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# The Bridge



BEELEY WITH EDENSOR  
*including CHATSWORTH, CALTON LEES & PILSLEY*  
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It isn't always possible to predict how someone is going to react in a given situation. Some people who seem very ordinary and timid most of the time turn out to be superb in a crisis, while the person we all thought would be brave and confident goes to pieces completely. Some people cope in a very calm and calculated way with sadness and loss but are totally thrown by unexpected happiness or good fortune, as though it disturbs their whole understanding of how the world is supposed to be. Some people can only be at ease when they are in charge of a situation, and some can't cope with responsibility at all but are fine if they are told what to do. People are all different.

So it is only to be expected that people reacted very differently to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Some of Jesus' followers had been expecting the worst for some time, even before he was crucified. Other disciples were sure, right up to the last minute, that Jesus would pull some spectacular trick out of the bag and save himself. They had seen him do so many miraculous things, after all.

So it became clear that nothing was going to happen to save Jesus, that he really was going to die, that their world was now turned upside down, and so they scattered in devastated disarray.

People's reactions to the resurrection are just as varied. The empty tomb means very different things to the people who see it. For Peter, the dark mouth of the cave is a channel for the rebirth of hope. He had been right about Jesus: he did have one more spectacular miracle to perform after all. He sees the empty tomb and is eager to spread the good news.

But for Mary Magdalene, the black hole of the empty tomb is still about loss. Where is the dead body on which she had intended to lavish her loving tears? She is so far gone in the grief that she had been expecting for so long that she cannot feel any hope until she sees Jesus with her own eyes.

People are all different. Jesus knew that, and he treated them accordingly.

God knows that because he created us. But we who want to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord don't always remember how different people are. What makes each one of us come to faith in Christ and go on believing and trusting in his new life will vary from person to person. Jesus can be encountered in many different ways. Our task at this Easter time and always, is to discern what it is that people need in order to meet the risen Christ. Some need to meet Jesus in grief, some in hope, some in a simple human touch. Some in anger at the cruelty of how millions of people in the world are treated with injustice. Jesus wants to meet everyone where they can find him, so that all may share his risen life. There isn't a package deal, only new life.

A very happy and blessed Easter to you all.  
Canon Dave

**St. Peter's Church, Edensor**  
presents  
**A RISKY PROPOSITION**

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm**

Nicholas Hobbs tells the story of how he was entrusted to design and make new furniture for Lincoln Cathedral. An illustrated talk with Prototypes and Scale Models.

**Tickets £10 each from Liz Bradshaw 01246 582421/07803 317402;**

**Christine Robinson 01246 582938/07752 159637;**

**Nicholas Hobbs 01629 823445; Cromford Post Office & on the door**

**All proceeds to St. Peter's Church, Edensor**

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### **Dates for your Diary - April**

- 10 **BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall  
**Ice Cream Factory** From cow to ice cream...how it is made -  
*Matlock Meadows* *Raffle: Terry*
- 17 **BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** 7pm Beeley Village Hall  
Frank Robinson talking on 'Excavations in the Horse Pastures'
- 18 **CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage  
'Mastermind Experience' - David Down  
*Competition: A decorated egg* *Vote of Thanks: Jo* *Teas: Sue Smith & Jean*

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

#### **St. Peter's Church, Edensor**

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect two churchwardens and an assistant churchwarden will be held on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April**, following the morning service (Sheep Service). All residents of the ecclesiastical parish of Edensor and on the local government electoral roll or those on the church electoral roll are entitled to vote.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow this meeting and only those on the church electoral roll may vote at this meeting. However, it is open to anyone else to attend.

#### **ST. PETER'S CHURCH, EDENSOR**

#### **ANNUAL SHEEP SERVICE**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April ~ 10.45am



You are invited to come and share with us in celebrating the birth of the lambs and the care and work of shepherds and farmers.

### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

#### **ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR ~ WEDDING**

3<sup>rd</sup> March ~ Richard John Nuttall & Samantha Parkin

#### **ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY ~ FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY CREMATION**

8<sup>th</sup> March ~ Christopher Paul Gummer aged 72years

R.I.P

Vernon Mather MBE *died* 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## **Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018**

*Nine members of the PCC were present and one apology was received from Joe Clark*  
Canon Dave opened the meeting with prayers.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December: There was an amendment to the Minutes regarding the new Parish Giving Scheme: adoption of this scheme was proposed by David Jackson and seconded by Liz Bradshaw and approval was given with one abstention. The Minutes were then signed and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising: Work highlighted by the Electrical Inspection had been completed. The Toilet Twinning plaques had been hung on the wall in the toilet. Clive Robinson was thanked for doing this.

Report from the Chair: Canon Dave said that the Christmas services were well attended and services for Holy Week and Easter now planned, the donkeys will again take part in the Palm Sunday procession. There are currently 14 weddings planned for this year and requests for Baptisms are increasing.

Financial report: Re the Parish Giving Scheme, David Mundy to be invited to come along one Sunday morning to give a brief talk to the congregation about how this works on a date when Canon Mark can also be there. The weekly freewill offering envelopes will be phased out at the end of this year.

The Draft Accounts had been circulated to the PCC prior to the meeting and these would now be sent to the auditors ready for acceptance at the next meeting.

Canon Mark suggested that money be set aside regularly for future maintenance.

Safeguarding: All those needing a DBS check have been contacted and where necessary given the forms to complete.

Spire Work Report: Via email, and with one exception, the PCC had all agreed to go ahead with the work on the spire at a cost of £14,313 + VAT. The resolution to accept this decision was proposed by David Jackson and seconded by Liz Bradshaw. The Minute showing this would now be sent to the Archdeacon, who had given approval for the work subject to this formal acceptance.

Schedule of Works - Gutters: At a meeting with Richard Brook, church architect, Canon Dave and the churchwardens had taken advice on the two quotes received for this work and recommended that the PCC accept the quote from Pearce Roofing, which was £80,486 + VAT. (Both quotes had been circulated to the PCC after the last meeting).

This was proposed by David Jackson and seconded by Nadine Harrington. The architect will be asked to contact Pearce Roofing to this effect and draw up a full and detailed brief and business plan.

Update on Grants: David Novokovic will begin filling in grant application forms, but as most will require 'Match Funding' we will need at least £41,00 up front to be successful.

Fundraising: Nicholas Hobbs: A Risky Proposition - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May tickets £10

Edensor Village Day - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Murder Mystery Evening - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Sheffield Folk Chorale - Canon Dave will contact them to give a Christmas Concert at St Peter's, date to be arranged.

AOB: The meeting was shown a sample of fabric which will be made into a new altar frontal, to be paid for from the donation given in memory of the Dowager.

Future Events: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Sheep Service followed by the Annual Church Mtg.

15<sup>th</sup> March PCC meeting to approve the annual accounts.

The Meeting closed with The Grace.

## 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.

## The Padley Centre

We are collecting: All types of clothing for adults - with undoubtedly more cold weather to come, warm clothing including warm socks, gloves, hats, scarves etc.; warm sleeping bags are very welcome. Food - tins of meat, fish, soup and tomatoes; dried food such as pasta; biscuits and chocolate are always welcome.

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 and particularly with the cold weather we have been experiencing when more people have been in need of assistance.

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

1st prize £30 no. 5 Roger Sherwood  
2nd prize £20 no. 87 Evelyn Aris-Fowkes

Funds to church this month - £50  
Thank you for your continued support.

Ann Hall

### 'SPICE' Sunday

The next 'SPICE' Sunday at St. Peter's will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Please remember to bring your 5pence pieces and ask anyone who collects for you to get them to you by that date. Thank you.

## **YOGA FOR ALL**

**A Hatha Yoga class suitable for all abilities**

**Mondays 9:30 – 11:00am**

*with Sarah Jenkins*

**Rowsley Village Hall**

If you would like to try this class, just come along (the class is term-time only) or contact Sarah 07598 937156 to find out more.

Our classes are subsidized by the Big **Lottery Fund**

## **BASLOW CHOIR & HOLYMOORSIDE CHORAL SOCIETY**

**AT SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL**

**Saturday 21st April 2018 - 7.30pm**

Baslow Choir and Holymoorside Choral Society are joining forces for a spectacular Spring Concert. This is the first time the two choirs have performed a joint concert and it promises to be a great event. They will be accompanied by *Hallam Sinfonia* along with guest soloists and conductor *Andrew Marples*.

Programme: *Messa di Gloria* by Puccini and *The Music Makers* by Edward Elgar.

Tickets £12 or £6 (under 13s) and are available from choir members, Baslow Spar shop and Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre.

Online at [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com) or [info@holymoorsidechoral.co.uk](mailto:info@holymoorsidechoral.co.uk) or by phone on 01433 631586.

This is sure to be a popular event so be sure to get your tickets soon before they sell out.

## **BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY**

*8<sup>th</sup> April 2018*

### **Red Sorghum**

1987 China, Certificate 15, 91 minutes

Drama, History, Romance

In 1930s China a young woman is sent by her father to marry the leprous owner of a winery. In the nearby red sorghum fields she falls for one of his servants. When the master dies she finds herself inheriting the isolated business.

*Introduction by Ken Watson*

## **1<sup>st</sup> April ~ EASTER – the most joyful day of the year**

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in His joy! **Hallelujah!**

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will still be 'growing' in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for Good Friday: Friday 7 April 30 AD or Friday 3 April, 33 AD, with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these the most likely.

Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox,

which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an 'ecclesiastical full moon', which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22 March, which last fell in 1818. The latest is 25 April, which last happened in 1943.

Why the name, 'Easter'? In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month', but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So, Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.



## General Synod backs motion to tackle food waste

The Church of England's General Synod recently called upon the Government to tackle food poverty and take steps to minimise waste throughout the supply chain.

Members backed a motion brought by the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich outlining ways retailers and Church of England members can attempt to tackle food poverty in Britain. The motion calls for the Government to consider steps to reduce waste in the food supply chain. It also urges parishes to help lobby retailers on food waste.

The motion also stressed the need for church members to reduce waste in their own homes. Presenting the motion, the Revd Andrew Dotchin said: 'The figures on food waste in our nation are horrible.'

Although there is no official measure of food poverty in the UK, a recent United Nations survey found that in 2014, an estimated 8.4 million people in the UK were living in households with insufficient food.

The Revd Dotchin said: 'We must work not only with shops and the supply chain – and our thanks and support go to retailers who have already made a commitment to reducing food waste – but also work alongside the many charities and community groups who, with us, treasure the world and its people.'

*Note: There is a collection point in the Co-op in Bakewell for the High Peak Food Bank, which is based in the United Reform Church, Hardwick Square East, Buxton. Do take a look at their website [www.highpeakfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.highpeakfoodbank.co.uk)*

### Read us a Bible Story!

Do you have any spare time in which you might visit your local primary school? \* Bible Society is looking for volunteers to help run their Open the Book scheme in schools across the country. In the UK, two out of five children have never had the Bible read to them. You could change that for your local children!

More than 15,000 volunteer storytellers have already signed up,

but many more are needed. To put it simply, if your local school does not yet have an Open the Book group, then you are needed. Details at: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/>

\*Mrs Bond, Head of Pilsley School says: 'We haven't got an 'Open the book group' but we do read from the Bible regularly in Collective Worship. Pilsley School would be open to volunteers coming in to read with the children but they would have to go through the necessary DBS checks etc.

## **THE WAY I SEE IT: Rivers of Blood?**

*Canon David Winter remembers Enoch Powell's famous speech...*

It's not often that a speech by a politician becomes part of national history, but on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1968, fifty years ago, one certainly did. Enoch Powell, a member of the Heath Government, made a speech at a gathering in London in which, in opposing the Race Relations Bill then before Parliament, he offered a frightening vision of a Britain torn apart by racial conflict.

'As I look ahead', he said, 'I am filled with foreboding, like the Roman I see the Tiber river foaming with much blood'. He was quoting from the Latin poet Vergil, but the image was widely circulated and this became known as the 'rivers of blood' speech. He was sacked from the

Cabinet but became something of a folk hero to the many people in the UK who were then fearful of the effects of what they saw as mass immigration. For many years, and on both sides, this speech was cited as having a disastrous effect on race relations in Britain, though Powell himself, as Health Minister, had opened the way for migrants from the Caribbean, for instance, to come to Britain to shore up the depleted NHS.

There was for a couple of decades some violence on our streets, mainly in the big cities, but thankfully no 'rivers of blood', as most of us have learnt to live together peacefully. And that Race Relations Bill, duly passed, has certainly helped.

## **Plastic Challenge not just for Lent**

Those who gave up chocolate for Lent can now enjoy their Mars bars or flakes. The Lent Plastic Challenge created by the CofE's Environment Programme was given considerable coverage by the media, but giving up plastic just for Lent is really not on – we need to change our lifestyles and reduce the amount of plastic we use throughout the whole year.

The challenge's guide for each day is easily adaptable to use every day. This is something everyone can use and know it really can make a difference. Only one percent of the plastic in our oceans floats. Pictures of uninhabited islands which should be idyllic show huge amounts of plastic on their beaches. We can all do our bit to make the Lent challenge last the year round. Visit: [http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/Plastic\\_Free\\_Lent.pdf](http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/Plastic_Free_Lent.pdf)

## **23<sup>rd</sup> April ~ St George and Hiccup and the dragon**

The Rev Paul Hardingham considers the themes raised in 'How to Train your Dragon'...

Have you seen the film How to Train your Dragon? It's set in a Viking village under attack from dragons, who steal livestock and burn down houses. Hiccup, the village Chief's son, invents a machine to capture dragons. However, when he catches one of the most dangerous dragons, he cannot kill it, when he sees that the dragon is just as frightened as he is. Through this friendship, the people and dragons eventually live in harmony.

This month we celebrate St. George, the patron saint of England. He is famous for slaying a dragon, a tradition which became popular in the Middle Ages. Whether he killed an actual dragon is open to question! However, we do know that the original George was a Roman soldier at the time of Emperor Diocletian. He refused to renounce his faith, as

commanded by the Emperor, resulting in his death on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 303 AD.

The contrast is clear: St. George slayed the evil dragon, while Hiccup refused to kill one. However, they also have something important in common. Both acted according to their conscience, defying the popular understanding of those around them and not worrying about the personal cost to themselves. St. George was martyred for standing up for his faith in Jesus before a pagan emperor, while Hiccup risked rejection by his father and village because of his compassion.

Today, we are still called to stand for Christ against wrongs and injustice in daily life, whatever the personal cost. However, we also need to be ready to look our enemies in the eye and meet their hostility with love and compassion. This is why we also remember this month that Jesus died and rose again, so that we might have God's power to do this in our lives.

*Did you know that...*

It was 100 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1918, that Britain's Royal Air Force (RAF) was founded when the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service merged.

60 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April 1958, the first Aldermaston March was held. Members of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) walked from Hyde Park Corner, London to the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston, Berkshire.

## **The return of hope**

*Canon David Winter welcomes Easter*

This month starts with Easter, which is a lovely thought. Whatever else, Easter speaks of new life, of fresh starts and the return of hope.

The whole traditional story is about darkness defeated by a light which can never be extinguished. That's why, in our hemisphere, Easter seems to fit in well with the changing season. Fresh flowers in the graveyard match the Easter hymns inside the church: The Lord of life is risen today/ Bring flowers of song to strew his way'.

It's a strange fact that all through the long history of mankind, despite the evidence of our eyes, people have stubbornly refused to believe that

death is the end. They buried their dead with food and implements they would need in the next life, whatever name they gave it – Valhalla, the Elysian Fields, Abraham's Bosom or Nirvana. Jesus called it 'the kingdom of heaven' or 'eternal life'. The very idea of heaven is beyond our comprehension, because we can't image a life not lived in our familiar dimensions of space, time and physicality. But God lives beyond time and space, and Jesus said He is 'Spirit'.

It's good that there are some things to believe in which we cannot possibly understand now. Although one day, St Paul said, we shall. Until then we trust, and Easter hymns and flowers are signs of the annual return of hope.

## **Faith in Politics: new monthly podcast**

'Faith in Politics' has been called an 'exciting' new podcast series that features guests discussing topics from current affairs that link in with faith, has been launched by the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT).

The podcast is aimed at JPIT's existing supporters and activists, but aims to also appeal to a younger audience, thanks to their increased engagement with current affairs and politics, and the accessibility of social media and podcasts.

Those taking part in the podcasts are people who are living out a faith of some kind in public and political life. Guests will include the Co-Leader of the Green Party, Jonathan Bartley, Labour politicians, the Rt Hon Stephen Timms and Alan Milburn, and the Conservative politician and member of the House of Lords Baroness Sayeeda Warsi.

JPIT is supported by Baptists Together, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church, and the United Reformed Church. Visit: <http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/podcast/>



THE GREAT WAR  
1914 - 1918

## **Diary of a Momentous Year: April 1918: 'Stand firm and fight it out'**

April 1918 was possibly the last really low point in the War for the Allies. Casualties remained high – indeed, so high that it was felt necessary to extend conscription (compulsory military service) to all men up to the age of 50. There were setbacks on the Western Front, too. Another German operation, bizarrely named 'Georgette', was initially successful, pushing the front line back across the river Lys and capturing the towns of Armentieres and Merville.

Mind you, those names are evidence of how static this War had become, because they had been part of the battle zone almost throughout the war. By the end of the month, and at great cost, some of this territory was recaptured. Field Marshall Haig issued a rather desperate call in a 'Backs to the Wall' speech, calling on the troops to 'stand firm and fight it out'. There was at a high level a certain element of panic. Could the whole thing be lost after all those years of sacrifice?

Outwardly, Germany seemed surprisingly buoyant. They invaded Finland and had military gains in Russia, taking the city of Kharkov.

Their Operation Michael in France had also had some success. No wonder the Secretary of State for War, Lord Derby, resigned, to be replaced by Lord Milner. British generals and politicians were apparently unaware that the morale of the German people was falling, as international trade collapsed and the cost of the war began to bite. In fact the 'Michael' campaign ended in defeat at the battle of Ancre. The pattern of the War hadn't really changed: gains and losses were simply part of the stalemate, and both sides were approaching exhaustion.

There was, however, one historic first for Britain in this month, the birth of the Royal Air Force. I had an uncle who was in the Royal Flying Corps, which, with the Royal Naval Air Service, was now amalgamated in one fighting force. As if to mark the birth of the RAF, the most outstanding German pilot of the war, Manfred von Richthausen – known as the 'Red Baron' – was shot down and killed over the Somme. In the aerial dog-fights which were now a feature of the war, he had shot down no less than eighty British planes.

On 18<sup>th</sup> April 1918, the first of the 50-year-old men were recruited. How long would they serve, people wondered? In fact, by the time they finished their training, the war would be over.

## **The Royal British Legion launches THE SILENT SOLDIER**

The Royal British Legion has announced the launch of its SILENT SOLDIER campaign. The Silent Soldier is the near life-size silhouette of a First World War 'Tommy' which can be fixed to a wall or attached to an upright pole in public or private spaces.

It is anticipated that the Silent Soldier will be displayed across the UK by businesses, Churches and local authorities as a reminder of the sacrifices made by men and women of the armed forces during the First World War.

Churches are being invited to endorse the Silent Soldier concept and to sponsor and display one or more silhouettes throughout the period from September 2017 to late 2018 when the nation will be commemorating the Armistice and the end of hostilities.

The Silent Soldier silhouettes have at their base the words "1914-1918 Lest We Forget".

Silent Soldier silhouettes are cut from black cut dibond and are tough and weatherproof: they are supplied with bolts and with angle iron posts for free-standing display.

## **29<sup>th</sup> April, Mark - disciple, apostle, writer of the second gospel**

Mark, whose home in Jerusalem became a place of rest for Jesus and His 12 apostles, is considered the traditional author of the second gospel. He is also usually identified as the young man, described in Mark 14:51, who followed Christ after his arrest and then escaped capture by leaving his clothes behind.

Papias, in 130, said that in later years Mark became Peter's interpreter. If so, then this close friendship would have been how Mark gathered so much information about Jesus' life.

Peter referred to him affectionately as his 'son'.

Mark was also a companion to Paul on his journeys. When Paul was held captive at Rome, Mark was with him, helping him. Mark's Gospel, most likely written in Italy, perhaps in Rome, is the earliest account we have of the life of Jesus. Mark died about 74 AD.

Early in the 9th century Mark's body was brought to Venice, whose patron he became, and there it has remained to this day. The symbol of Mark as an evangelist, the lion, is much in evidence at Venice.

## Only one way to God

*Richard Bewes considers the incredible power of the Cross.*

*"For the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18)*

Jesus died on a Cross. So what? That is the reaction of most people today. They have seen crucifixes, and vaguely know the story of His death, but their reaction is only one of apathy, indifference and incomprehension.

In this, they are not alone! For way back in the first century, the citizens of Corinth would have agreed with them. To them, the Cross was utter 'foolishness' - the Greek word used is *moron*. Instead, the Greeks were looking for a world-view based on thinkers such as Plato.

A theologian was once asked to recommend a useful book on philosophy. He replied: 'The best book on philosophy that I know is John's Gospel. You'll find all the wisdom you are looking for right

there.' For while to the world of the ancient Greeks Plato was essential reading, today Plato is read only by the esoteric few, while John's Gospel continues to lead millions of people to the Cross - and to peace with God.

Meanwhile, to the apostle Paul's Jewish contemporaries - as against the Greeks - a crucified Messiah was a total disgrace! What they were interested in was *power*. They failed to see that out of the supposed 'weakness' of Christ's death came the power over human guilt and even death itself. As St Augustine observed, 'What a death - that gave death its death-blow!'

For the last 2,000 years, followers of Christ have found both 'wisdom' *and* 'power' - in one and the same Person. His saving death is the key. Jesus' death on that Cross was not a mistake, it was not a sign of weakness. It was a deliberate act on his part, to provide us with the only way possible to have our sins dealt with, and to be reconciled with God.

**Smile.....**

**Sidesman**

Sidesman to newcomer at church door: Good morning.

How far down do you wish to sit?

Baffled newcomer: 'Well, all the way, of course.'



## **Beware too much technology too young**

How do you get a normal nine-year-old to sit perfectly still for 7.25 hours a day? Put him or her in front of a television. And, over time, watch his or her health deteriorate.

Such is the message from a recent study on children and obesity. A group of European child-health experts have found a strong link between obesity and prolonged exposure to media and technology during children's formative years.

Today's toddlers spend an hour a day watching TV, but this rises

'dramatically' to 7.25 hours by the time they reach nine, and as they become more engrossed in other types of media.

A recent study published in the journal *Acta Paediatrica*, names these trends as contributing to childhood obesity levels, which have surged at an 'alarming rate' over the past 25 years.

It is reckoned that 19 per cent of European children and adolescents are overweight.

## **When did you last visit your local library?**

Libraries across the country continue to close. The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy shows that the number of libraries in Great Britain has fallen from 4,194 in 2012 to 3,745 in 2017, a drop of -11%. According to a recent report in *The Bookseller*, there were 3,917 in 2015 and 3,850 in 2016. Funding has also dropped, from £265 million in 2015 to £243 million in 2017.

## **What is the worst kind of boss to have?**

Not, it seems, the boss who is *always* nasty to you. Instead, beware the boss who is occasionally nasty and who attacks you out of the blue. Not being able to predict how their boss will react can cause great anxiety to staff.

It seems that a poor but consistent relationship with a manager is better than a relationship punctuated by unpredictable mood swings. 'If your boss is both pleasant and unpleasant to be around, it makes it hard to trust them. This makes staff feel anxious, causing poor performance at work.' The study was published in the *Journal of Management*.



## A Christian Pioneer for Women

*Canon David Winter remembers a very special lady...*

During this year's celebration of 'votes for women' – well, some women, to start with – a hundred years ago, the BBC ran a public poll to nominate the one woman who had made 'the most difference'.

People were nominated from different sectors of society – the arts, business, fashion, politics and so on – but unless I missed it there was no nomination for such a revolutionary figure in the world of religion.

So let me nominate one: Catherine Bramwell Booth. She was the granddaughter of William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, the first religious group to give women an equal role in leadership. Catherine was duly commissioned as an officer in the Army, rising to the rank of Commissioner – about the same as a bishop, I suppose.

In the sixties and seventies she became a media favourite, appearing on TV shows like Parkinson's and being voted 'Speaker of the Year' by the Guild of Toastmasters – although she, of course, was a life-long teetotaler. By then she was in her nineties, but still had an infectious sense of humour and an attractive media personality. All the while, though, she was committed to the Army's social and support work for women.

Three times she was nominated as General (archbishop, as one might say) of the Salvation Army, but she agreed that it would be wrong to appear to establish a Booth 'dynasty'. She lived to 104, long enough to see the arrival of women ministers in the Free Churches but ten years before Anglican women achieved it. William Booth had once said that 'some of my best men are women', which was, I suppose, a contemporary way of saying that they were equals. Actually, the amazing Catherine Bramwell Booth outshone them all!

### **The truth about 'text neck'**

Text neck is the condition where you damage your neck by leaning over your phone for extended periods of time. Some experts have warned of an 'epidemic' of text neck on the way.

Nonsense. So says the results of an extensive study, published in the

European Spine Journal. It concludes: 'Text neck isn't an epidemic – it isn't even a thing. The mechanics of looking at a phone are no different to reading a book, which we've done for centuries with few alarms.' After all, the study points out, the ancient Greeks did not suffer from 'scroll neck', nor the folk in the 1950s from 'newspaper neck'.

## **Would you be hungry if you had walked 250 miles?**

How far do you walk each day? 15 minutes to and from work or the bus stop? As a parent how far do you ask your child to walk?

For families now fleeing South Sudan for Uganda, the distance is very different: they have a 250-mile trip on foot, taking with them only what they can carry. That is like walking from London to the Isle of Man. And when they arrive, they are given only a bag of rice, some very basic supplies to make a shelter, and a plot of land which they are to farm. Provisions are given out only monthly. How long would you last in that situation?

This is why Feed the Hungry are running a desperately needed feeding

programme in Uganda, and the good news is that it takes only £24 to provide meals for six children for a month.

Feed the Hungry is a well-respected and established charity which has already delivered more than £200 millions of relief supplies to people in over 92 nations worldwide. They work closely with government agencies and local pastors and churches to ensure that the food reaches those who need it most. Currently, more than 150,000 children are being fed by the charity's 'Every Child, Every Day' programme. If you would like to help, please visit: <https://feedthehungry.org.uk/>

## **Working too hard? An odd way to find out**

Do you wonder if you are working too hard? There is a simple way to find out: how cold is your nose?

Scientists have recently discovered that when people focus hard on demanding mental tasks, their nervous system diverts blood flow into the brain, and extremities like the nose suffer first. In tests using thermal imaging cameras, it was

discovered that those feeling mentally overwhelmed had a nose temperature that had dropped by about one degree centigrade. The research was carried out by doctors from the Bioengineering Research Group at Nottingham University.

So, if the old adage of 'cold hands, warm heart' is true, perhaps we could add another: 'cold nose, warm brain'.

## **When Buckingham Palace opened**

*Tim Lenton remembers the historic 'opening' of Buckingham Palace.*

Buckingham Palace opened to the public for the first time following an announcement by the Queen 25 years ago this month, on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1993.

The aim was to raise money to pay for much of the restoration of Windsor Castle after the catastrophic fire of 1992: there had been widespread public opposition to the use of taxpayers' money to fund the work.

A review was scheduled after five years, but the Palace is still open to the public – for two months each August and September, while the Queen is at Balmoral.

The original adult entrance fee of £8 was criticised as rather high: the fee for adults today is £24.

The royal household hoped that about 400,000 visitors would come to see the Palace – much of it designed by John Nash for George IV – during the eight weeks it would be open. Visitor numbers have remained at more than 400,000 each year.

Much of the Palace, including the Queen's private apartments, has always remained closed, but the State Apartments and their collections of paintings, furniture and porcelain are on show, as is the famous balcony on which newly-wed royals traditionally kiss.

Nigel Beeton writes: 'There comes a point in every day, no matter how much or how little you've been able to do, when the one thing you really want to do is pour some boiling water over some dried leaves. Sounds daft, when you put it like that!'

### **That tea-time smile**

Some dried-out leaves  
Some water boiled  
How could they please?  
They should be spoiled!  
And yet we know  
On Britain's Isle  
That happy glow!  
That tea-time smile!

For if we're down  
Need cheering up?  
No one can frown  
With steaming cup!  
No other treats  
Appeal to me!  
Cos nothing beats  
A cup of tea!

*By Nigel Beeton*

## Nominal Christians

*Peter Brierley considers the numbers of Christians who rarely go to church.*

The phrase “nominal Christians” was moderately popular about 40 years ago, and the concept long before that, but it has grown out of fashion. When measured across the years the numbers of such have dropped, from some 9% of the UK population in 1980 to 7% by 2010 and likely 6% by 2020. A “nominal Christian” was defined as someone who was a church member, believed in God, but who never (or hardly ever) attended church.

But they were still included in church rolls, and only really discounted when they actually died. Active church members, however, who did attend church have also declined, from 8% in 1980 to 4% in 2010 and probably to 3% by 2020, showing the possibility that regular church attendance at one stage may become “nominal” at another, for example, through ageing, ill health or moving house.

However, other elements are at work. Many new people have joined

the church in the last few years. The Research and Statistics Department of the Church of England reports 42,000 new people joining the church every year between 2000 and 2015. That’s a lot of people, but unfortunately more now leave than join (24,000 a year die, and 17,000 move away and do not always join a new church).

Many of the new people, especially if they are under 50, are reluctant to become a “member”. They prefer the freedom of being able to go anywhere, as it were, rather than being tied to a particular church, even if they invariably attend the same one! People are also more reluctant to “commit” themselves to organisations in our current climate, fearing restrictions on their personal liberty of choice rather than duty.

In 1994 Grace Davie wrote a book with the subtitle “believing without belonging” and this seemed to strike a chord with many. They believed in God but didn’t want to belong to a church or even attend.

### **Tweet, tweet**

A good dose of birdsong can cheer you up, boosting your mental well-being for more than four hours, a study has found. Seeing trees and the sky is also a help.

In a recent study, King’s College researchers found that even short exposures to nature are hugely beneficial, especially ‘to those individuals who are at risk of poor mental health.’

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

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

### **New Patients Welcome**

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

**Patient Online:** Have you registered to use the online service, allowing you to book and cancel appointments on line and order your repeat medications? You can also request access to your Summary Care Record, and Detailed Coded Data contained within your medical records. You can also look at your test results\*.

### **Telephone Numbers:**

Reception: 01246 582216

District Nursing Team: 01246 584903

Surgery Fax: 01246 583867

Health Visitor: 01246 583270

Dispensary: 01246 582366

(The Dispensary line is open 12noon – 1.00pm and 2.00pm – 3.00pm)

### **Normal Surgery Opening Times**

Monday (7:30 – 19:00) Tues - Fri 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 - **11 April & 9 May from 1pm**

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

### **Patient Participation Group -**

(PPG) – If you want to be kept up to date and have the opportunity to express your views please consider joining Baslow's PPG. Contact Keith Maslen on [kmaslen@aol.com](mailto:kmaslen@aol.com) T.01246 582274 Virtual members welcome.

**Ordering Repeat Medication** All requests for repeat prescriptions must be:-

- In writing or with our on-line access
- Return form to surgery by Post/Fax/Box on Dispensary Reception
- **Allow two working days before collection**  
! To ease the parking congestion, please collect your prescription between 12:00 – 16:00

**Samples** – if you need to leave a sample with us please ensure it is labelled with your name and date of birth and returned in the bag.

**Test Results** – As we do not receive test results from hospital until lunchtime, please ring for these after 2pm. Or better still –why not register for the online service and view them for yourself!

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

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## How passion flowers got their name

Why is the passion flower known as the passion flower? This beautiful climbing plant that grows in many of our gardens is not native to the UK, but comes from South America. It was first discovered by Spanish missionaries working there, centuries ago. Drawings were sent back to Europe, and in 1609 an Italian priest interpreted the flower to represent the crucifixion, otherwise known as the Passion.

He decided that the five petals and five sepals could represent the ten disciples who remained steadfast (Judas and Peter both abandoned Jesus). The corona could be seen as Jesus' crown of thorns. The stigma could be seen as the cross or nails, and the five stamens could be seen as the number of wounds Jesus received.

## 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 APRIL 2018

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
<b>1</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	Fiona Lichfield & 8 <sup>th</sup> (Easter flowers)	4 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Rupert & Liz
<b>15</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	Sarah Porter	18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> Sarah Porter
<b>22</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	
<b>29</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	Gladys Hopkins	

**Note: No service on 8<sup>th</sup> April - there will be a joint service at St. Peter's**

<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>
<b>1</b>	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle
<b>8</b>	10.45am Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
<b>15</b>	10.45am Sheep Service	J Bowns/M Pindar
<b>22</b>	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon
<b>29</b>	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson & Mrs Bradshaw

<u>COFFEE</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
<b>1</b> John & Jill Caws	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Easter Lilies
<b>8</b> Mr & Mrs Bosett	Mr & Mrs Carter	Easter Lilies remain
<b>15</b> Mr & Mrs Sherwood	M Pindar/Jennie Ball	Christine Robinson
<b>22</b> Mr & Mrs Harding	Mr & Mrs Nelson	" "
<b>29</b> Mike Douglas + helpers	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	Janet Cosgrove

\* We will be decorating the church for Easter on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March** from 10.30am, do come along if you would like to help.

<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S &amp; SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
<b>1</b> Acts 10: 34-43 Mark 16: 1-8	Mavis Cunningham Easter Day	Evie Berkley-Smith Children in Service
<b>8</b> Acts 4: 32-35 John 20: 19-31	David Jackson Easter Two	No service at St. Anne's
<b>15</b> Special Readings Acts 3: 12-19 Luke 24: 36b-48	Head Shepherd Easter Three	Fiona Swain SS Sarah Porter
<b>22</b> Acts 4: 5-12 John 10: 11-18	John Bowns Easter Four	Sarah Porter No Sunday School
<b>29</b> Acts 8: 26-40 John 15: 1-8	Bob Carter Easter Five	Rupert Turner SS Claire Cadogan

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