Carter	" "
<b>19</b>	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	M Pindar	" "
<b>26</b>	M Douglas/D Maskery	Mr & Mrs Nelson	" "
<b>2 Apr</b>	Mr & Mrs Harding (Sheep Service)	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	" "
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S &amp; SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>Romans 5: 12-19</b> <b>Matthew 4: 1-11</b>	Marian Venning <i>Lent One</i>	Phoebe Porter <i>Family Service</i>
<b>12</b>	<b>Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17</b> <b>John 3: 1-17</b>	Bob Carter <i>Lent Two</i>	Rupert Turner SS Sarah Porter
<b>19</b>	<b>Romans 5: 1-11</b> <b>John 4: 5-42</b>	Roger Wardle <i>Lent Three</i>	Fiona Lichfield <i>No Sunday School</i>
<b>26</b>	<b>Colossians 3: 12-17</b> <b>John 19: 25b-27</b>	A School Child <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Claire Cadogan <i>No Sunday School</i>
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