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We have all known the value and significance of a meal. It might be a wedding feast, a birthday party, or just a sociable evening with friends. It has a meaning for us beyond the business of simply eating. Yet our eating together also has its own message for each of us.

Imagine the occasion – a dining table is covered with a beautiful, white linen cloth. The best quality silver cutlery and cut glass adorn each place setting. In the centre of the table lies the attractive china crockery. The guests arrive and are led to their places at the table. Compliments abound amidst the pre dinner drinks and chit-chat. A sumptuous meal is eagerly awaited. Suddenly a grim-faced host walks into the room. “I’m so sorry,” he announces, “there won’t be any dinner. You see I forgot to buy the food.” A ridiculous situation – you might say – but it shows that even the best dressed tables are meaningless and worthless without any food to share.

In all cultures food is important, not only for survival but as a means of sharing and extending hospitality to one another.

In the 6th Chapter of St. John's Gospel we read the well known story about the feeding of the five thousand. Five thousand people are fed with just five loaves and two fish. In this story we witness the first sign of what Jesus would do in the institution of the sacrament of Holy Communion. Jesus takes some bread, he breaks it and he shares it. In this way he shows his disciples that out of very little, great things can be done. The feeding of the five thousand reveals Jesus as sharing much more than just bread – he shares himself. In the service of Holy Communion, which we share together regularly, Jesus shares himself with each one of us. He satisfies in us a hunger which is far greater than the desire for food. For all of us there is a hunger for justice, truth and peace, for happiness and fulfillment of our lives. We are also called to share ourselves with one another – and not just through our food or our hospitality. That is just the beginning. When we share in the feast of Holy Communion we are bound together as one body and one spirit. With the strength we gain from that unity we can go out into the world with great confidence. Through our sharing in what we have received from Christ, we

can bring a positive change into the lives of others. Out of very little, great things can happen – as Jesus shows in the feeding of the five thousand. No matter how little time and resources we may have, to share with others is a precious gift. In some small ways we can bring justice, peace and truth to a troubled world. It is the love and compassion of those in union with Christ which brings Christ to life in our families and communities.

I am sure that all of us can think of people who are full of generous selfless love. Let us thank God for their witness in our midst and ask ourselves how we can express the same generosity in our lives.

Every Blessing,

Canon Dave

FROM THE REGISTERS



ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

WEDDINGS

28th July ~ Doiminic Eogham Machell & Tara Meagan Leadley

4th August ~ Rupert William Andrew Crowton & Hannah Louise Fisher

FUNERAL

31st July ~ Thanksgiving Service for the life of
Iola Elizabeth Symonds aged 99years

ST. ANNES, BEELEY

WEDDING



5th August ~ David Oliver Moore & Anna Elizabeth Hoyes

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	Treasurer:-	Mark Titterton	01246 582245
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Dates for your Diary -September

- 9 **Wedding - St. Peter's** 1.30pm James Liddington & Nicola Estcourt
- 10 **St. Peter's - Visiting ringers** from Lower Peover - 12.30pm
- 12 **BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting - 6pm start**
Sculptures at Chatsworth - meet at Chatsworth
Nibbles: Sarah
- 18 **BEELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
- 19 **BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP - 7pm Beeley Village Hall**
Talk on 'My Life as a Funeral Director' by Russell Davidson, Greateorex
Funeral Directors
- 20 **CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting - 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage**
Speaker: Ali Payne - Positive wellbeing Kinesiology
Competition: Pretty ring **Vote of Thanks:** Michelle Cameron
Teas: Jo Wood & Val Blackwell
- 22-24 **Art Out Loud** - The Chatsworth Festival. Talks by artists, curators and writers
- 23 **St. Peter's - Visiting ringers** from Ashover 5 - 6pm
- 26 - 30 **'St. Peter's Presents....Five Evenings of Entertainment'**
- 30 **Blessing - St. Anne's Church**
- 30 **St. Peter's - Visiting ringers** from Saxilby 10.15 - 11am

Fresh ideas for doing church smile....

The PCC admitted that the new vicar had been right to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theatre seats. 'The front of the church always fills first now.'

Chatsworth Horticultural and Produce Society Annual Show



Saturday, 9th September 2017

Cavendish Hall, Edensor

Doors open at 2.00pm with the cups being presented by

The Duchess of Devonshire at 3.00pm

Schedules available from the Estate Office, Cavendish Club,

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All welcome -

see the veg, smell the flowers and admire the creations.



ST. PETER'S PRESENTS.....

Five Evenings of Entertainment

26th - 30th September



Tuesday 26th: *Dining at Chatsworth:*

In an illustrated talk, retired Head Housekeeper, Christine Robinson, talks about dining at Chatsworth over the last 200 years and the fabulous parties that have been enjoyed.

Wednesday 27th: *'Gasman to God's Man':*

Canon Dave Perkins entertains the audience in word and song.

Thursday 28th: *'Chatsworth Gardens, past, present and future':*

In an illustrated talk, Head Gardener, Steve Porter, takes the audience on a fascinating journey through the story of Chatsworth's Gardens and Landscape.

Friday 29th: *'The Devonshire Family after Georgiana'*

A talk by Lord Roy Hattersley, Politician, historian and writer.

Saturday 30th: *The Derbyshire Singers Concert:*

'Autumn Serenade'

The talks will begin at 7.30pm and last 45 minutes with 15 minutes for questions, followed by refreshments and the drawing of a raffle.

The concert on Saturday evening will begin at 7.30pm and will be followed by refreshments and the drawing of a raffle.

Tickets £10 each, £25 for three events, £35 for 4 events and £40 for all five events. Available from:

Liz Bradshaw 01246 582421/07803 317 402

Christine Robinson 01246 582938/07752 159 637

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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.

Change of Address ~

Pauline and Vernon Mather have moved and their new address is:

3 Cavendish Flats,

Edensor,

Bakewell,

Derbyshire DE45 1PH

01246 582198

St. Peter's Church 100 Club July Draw 2017

1st Prize £30 - 13 Gill Caws

2nd Prize £20 - 54 Julie Carter

Funds to church this month - £50

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18 NOV at 4:00pm

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19 NOV at 1:00pm

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rip-roaring journey through all the jazz piano
greats; children welcome. Concert duration: 1hr



CLASSICAL KICKS!



Traidcraft

Receipts last month were £326 including £45 at the

Oxfam Strawberry Tea, £40 at the Movers and Shakers event and £37 at the Cancer Research Sale.

Traidcraft's Autumn and Christmas catalogue is now available and I have copies for anyone who would like one. Alternatively, go to the website traidcraftshop.co.uk which shows the full range of goods available. Anything you want can be ordered there or by ringing 0191 491 0855.

I will be taking a back seat as far as Traidcraft is concerned and this will be my last regular article. I would like to take the opportunity of thanking you all for the support you have given and all the orders you have placed over the years. This has brought a huge benefit to the producer groups and enabled many

thousands of people, amongst the most disadvantaged in the world, to lift themselves and their families out of poverty and to look forward to a more secure future. In the 28 years during which Traidcraft goods have been on regular sale in Bakewell and the surrounding area, over a quarter million pounds has been contributed.

I have a considerable stock of mostly food items which I am happy to continue selling, and I am also able to order any goods you would like - please give me a call or e-mail. In particular, for those who have been regularly purchasing particular items, I am happy order a case (usually of 6 items) from time to time to supply your needs.

With best wishes to you all,

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

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Introduced by Janet Byrne

Oldest computer *smile.....*

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. Not surprisingly, it was an Apple. But it had an extremely limited memory: just one byte, and everything crashed.

Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on 2nd August

8 members of the PCC were present and apologies were received from 2 other members.

Canon Dave opened the meeting with prayers and the Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4th May 2017, were agreed and signed as a true record.

• Matters arising: External Sockets - David Jackson said a full Faculty would be needed for this work and recommendations from the architect with regard to the placement of the sockets would mean that more expense would be incurred over and above the initial £650 quoted by Neil Simpson. David Jackson proposed that the PCC should decide not to go ahead with this work, as these sockets would only be in use over the Christmas period and another solution had possibly been found for the cabling. This decision was accepted unanimously and was seconded by Nadine Harrington. Christine Robinson suggested that a price be obtained for a waterproof cover for the the existing external socket, which it was felt to be insufficiently covered at the moment and the PCC agreed to this.

Joe Clark raised concerns over the size of the two yew trees on either side of the south porch, the meeting was told that Chatsworth Gardens were due to prune them this year.

Organ Speakers The organ speakers are now in place at the west end of the church and the work was admired by the architect when he came to carry out the QI. Canon Dave wished to record the gratitude of the PCC to Mark Rhodes for supplying and erecting scaffolding when this work was carried out.

Chatsworth Rifles Plaque A Faculty has been granted by the Chancellor of the Diocese and the plaque has now been made and will be fixed in position before Remembrance Day. An unveiling ceremony will take place when the Duke and Brigadier Wilkinson can both attend.

Fees for visiting bellringers After taking advice from Rev. Clive Thrower it was decided to leave the fees as they are at present as most of the visiting ringers give a generous donation.

Report from the Choir: Canon Dave reported that the Mosaic concert had been well attended and the choir would like to come again next year.

Jonathan Francis had hired the church for a concert on 22nd July 'Hear my Song', and the church was packed for this.

Ticket sales for the Lizzie Ball concerts in November are selling well.

The Bishop of Repton, Jan McFarlane, will be preaching at St. Peter's on 10th Sept.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be on Sunday 24th September at 10.45am with a service at St. Anne's at 3pm attended by the children of Pilsley School.

Christmas Lights switch-on at Edensor on Saturday 2nd December

Advent Carol Service at St. Peter's Sunday 3rd December

9th December - Hallamshire Military Brass Band concert at St. Peter's

12th December - Pilsley School Nativity Play

Carol Service date to be confirmed

Canon Dave reported that he continues to take Communion to those unable to attend church. He said that Peter Machin is making a good recovery at home after fall in Bakewell and that Margaret Thomas and Molly Marshall have both been unwell.

The funeral service for Vic Adams will be at St. Peter's on Friday 25th August at 11am.
Financial Report: A statement of financial activities and detailed balance sheet had been circulated prior to the meeting. Canon Dave said what a difference the weddings make to the finances of the church.

Gutters: The PCC had all received a copy of the QI report. The architect had been asked to provide a schedule of works for the gutters/rainwater goods so that quotes could be obtained from suitable builders.

Joe Clark raised the idea of having a full structural report done on the building, which would result in a 'Master Plan' of work needing to be done. Liz Bradshaw to ask the architect, Peter Rogan what the cost of a structural engineer to undertake a full survey would be.

David Jackson said that it was essential that we move on with the guttering and pointing as soon as possible and the meeting agreed with this.

Update on Grants: David Novokovic reported that All Churches Trust have offered us a series of donations for amounts between £7,000 - £10,000. Applications are subject to approval and can take 3 - 6 months to be processed. There are other charities that can be applied to for various grants. Canon Dave thanked David for his work.

Fundraising: September Event - various titles were discussed and the final decision was "St. Peter's Presents....Five Evenings of Entertainment." Events will take place during the week beginning Monday 25th September and will include talks by Roy Hattersley, Steve Porter, Christine Robinson, Dave Perkins and will end on the Saturday with a concert by the Derbyshire Singers. Tickets £10 each; 3 nights £25; 4 nights £35 and £40 for all five evenings.

Hallamshire Military Brass Band - concert 9th December 7.30. Tickets £10

Murder Mystery evening - Nadine had sourced material for this. and a script would be purchased for £55 - possibly entitled 'Who Killed the Vicar?'

Gift Day - Many churches in the Diocese hold a 'Gift Day' where church vestments, treasures etc. are put on view and people coming to see them make a gift. Dave said he would investigate this further.

Sheffield Folk Choral - A possible concert next December (2018) by this well-known group of singers, who have a large following.

Foundation Governor: Claire Cadogan's term of office as a Foundation Governor at Pilsley School has expired. However, Claire has said she is willing to continue and the meeting agreed this offer be accepted.

Any Other Business: Safeguarding - Sarah Porter, from Beeley PCC, has offered to be Safeguarding Officer for both churches. Sarah has been on a course set up by the Diocese and the PCC gratefully accepted this offer. Canon Dave said he would ask Sarah to come to the next meeting to talk to the PCC about the new Safeguarding rules and regulations.

Cynthia Gordon has the chance of borrowing a floor cleaning machine and the PCC were happy for her to use this on the church floor providing a non-aggressive cleaning agent was used. Mike Pindar had offered to help with this. Margaret Perkins has the use of a polishing machine and has offered to polish the tiles in the Sanctuary.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th October, 7.30pm in the Vicarage, Edensor.
The Meeting closed with the Grace.

Derbyshire Woodland Festival

Now in its seventeenth year the Woodland Festival, organised by Derbyshire County Council, gets ever more popular. Held in the beautiful, historic grounds of Elvaston Castle near Derby it attracts visitors from all over the county and beyond. The Festival, which celebrates traditional and contemporary woodland crafts, offers a great day out for all the family. There are lots of activities for children, delicious food, bespoke gifts, plants and an array of stalls. Visitors can watch expert craftspeople at work and have a go themselves. Find out about fire lighting, survival skills, chair making, willow weaving, the legend of the Green Man and much more. Entry to the Festival is free of charge but special car parking charges apply - £8 per car and £4 per motorcycle. There are charges for some of the activities. Dogs are welcome on leads. Find out more by visiting www.derbyshire.gov.uk/woodlandfestival or calling 01629 533870.



Contactless card payments now available in Dales car parks

Parking in the Derbyshire Dales has been made even easier following additional improvements to council owned car parks.

Following an upgrade to the payment machines, residents and visitors will now have the option of paying by credit or debit card, including contactless payment, in many of the pay and display car parks.

In addition to traditional coin transactions, Derbyshire Dales District Council has introduced the contactless card payment feature in 26 of its 33 car parks and all

machines have recently been converted to accept the new 12-sided pound coins. There are also further plans to introduce the option of making payment by mobile phone.

A District Council spokesperson commented: "We are committed to making sure our car parks are welcoming and accessible to all residents and visitors. That's why we are investing in them to make sure our customers have great facilities and various options of paying for parking."

More information about car parks operated by the District Council can be found by visiting www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/carparks.

Five point plan to secure the future of the UK's church buildings

A five-point plan to secure the future of the UK's church buildings has been set out by the National Churches Trust. It runs as follows.

1. Prioritise the maintenance of church buildings.

When it comes to historic churches, regular maintenance is better than expensive structural repairs. So, 'maintenance and conservation,' rather than 'repair and replacement'. Also, provide better support to volunteers who look after church buildings.

2. Make more churches 'centres' for the community.

More churches need modern facilities, such as toilets, kitchens and heating. Modern facilities mean that church buildings can be used as venues for the arts, leisure, social action and other community activities and can host facilities such as post offices and libraries. 83% of British adults think that churches, chapels and meeting houses play an important role for society as they provide a space in which community activities can take place, according to a recent ComRes poll.

3. Put churches firmly on the visitor and tourist map.

Churches, chapels and meeting houses are treasure houses of heritage and history, and more should

be done to help churches attract visitors. As well as bringing new people through the doors, attracting visitors brings with it additional income through donations and gift purchases.

4. Create a one-stop shop for churches applying for funding for repairs and maintenance.

The UK's churches will always require funding from a variety of sources to pay for repairs, maintenance and new facilities. But churches seeking funding have to navigate a complex web of grant-giving trusts, foundations and heritage organisations to access the money they need. The church heritage sector should streamline the grant application process, possibly through creating a funding portal. This would allow churches to submit one application to reach as many potential funders as possible.

5. Open church buildings every day.

Church buildings need to be open every day so the public can enjoy their beauty, history and sense of prayerfulness. Though there is still a widespread view that churches need to be kept locked to prevent theft or vandalism, an open church can often be safer, as the local community then becomes more engaged with the building.

Siegfried Sassoon - war poet

One of the leading poets of the First World War, Siegfried Sassoon, died 50 years ago, on 1st September 1967. His intense, dramatic verses highlighted the futility of war and attacked those who, in his view, sought to prolong it.

Sassoon was also known for his prose, particularly the semi-autobiographical *Memoirs of a Foxhunting Man* and its sequels, published in the 1920s and 30s.

He was the product of a wealthy Kent family: his father was a notable Jewish merchant and his mother came from a family of artists and sculptors. He went to Marlborough School and Cambridge University but did not obtain a degree. He served with distinction in the First World War, earning the Military Cross in 1916 for bringing wounded soldiers to safety.

He was discharged after being injured but remained deeply affected by the horrors of war, writing the anti-war "Soldiers' Declaration" and flinging his MC into the Mersey – at least, that is what everyone thought, until it turned up at his ex-wife's former home on the Isle of Mull in 2007.

Instead of being court-martialed, he was sent to Craiglockhart Military Hospital in Edinburgh for treatment. Here he met Wilfred Owen, several years younger than him, who was inspired to write Great War poetry himself. He was killed a week before the war ended after returning unnecessarily to the front – despite Sassoon trying to prevent him from doing so.

In his later years Sassoon became a devout Roman Catholic, and his final poems reflected that.

The Church Wardens

As the pace of life quickens again, so does the workload for Church Wardens....

Nigel Beeton

Churches stand in ev'ry parish
Of this green and pleasant land
Some are small, yet so historic
Some are large, ornate, and grand.

Some have roofs that need repairing
Some have other wear and tear
Some have beetles, rot, or woodworm
But they all need loving care!

Thousands, then, of ancient churches
Being kept up to their prime
In the care of all those wardens
Giving freely of their time.

Yet much more than just the buildings
Occupy these sterling folk!
Rotas, meetings, service duties
Yet you'll hear them laugh and joke!

So, to all these lovely people
Who have so much work to do
And do it all without complaining
From our hearts, we say "Thank you!"

Pilgrim Journeys – pilgrimage for walkers and armchair travellers

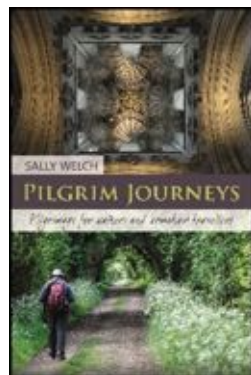
By Sally Welch, BRF, £7.99

Bouncing along a clifftop path with a toddler dropping biscuit crumbs down your neck might not be everyone's idea of pilgrimage, but for writer, priest and pilgrim Sally Welch it most certainly is.

This delightful book is the fruit of over 20 years of being one of those folk who, in Chaucer's famous words, 'longen... to goon on pilgrimages'. Full of information and insight, wisdom and humanity, Pilgrim Journeys interweaves the bracingly practical – rucksacks and blisters – with the profoundly spiritual, and adds a good measure of surprising history and thought-provoking geography on top.

Each chapter describes a route – 'as famous as Rome or as little known as Binsey' – and explores a theme, offering reflections and approaches that can be used at home as well as on the road: 'Be true to your journey', 'Carry only what is necessary', 'Rejoice in your companions', 'Tread lightly upon the earth'.

'True pilgrims,' writes Sally, 'do not cease to be pilgrims once the journey is complete: they take the lessons and insights learned from the journey back into their lives at home.'



No men

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she decided to request that there be no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, *'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, so I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'*

No shame in a doggy bag

Next time you are eating out, and have more food than you really want, don't let the restaurant bin it – ask for a doggy bag. In Scotland, the Good to Go campaign is aiming to introduce doggy bags in all

restaurants, and thus cut down on the enormous waste in uneaten restaurant food. According to research, 75 per cent of us would like to ask for a doggy bag, but 42 per cent admit to being too embarrassed to do so.

‘England’s Rose’

*The Rev Paul Hardingham remembers
Diana, Princess of Wales...*

This month marks 20 years since the funeral of Princess Diana on 6th September 1997. Recently Prince William described how his mother’s death was like an earthquake, the shockwaves taking time to sink in. When we remember the days leading up to the funeral, the whole nation seemed touched by her death. Over 32 million people watched the funeral on television. As we look back to this event, what is its continuing significance?

As those made in the image of God, we are called to reach out to show love to others. ‘Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.’ (1 John 4:7). Princess Diana did this, especially to the vulnerable in our society, remembering especially her work with AIDS sufferers and landmine victims. However, she was also a flawed individual, who fought various ‘demons’ in her own life and struggled with relationships. People identified with her humanity as one

like us: fallible, weak, yet more than good enough.

There is always something powerful about vulnerability in others; we can identify with them because, like us, they don’t have it all together. God uses flawed people in his purposes, as we clearly see in the pages of the Bible: Abraham, Moses, David and Paul, to mention just a few!

Ironically, Mother Theresa died the day before Diana’s funeral. Again, she was somebody who was much loved for her work among the poor. However, despite being declared a saint last year, she openly talked about the vulnerability of her faith. Mother Teresa revealed that she spent nearly 50 years without a tangible feeling of God’s presence in her life! It’s not easy to be a perfect saint!

‘I think the biggest disease the world suffers from in this day and age is the disease of people feeling unloved.’ (Princess Diana).

Are our local children getting breakfast?

As the back to school rush begins, how many children will be going to school on an empty stomach? According to recent research by the

Trussell Trust, it seems that nearly half of children needing help from food banks last summer were in primary school, and more than a quarter were under the age of five years old.

The Hobbit –

celebrating the 80th anniversary
Tim Lenton looks back on the genius of Tolkien...

J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy novel *The Hobbit* was first published 80 years ago, on 21st September 1937. With a number of revisions, it has remained in print ever since. Today it has sold 100 million copies and been translated into about 50 languages, including Icelandic and West Frisian.

It has also spawned a trilogy of films which, although flawed, are spectacular in scope.

Tolkien was Professor of Anglo-Saxon at the University of Oxford. He was also a devout Roman Catholic, whose vision of Jesus' story as a 'true myth' helped convert his friend C. S. Lewis to Christianity.

Tolkien had an academic fascination for ancient languages, particularly Old Norse, but he also produced a series of amusing poems and stories for his

children. All this came together in *The Hobbit* which, while primarily a children's book, created a rich fantasy world that was a precursor of the one underlying his major, profound fantasy epic, *The Lord of the Rings*.

The original manuscript of *The Hobbit* was two years in the making, and circulated originally among his friends. Through contact with one of Tolkien's students at Oxford, the publisher George Allen & Unwin obtained a copy, and the 10-year-old son of the owner gave it an enthusiastic thumbs-up.

The initial run of 1,500 copies sold out within three months, and further runs proved similarly popular.

Tolkien wrote that in creating these stories, his allegiance was to Christ and the Church. He felt myths generally were part of our God-created imagination.

Smart home gadgets

We are falling in love with smart gadgets in our homes. Sales of various items have increased more than six-fold in the last two years.

John Lewis has reported sharp surges in sales of intelligent lighting, heating systems, air purifiers and fridges. Such items can be controlled remotely, via your smartphone. But there is a downside: cyber-crime is soaring, and criminals would just love to gain control of your home...

China opens its arms to the Bible – with 30 years help from Bible Society

Here is a 'good news' story which will encourage readers ...

Just over 40 years ago, the Bible was a banned book in China. But today, in this largely atheist country, the Bible is a best seller. In China today, you will find churches so full that their congregants spill out on the pavement. Those in rural areas often walk for hours just to attend a service, while more and more city-dwellers can be found in churches – both underground and state-run – on a Sunday morning.

What's more, copies of the Bible – once a banned book in China – are now within reach through local churches and specially-licensed bookshops. And those Bibles are desperately needed. As one Chinese Christian explains: 'The fire of revival has been burning in China for 30 years. But if we want it to keep burning, we need to feed it with God's word.'

It's a remarkable story. And over the last 30 years, the Bible Society has been at the heart of it. Over

decades, through working with the registered Church, they have carved out a unique ministry in China. For it was back in 1987, in response to requests from Chinese church leaders, that Bible Society helped to establish the Amity Printing Company. In 2008, it moved to a larger, upgraded facility, the size of 12 football pitches and with the capacity to print 20 million Bibles a year. It's now the world's biggest Bible printing factory!

Bible Society is still hard at work, printing and distributing Bibles across the country, helping to strengthen the roots of the Chinese Church, and to help new believers grow into mature followers of Jesus.

Here are just some of the numbers that describe the Bible Society's work in China:

68 million Chinese Bibles printed from its press since 1987.

55,000 local churches with whom it is connected.

77 distribution centres from which it bases itself.

48 Bible vans taking Bibles wherever they need to go.

How much cash do you have?

How much cash do you carry around with you these days? It seems that the typical Briton now carries around about £5 in cash, and counts

on their card to pay for the rest. One in ten of us have even given up carrying a wallet or purse, preferring the card in our pocket, instead.

A Rite of Passage – BIG School

Canon David Winter considers the new school term...

September is an important month for many 11-year olds. After six years in a cosy Primary, they will be off to 'Big School'. Most children have enjoyed school, making friends, feeling at home, comfortable with lessons and teachers. They probably knew the name of every child in the school.

But now they know it will be different. Of course, it's exciting to move on, proudly trying on the new uniform and working out which of your friends are going to the same school. But the anticipation will be tempered with a little apprehension. What's it like being in a school of perhaps over a thousand students,

and maybe a hundred teachers? Parents may have a few anxieties, too. The teenage experience lies ahead: the sulks, the hormones, the moods, the highs and lows of awakening sexuality. How will they cope, and how will we?

The great thing for the parents is that every single one of them has actually experienced it themselves. This is not uncharted territory, and we survived it, and can remember how it felt – and how our own parents dealt with it. We shall discover, as they did, that it's not easy being mum or dad to a teenager, but we also know that out of those turbulent years will emerge a new, grown-up relationship that is life-long and life-enhancing.

The comfort of a staff

"Your rod and your staff, they comfort me" Psalm 23.4

Shepherds used to use a tall staff with a crook neck for caring for their sheep. They could slip the crook end around a lamb that had wandered off and fallen into a ditch, and lift it out to safety and comfort. At other times, the shepherd would use his staff to deftly prod a wayward sheep back onto the right path. Then again, there were always the reluctant sheep who were simply afraid to go forward.

Many a Christian has found that our Good Shepherd uses his heavenly staff in much the same way. Sometimes we fall into circumstances beyond our control, and need rescuing and comfort. Other times, we are stubborn and going our own way – and need a firm hand to prevent us causing even more trouble. And finally, there are those times when we are too timid to move forward and grasp what God has given us for the next stage in our lives. Then, we need a firm, loving push!

THE WAY I SEE IT: The Blame Game

Canon David Winter considers our need to look for a villain...

'It's her fault!' That, along with 'it's not fair!' is among the first sentences most children learn. Something's been broken, someone's in tears, and the Blame Game has begun. The awful truth is, we don't grow out of it. Look at any newspaper or watch daytime television and you'll see it played out endlessly.

Years ago, a battle-hardened journalist told me that 'in news there are no accidents'. Of course, in fact there are. But after every well-publicised incident the media and aggrieved parties ensure that the endless hunt for someone – anyone – to blame and punish goes on, even if it takes years.

When the tower in Siloam fell, the crowds didn't ask Jesus who was to

blame (they simply assumed it was an 'act of God'). They wanted to know if the 18 victims were particular sinners, to suffer such a fate. No, he said, they weren't – though they should all amend their ways. The crowd weren't concerned with blame, but consequence. It sometimes seems we've reversed that, in the modern world, and replaced consequence with blame. Somehow it will all be better if someone is punished – or is made to pay heavy compensation.

Every time we say the Lord's Prayer we ask for forgiveness, but add 'as we forgive those who sin against us'. It may well be their fault, but we are not seeking a penalty for it. That seems a healthy, if radical, alternative to the Blame Game

Work that involves caring is good for you

It is good to keep working. The UK's Chief Medical Officer, Professor Dame Sally Davies, in a recent annual report on the state of the nation's public health, said that the health benefits of staying in work, as a volunteer, in paid employment or as part of a community group, 'cannot be overestimated'.

Work that involves caring is also excellent for you. A former nurse, June Shepherd, is now 81, but still loves working as a carer, even though she is looking after some clients younger than herself.

"I think it's the most rewarding way I can spend my time, particularly as many clients are isolated and often feel quite alone," she said. She says she cannot imagine a time when she would want to retire from her job.

29th September - St. Michael & All Angels

Angels Unawares

by Canon David Winter

One of those surveys which some newspapers love to publish, claimed recently that a large number of British people believe in angels – almost as many, in fact, as claimed to believe in God. They didn't tell us what people meant by 'angels'. I suspect quite a few were thinking of young children who die, who are often now said to be 'angels' 'up there'. They're not, of course. They are transformed human beings. Be that as it may, when Christians celebrate the feast of St Michael and All Angels later this month, there will be many of us, inside and outside churches, who will wonder exactly what or who we are celebrating.

Most simply, the word in the New Testament means 'messenger'. An 'angel' is a being who brings to us

God's message or his help. In the Bible angels are variously described. The familiar notion of wings and flight comes from a vision given to Isaiah in the Temple when he was being called as a prophet. The angel Gabriel, who told Mary that she was chosen to be the mother of the Messiah, is not described at all, but his words are recorded in detail. Angels speak to people in dreams (Joseph, the husband of Mary, for instance) and Jesus spoke of 'angels' who particularly care for children ('guardian angels').

Most people, even very devout ones, have never knowingly encountered an angel, I guess. However, the New Testament tells us that in 'showing hospitality to strangers' some of us have 'entertained angels without knowing it'. Clearly wings and eyes of flame are not obligatory. Just human care. 'Oh, go on, be an angel and make me a cup of tea!'

What it takes to succeed

Ever wonder why some people are more 'successful' than others? It may be because they have the five 'life skills' that are critical in achieving any kind of sustained success.

According to scientists at University College, London, the five critical 'life skills' that you need to succeed are:

emotional stability, determination, control, optimism and conscientiousness.

Together, these habits are thought to form a firm bedrock on which to build your life. The team from UCL looked at data from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing, and found that highly skilled people even walked more quickly than others, and rate their health very highly.

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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August
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September
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Bet you can't take a selfie of this one....

The first-ever photograph of the Earth and Moon together in a single image was sent back by NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft 40 years ago, on 18th September 1977.

As viewed by the space probe, the Earth is beyond the Moon – and because the Earth is much brighter than the moon, the moon's brightness was enhanced by a factor of three in the image so that both bodies would show clearly.

Voyager 1 was launched in September 1977 and flew by Jupiter and Saturn before continuing outward. Today it is in interstellar space, and has been for five years.

Voyager 1 and Voyager 2, launched the same year, have enough electrical power and thruster fuel to operate at least until 2020. By that time, Voyager 1 will be 13.8 billion miles from the Sun. Exact distances for the two spacecraft are updated second by second at <https://voyager.jpl.nasa.gov/where/>

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 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

SERVICES & ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
3	9.30am	Holy Communion	Mrs Hopkins	6 th -9 th Jane Hornsby
10	NO SERVICE AT St.Anne's - joint service at St. Peter's			
17	9.30am	Holy Communion	Barbara Hawksworth	20 th -23 rd Rupert & Liz
24	9.30am	Holy Communion	" "	
	3pm	Harvest Thanksgiving Service		
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
3	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Liz Bradshaw	
10	10.45am	Holy Communion*	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
17	10.45am	Matins	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
24	10.45am	Holy Communion & Harvest Thanksgiving	John Bowns/Mike Pindar	
*Note: on 10th September Bishop Jan (Bishop of Repton) will celebrate and preach at the service of Holy Communion. This will be a joint service with St. Anne's				
	<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
3	Mr & Mrs Sherwood		Mr & Mrs Jackson	Janet Cosgrove
10	M Douglas/Diana Maskery		Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Wedding Flowers
17	Mr & Mrs Carter		Mr & Mrs Wardle	Gillian Caird
24	Clive & Joy Thrower		Mr & Mrs Carter	Harvest decorations*
*If you would like to help to decorate the church for the Harvest please come along on Saturday 23rd at 10am.				
	<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
3	Jeremiah 15: 15-21 Matthew 16: 21-28		Christine Robinson <i>Trinity Twelve</i>	Phoebe Porter <i>Family Service</i>
10	Ezekiel 33: 7-11 Matthew 18: 15-20		Duke of Devonshire <i>Trinity Thirteen</i>	<i>no service at St. Anne's</i>
17	Romans 14: 1-12 Matthew 18: 21-35		Mavis Cunningham <i>Trinity Fourteen</i>	Claire Cadogan SS Sarah Porter
24	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 Luke 12: 16-30		David Jackson <i>Harvest Thanksgiving</i>	Fiona Lichfield <i>No Sunday School</i>

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