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# The Bridge



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In September 2008 the Church of England printed a prayer in a free London newspaper aimed at commuters depressed at the prospect of returning to work after the summer break. The prayer sought God's help with "all the stuff we have going on with our lives": "bills to pay", "love-life issues", an "overflowing inbox on the computer". The message of the prayer is that God is really interested in us and eager to help with even the most mundane issues we face every day. However, we often struggle to believe this. We may think, surely God has more important issues to be concerned with than our petty anxieties? We may also worry that it is selfish to pray for ourselves, especially when there are so many suffering far more than us. We may feel it irreverent and disrespectful to talk with God about our personal concerns. We may feel apprehensive about involving God in our everyday lives: after all, what might happen if we do, and will he actually answer our prayers?

We know from reading the Gospels that Jesus prays frequently. In fact, on one occasion, one of his disciples appears to have been so inspired by Jesus' example that he asks to be taught how to pray. Jesus responds with the Lord's Prayer. This was probably intended as a pattern to guide his followers in prayer and to call God "Father" asking him to help with everyday needs.

Jesus' teaching on prayer is truly simple: God is our Father and so we can be sure that he wants us to ask for his help and will answer in ways that reflect his love for us.

However, we need to cling on to his teaching by faith because we are so frequently tempted to doubt it: when we feel like our prayers bounce back off the ceiling, when we feel too unworthy to believe that God will listen, when we do not get an answer straight away or when it is not the one we were expecting. St. Paul wrote about faith as a shield which we should use to defend ourselves from "the flaming arrows of the evil one" and by reminding ourselves of Christ's teaching on prayer, and choosing to hold fast to it. We are to use that shield of faith and are encouraged to keep on praying when it is so easy not to.

Jesus says if human parents can be relied upon to help their children, how much more will our heavenly Father help us? We can take this comparison even further: if human parents would be devastated to know their children were in need but did not turn to them for help, how much more pain does it cause our perfect heavenly Father when we do not talk to him? Let us remember the opening words of the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father", and let God's perfect parenthood encourage and inspire us to draw close to him in prayer.

Every Blessing,  
Canon Dave



#### WEDDINGS

### FROM THE REGISTERS ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE ~

David John Williamson & Rachael Anne Smalley

FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY ~

Andrew John Conway & Amy Victoria Kent

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY ~

David James Spencer & Sophie Isabella Adams

SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY ~ WEDDING BLESSING

James Freeman & Mirella Bautista

#### BAPTISM

THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY ~ Patrick Henry John Coleman



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## Dates for your Diary - August

- 2 **Wedding St. Peter's, Edensor 12.30pm** ~ Josh Shillito & Chloe Smith  
11 **Wedding St. Peter's, Edensor 2pm** ~  
Joby Alan Sikes-Sheard & Emily Mary Warren-Stone  
17 **Wedding St. Peter's, Edensor 1pm** ~ Andrew Sharp & Rachel Davie  
18 **Wedding St. Peter's, Edensor 1.30pm** ~  
Benjamin Frank Postance & Rosie Eliza Edwards  
25 **Wedding St. Peter's, Edensor 2.45pm** ~  
Joshua Luke Fielding & Megan Elizabeth Mills

### EARLY NOTICE:



### **Chatsworth Horticultural & Produce Society 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Show**

Cavendish Hall, Edensor

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Doors open 2.00pm ~ trophies to be presented at 3.00pm

*by The Duchess of Devonshire*

### **PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SHOW!**

Schedules and entry forms available from

[mrselliott2114@gmail.com](mailto:mrselliott2114@gmail.com) /01246 565308/Pilsley Post Office

**21 - 23 September**

Art Out Loud, Chatsworth

*for more information/to book tickets: [chatsworth.org/aol](http://chatsworth.org/aol)*

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

1st prize £30 no. 67 Janet Machin

2nd prize £20 no. 50 Geoff Allen

Funds to church this month - £50

Thank you for your continued  
support.

Ann Hall

### **'SPICE' Sunday**

'SPICE' Sunday on 15<sup>th</sup> July  
raised £41.15 for church  
funds. Thank you to all those  
who remembered to bring their  
5pence pieces.

Carry on the collecting!

ST. PETER'S CHURCH PRESENTS

# WHO KILLED THE VICAR?

A MURDER MYSTERY BY CHRIS MARTIN



SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018 - 7PM FOR 7.30PM  
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## ST. PETER'S COFFEE ROTA HELP!



We really need more people to help with serving coffee/tea after the service on a Sunday morning. Recently, three people have asked to be taken off the rota; after many years of sterling service they now feel the time has come to hang up their rubber gloves, washing up sponges and tea towels. We thank them for all the drinks they've made and all the washing up they've done.

Ideally it needs two people, so if you and a friend feel able to help please contact the wardens. The fellowship that these after service refreshments create is all part of the mission of St. Peter's and without more people on the rota it will be a struggle to keep it going.



If you enjoy staying for coffee why not consider being on the rota? Remember, the more people we have the less often your turn comes round!

## ST. PETER'S CLEANING ROTA HELP!

We also need more couples to go on the cleaning rota. Two of our long standing cleaners have decided it's time for them to come off the rota and we send our thanks to them for the time and effort they have put in over the years. However, we now need another couple to replace them. Ideally, we would like more people to help keep the church clean and tidy for visitors. The more people we have, the less often your turn will come around.

If you have some time to spare and are able to help with the cleaning, then please contact Liz Bradshaw or David Jackson.



## Edensor Village Day & Open Gardens

We had an amazing event, despite the poor weather forecast. The Burlington children opened the proceedings with Maud cutting the ribbon. The Day was the best ever - we had 1,090 visitors and the takings on Saturday were £11,712. Since then further monies have come in so we will top £12,000 (before expenses) benefitting the charities Dementia UK, Leukaemia Cancer Society and St Peter's Church.

So a big THANK YOU to everybody who was involved.



## Pilsley Village Fair

Despite a heavy shower of rain on Friday evening, Pilsley Fair day dawned fine and bright and turned into a perfect summer's day, hot and sunny. Although the number of people attending was slightly down on other years, those who did come along enjoyed themselves and found some bargains on the various stalls.

This year the Fair was opened by Dr. Waterfall, from the Baslow surgery; a donation from the Fair will be given to her chosen charity,

The amount raised on the day was just over £2,400 and donations will be made to local charities.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Fair and with the well dressing, which commemorated 100 years of the Royal Air Force. The money from the main well boxes will be divided between Aquabox and the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.



## 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 including waterproofs; even though the weather has been hot, warm socks, gloves, hats, scarves etc. would still be appreciated as it cools down at night and for this reason warm sleeping bags are also 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.

*NB The Centre is unable to accept bedding e.g. sheets, blankets, duvets, pillows.*



*...firstly, thank you whoever it was who put two buttons in the collection plate last week - they turned out to be early Victorian, and I've just sold them on 'ebay' for £800 each!*

*If any of our readers have similar buttons please can they put them in our collection plates?!!!*





## Laurence Pusey Exhibition

**Eyam Parish Church, Derbyshire S32 5QH**

**Fri Aug 24 – Sun 9 Sept 2018**

**Open 9.30am – last entry 5.00pm**

[laurencepusey.co.uk](http://laurencepusey.co.uk)

Laurence Pusey Studied at Southampton and Leicester Colleges of Art specialising in painting, book illustration with print making. He taught art and craft at a boys' school in Reading before turning semi-professional. His inspiration has always been drawn from nature and most frequently using oil as a painting medium.



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Rowsley Village Hall

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## The march of the unicorns

Is there a unicorn in your home? If you have children (or even if you do not!!), there is bound to be one prancing towards you. From cupcakes to stationery, bagels to inflatable plastic pool toys, headbands to slippers, t-shirts and even the new Kellogg's Froot Loops cereal, glittery rainbow coloured unicorns have taken the country by storm. They are expected to head up the Christmas present wish-list this year.

It is all a far cry from the ancient Greek myth of a pure white unicorn whose touch brought you a lifetime of happiness and joy. Or is it? 'They represent every happy dream that we've ever clasped our little hands together for and tried to wish into reality', says one poetic internet forum user.





## **Matlock Bath Illuminations ~**

Discounted tickets  
on sale for 2018  
Illuminations

Discounted online tickets have gone on sale for Derbyshire Dales District Council's showpiece autumn event Matlock Bath Illuminations.

This year adults pay £6 on Saturdays and £5 on Sundays if they buy online in advance. Accompanied under 16s continue to be free, with concessions available for OAPs.

People who buy on the night will pay £7.50 on Saturdays and £6.50 on Sundays - £1.50 more expensive than the online prices. Tickets can be booked online now at [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/illuminations](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/illuminations)

Online bookers will be fast-tracked into the Derwent Gardens for this year's season, which will run every weekend from Saturday 8 September to Sunday 28 October.

Every Saturday during the eight-week spectacular – and the final night - will include a fireworks finale, with numbers in Derwent Gardens again restricted to a maximum of 6,000 to improve crowd movement and enjoyment for visitors.

The annual festival dates back to 1897 when the people of Matlock

Bath celebrated Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee by illuminating their village with fairy lamps and Chinese and Japanese lanterns.

Rockets were discharged from the top of Masson Hill and a torchlight procession was held through the village. This was followed by a procession of illuminated boats on the river and the illumination of the rocks by coloured fires.

The illuminations today concentrate on the lighting of natural features, such as rock outcrops, trees and the thermal waters in the Derwent Gardens.

The decorated boats remain a central feature of the event. Tradition dictates a maximum of ten models on the river and the subjects change each year.

Each model is adorned with thousands of pea lights, powered by lorry batteries, and are made by the Matlock Bath Venetian Boat Builders' Association. The decorated models are mounted on rowing boats and then paraded each Saturday and Sunday on the River Derwent. As darkness falls the boats disappear into the blackness below, leaving the models apparently gliding along just above the water.

*Derbyshire Dales District Council stages Matlock Bath Illuminations with support from local Matlock Bath businesses.*

## **Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport**

*are looking for*

### **Relief and Part Time Drivers (*morning or afternoon available*)**

to start as soon as possible. Rate of Pay £8.30 per hour

Experience of working in the voluntary sector or an awareness of the needs of elderly and/or disabled people, is desirable. Experience of driving a 16 seater minibus for 1 year is required. PCV desirable but not essential. Full training for MiDAS will be provided and an enhanced DBS will be undertaken.

For an application form and job description contact the office by e-mailing [info@bect.org.uk](mailto:info@bect.org.uk) or telephoning Andy Coxon - 01629 641920.

### **Volunteer Bus Drivers**

To volunteer you will need to have held a full driving licence for at least three years, to hold a D1 classification on your driving licence and to hold the certificated MiDAS qualification. We are offering free training to gain this qualification.

For an application form and job description please visit [www.bect.org.uk](http://www.bect.org.uk) or contact Sandra Naylor, 01629 641920, [info@bect.org.uk](mailto:info@bect.org.uk)

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## **What is breeding on your tea towel?**

You will never look at your kitchen tea towels in quite the same way again: they could be harbouring bugs which will give you food poisoning.

Here are the gruesome details: recent tests on tea towels found that E.coli is more likely to be found on towels which have been used for both dishes and drying hands. Damp tea towels are the worst - with up to a third growing E.coli on them. The bugs found were of coliform bacteria, (a group which includes

E.coli); enterococcus spp, and staphylococcus aureus. Food poisoning bugs can be fatal for the elderly, the very young, or infirm.

Government guidelines recommend changing and washing tea towels, dish-clothes, sponges and oven gloves on a frequent basis, and letting them dry well before re-use. Homes that are vegetarian have fewer bugs on their tea towels. The study was carried out at the University of Mauritius.

## What's Your Talent?

*Lester Amann encourages you to take stock of yourself.*

For a number of years, talent shows have become popular on TV. The programmes feature contestants, of any age, performing a short act in front of judges in the hope of being awarded a large sum of money. This may also lead to a new career and fame too!

These programmes feature all kinds of people including singers, comedians, magicians and acrobats. Some acts are good and entertaining while others can be odd, quirky or downright appalling! Some people reveal a talent, while others don't. Some have a big ego or an inflated sense of importance and cannot understand why they are rejected!

The Bible tells us that God is our judge. We are on show. He watches us, but He is not looking for the slip-up, the mistake or waiting to condemn. Our God is all-loving, kind, and forgiving and looks for our potential and is pleased when we do our best. He looks to help us, to build us up and desires the best from within us.

In the Bible, we see that God chose all manner of ordinary individuals to fulfill His purposes. Some made errors and committed dreadful sins, but even then God didn't discard them as worthless. For example, Jesus chose a mixed bunch of disciples with all kinds of flaws, yet they became (with the exception of Judas) the ideal men to spread the Good News about Him.

God has a plan for each one of our lives, and we are called to be faithful in serving Him, wherever we are. By God's grace, the Holy Spirit is given to every Christian, and the Spirit equips us for service and His greatest activity is amongst the ordinary. Under God's influence, what we regard to be natural talents and gifts, can be enhanced and released by His creative energy.

Isn't this encouraging? We don't have to put ourselves forward and hope to be a winner like contestants on a TV programme. If we give ourselves to God, He will prepare and use us in the way that best suits our gifts and personalities.

## Smell the coffee?

Do you have smell blindness? Probably – if you are busy. It seems that when we are focussed on a task, and distracted, our sense of

smell is diminished. Perhaps that's where the saying 'wake up and smell the coffee' comes from?



## **Gambling - is it a good idea for churches?**

*David Pickup, a solicitor considers gambling and local churches.*

You are organising the annual summer church fete. Someone asks, 'Why not have a raffle? That always makes money.' They have bought some tickets and will sell them around the village in the lead up to the event. Another parishioner offers to have a 'guess the vicar's weight' game or do a pound in the bucket. The church film club say they usually have a lottery at their meetings and it is always great fun. Can you sell programmes for a £1.00 and have a draw for the lucky number?

Anyone who runs events like this knows the pressure to have games of chance. It seems a quick way to make money. Is it just good fun and what does the law say?

The law allows for incidental non-commercial lotteries at events. So lotteries at church fetes are permitted. All the sales and the draw must take place during the main event, which may not last more than a single day. Prizes cannot total more than £500. Other small lotteries usually need to be registered with local authority. They are restricted to sales at the event. The church club can have a not for profit lottery as it is only for members. You do not need any permission for a free prize draw.

So, a lucky programme is fine only if it is free. You cannot charge for it.

Yet gambling addiction is a serious problem for many people, and there are excellent charities which work with the industry and offer advice. The church has recently called for tougher restrictions on gambling, especially online betting and gaming machines. If you know someone with a gambling problem, there are some organisations like GambleAware and GamCam which can offer support. Suggestions include: changing your behaviour – how you can manage the urge to gamble; self-exclusion - how you can bar yourself from betting shops, casinos, arcades and online gambling companies; and blocking – how you can set up your computer or phone to stop you accessing gambling websites.

So what about the church fete?

Many Christians think that any gambling is wrong in principle. People are often generous and will support good causes. The 'guess the weight of the vicar' is not a lottery or gambling. It is not a game of chance but has an element of skill involved! So why not raise funds with activities like that? As always this is a light-hearted guide to a very complicated area. Always get advice. Many local authorities have helpful guides to lotteries and gambling.

## **THE WAY I SEE IT: - Rating the 'experience'**

*David Winter on our craving for  
'feedback'...*

'How did we do?' (on a scale of one to ten, where 'ten' is excellent and 'one' is poor?) 'Would you recommend us to your friends?' You can hardly buy anything now, or make use of a service, without an email popping up asking such questions.

Some go further into detail about delivery, courtesy or satisfaction with the 'experience', as they call it. Frankly, buying a hand towel is not an 'experience' for me but an everyday transaction, but perhaps some people get a kick out of it. Obviously enough of them fill them in to make it worthwhile, but it begs the question why do they want to know how we 'feel'? It's surely not a need to be loved and admired; and fairly sure it's not really about improving the service.

Basically, they are gathering material for their PR team and their advertising agency. It will all be used online or in advertisements. '90% of our customers rate our service 'very good' or 'good'. 86% of people using our face cream found it 'helpful' or 'very helpful'. Of course, one wonders what the other 16% said. 'It gave me a nasty rash'? 'My skin was dry for weeks?' Of course, we shall never know.

This continual request for 'feedback' is a relatively recent development, which has spread to doctors' practices, hospitals and charities. Soon, perhaps, your church will start doing it. 'How did we do? Did you like the hymns? Were you made welcome? Rate the sermon on a scale of one to ten, where 'ten' is spell-binding, and 'one' is incomprehensible. Actually, there could just be the germ of a good idea there!

## **Is growing secularism in the UK leading to increased abuse against Christian clergy?**

Something is going on: more and more priests are reporting verbal abuse, threats or actual physical violence, and damaged church property. Some have discovered witchcraft symbols sprayed on a church door, or even been followed home in a threatening manner.

Now academics at Royal Holloway, University of London, are going to survey about 7,000 C of E clergy in order to get a clearer picture. How big a part does drug abuse, mental illness or just anti-Christian sentiments, play in the abuse? The vicar of Glastonbury reports that he now receives verbal abuse on a regular basis, sometimes during services, with people 'ranting and raving'.

## **Universal Credit not working, says Churches**

A benefit system which drives families into debt and leaves people hungry is a failing benefit system, say a number of Churches in the UK. The Baptist Union, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, have all commented on the recent release of the National Audit Office (NAO) report, Rolling out Universal Credit.

In a statement, they say:

*'Churches have repeatedly expressed concerns about Universal Credit and the damaging effects it is having on communities. The NAO's findings are deeply concerning but not a surprise.*

*The NAO report states that Universal Credit is not value for money and is failing to meet its financial objectives. Most importantly, it is the first official document to take seriously the concerns*

*of claimants and acknowledge the problems they are facing.*

*Churches around the country are supporting people who are affected by Universal Credit. It is clear that lives are being damaged by Universal Credit.*

*Half of people receiving Universal Credit report going into debt. This is the result of delayed, inadequate, and irregular payments. It makes budgeting impossible and can make debt inevitable. The DWP's own figures show that 4 in 10 people reported serious financial difficulties, whilst 1 in 10 waited more than 11 weeks for payment.*

*In Universal Credit areas foodbank use went up 52%, whereas in other areas it was 13%. The case is incontrovertible. Universal Credit is failing, and the poorest are suffering the consequences. A benefit system which drives families into debt and leaves them hungry is a failing benefit system.'*

## **Holiday clubs help struggling families**

More and more families are struggling with what to do with the children during summer holidays. And local churches have been coming to their aid! A number of local churches across the country now hold holiday clubs for local children during August, which are proving a big hit with parents and kids.

Not least is the offer of free meals, for during the summer, there is no free school meal. When churches fill that hunger-gap, it has a real impact for good on the community.

The level of need in some communities is 'just enormous', says one vicar in Middlesbrough. 'I sometimes think it is very difficult for people who don't live in these poor communities to understand the levels of poverty in modern Britain.'

## How pocket money can affect your children

Most children get their first experience of handling money through their regular allowance. So, how you give, and what you give really matters, for research has found that our ongoing attitudes to cash, saving and spending can be formed as early as the age of six.

Rooster Money, the children's money app, finds that parents are commonly giving their offspring close to £10 a week by the time they are 14. Dr Elizabeth Kilbey, a leading child psychologist, advises that there is no

harm in giving children chores to do in exchange for the money.

'Learning consequences and responsibility are the important thing. Money is the consequence of something: hard work. Once you have it, you have to be responsible. Children need to have some money in order to learn about it. They need to learn about spending and then having to replenish their resources.'

As for their future? 'Our ideas and values about money are hard to shift. And those will have come from our families.'

## Review

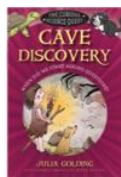
### Caves Discovery – when did we start asking questions?

By Julia Golding, Andrew Briggs, Roger Wagner and Brett Hudson, LionChildren, £5.99

A good book for children this summer. Meet Harriet, Darwin's pet tortoise, and Milton, Schrodinger's indecisive cat, on a time-travelling quest of discovery. First stop, the cave paintings drawn by our human ancestors. Did these pictures mean

anything and what can they tell us about our ancestors?

The Curious Science Quest looks at the evidence to answer the BIG questions that scientists have asked throughout history. But does science explain everything, or can faith help to find the answers? Join a fun, fact-filled time-quest and remember to bring some snacks!



**In memory of Sir Ken Dodd** - Sir Ken Dodd, the comedian, died on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018, aged 90. He held the world record for cracking jokes: 1,500 in 3 hours 7 minutes, with no script. He was well-known and loved for his endless string of jokes. Such as:

*'I told the Inland Revenue I didn't owe them a penny because I lived by the seaside.'*  
*'I do exercises every day in front of the television. Up, down, up, down, up, down. Then the other eyelid.'* -



## There's a tattoo for that

Don't look now, but tattoos are everywhere, and with people stripping off, more of them have been exposed than ever this summer.

Tattoos were once the domain of sailors and eccentrics. Not anymore – a walk down any high street will confirm that tattoos are now big business. Nowadays shops offering tattoos and body piercing are a thriving high street activity. Many thousands of men and women are covering their arms, legs, bodies, neck and even faces with a fantastic variety of tattoos.

A modest tattoo might be a single design. But serious tattoo lovers may cover their whole bodies with

decorations – from dragons to spider webs to huge vampires.

Many people choose tattoos to mark significant life events, from childbirth to marriage. A tattoo can also be a declaration of commitment or belonging; football club logos are much in demand. As the writer Ted Harrison says, 'in some respects, having a tattoo is the equivalent of taking a life vow.'

Tattooing is even mentioned in the Bible, but not favourably. Leviticus 19.28 is very clear on the subject: 'Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the Lord.'(NIV) It seems that God prefers our skin as He made it.

### Review

## **The Vikings - From Odin to Christ - The forgotten story of the 'Christian Vikings'**

By Martyn Whittock and Hannah Whittock, LionHudson, £9.99



We are all familiar with the fierce pagan warriors that burst out of Scandinavia during the eighth century, plundering, ravaging and shedding blood wherever they went. A lesser-known fact about these infamous pillagers is that the

majority converted to Christianity in the centuries that followed.

In England, children of the Vikings who had martyred the Christian king of East Anglia minted coins extolling his holiness. In Normandy, the pagans became loyal supporters of the Catholic Church. In the east the former raiders founded the first Russian state and converted to Orthodox Christianity. Martyn and Hannah Whittock suggest that the Vikings had as much impact as converts as they did as deadly marauders. So how and why did this radical transformation happen, and what is their legacy today?

## Carnage in Omagh

*The Ven. John Barton looks back on a dreadful day for Northern Ireland.*

It was a busy Saturday afternoon in August, in the market town of Omagh, Northern Ireland. A maroon Vauxhall Cavalier with false number plates was parked outside the outfitters' shop, S.D. Kells. Just after a quarter past two it blew up, killing 29 people including a woman pregnant with twins, and injured 220 others. It was the worst of all the atrocities committed during 'the Troubles' of 1968 to 1998.

This was 20 years ago, when hopes were high that violence was in the past and a political settlement within reach. Antagonists had signed up to the 'Good Friday Agreement' and a power-sharing executive was to be formed.

Reverberations from that car bomb and the carnage it caused spread around the world. It had been the work of the Real Irish Republican Army, a splinter group who opposed the Irish Republican Army and the Agreement. It lost them all credibility. Catholics and Protestants had been killed, including two Spanish day-trippers.

No one has been convicted.

The BBC News had this: 'Like the other bombings in the early part of

1998 in places like Lisburn and Banbridge, Omagh was a conscious attempt by republicans who disagreed with the political strategy of Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, to de-stabilise Northern Ireland in that vulnerable moment of hope. It failed - but there is a terrible irony to the way in which the campaign was halted only by the wave of revulsion triggered by the carnage at Omagh.'

It has been said that only such a colossal act of villainy could finally convince the opposing parties - who are still not exactly bosom pals - that violence would not affect the just conclusion to which all felt they were entitled and for which they had fought.

Christians may ask themselves if the Omagh victims had paid the price for peace. They did not sacrifice themselves voluntarily, or even knowingly, but over many of their graves will stand a Cross, which marks an eternal sacrifice made once: for all people and for all time.



THE GREAT WAR  
1914 - 1918

**Diary of a  
Momentous  
Year:  
August 1918  
- the Battle of  
Amiens**

*by Canon David  
Winter*

Many historians of the First World War consider that two battles in the summer of 1918 were the final turning points in the eventual outcome of the war and of the settlement which followed it.

The second Battle of Marne was in July, and the even more significant Battle of Amiens was in August, exactly a century ago this month. The Germans had launched an attack in the Amiens area, a strategic target in northern France near the Belgian border. The Allies were ready for it and responded with devastating force. Hundreds of tanks, soldiers from at least four nationalities, and – a new development in warfare – ground attack aircraft, drove the Germans out of the city.

In the first few hours of the battle the Allies took 17,000 prisoners of war. Commentators consider that at least some of them were German soldiers who had had enough of a war they were obviously going to lose. The city of Amiens and much territory beyond it were recaptured, but the impact of the victory was greater than territory

taken. The whole balance of military strength had changed beyond dispute. In 1946, a year after the second World War ended, my older brother invited me to join him on a visit to France. A family he had been billeted with in Amiens, as a member of the British liberating forces, had invited him to come and spend some time with them in more peaceful circumstances. At 16 I'd never been abroad, so gladly agreed to go. When we got off the train in Amiens I saw for the first time the consequences of what they called 'total war'. We picked our way past ruined buildings and homes in a city that had endured both invasion and four years of enemy occupation.

I had seen the after-effects of the Blitz in London, but this was worse. Even outside the city, the landscape bore all the scars of war. There were few trees, for instance, the long-term result of endless shelling over two wars. As M. Deladier, our host, pointed out, Amiens had been a battle-ground four times in his life (I guess he was about 60) – twice in the first World War and then twice in the Second. The experience helped me to appreciate what the people of northern France had gone through. No wonder in 1945 they were adamant that there should never again be war in Europe like this. The embattled city of Amiens, too often a scene of brutal warfare, reminds us of the preciousness of peace.

## **C of E launches worship and prayer materials to commemorate First World War**

The Church of England has launched new worship and prayer resources to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918, the treaty known as the Armistice of Compiègne came into effect, ending hostilities between the Allies and their last opponent, Germany. The agreement ended four years of conflict which had mobilised 70 million military personnel worldwide, at a cost of more than 18 million lives and over 20 million casualties.

One hundred years later, civic remembrance services in the UK's churches and cathedrals will take on additional significance. A variety of ideas for worship, prayer, and remembrance have been made available to help communities to remember those who were lost, and to pray for peace.

These resources include a prayer for families to say while visiting a war grave or memorial in addition to other prayers; an Act of Commitment to work together for peace, a Vigil Service to mark the centenary, and a monologue interspersed with suggested words

and music, entitled Steps towards Reconciliation.

The resources, put together by members of the Liturgical Commission, are available at [www.churchofengland.org/first-world-war-centenary](http://www.churchofengland.org/first-world-war-centenary)

### **A Prayer to be said by families visiting a war grave or memorial:**

Lord Jesus, we believe that you stood beside N and his fellow-soldiers as they fought to bring peace to your world.

We believe that you have stood among us as we have tried to imagine the fear and pain and loneliness of the wounded and the dying on the battlefield.

We believe that you stand beside us now,

as we remember and honour N.

In your great mercy, bless our good memories,

comfort us when we grieve for the life that might have been,

and strengthen us in all we do to seek the peace and freedom

which are your desire for the world.

Amen.

## REMEMBRANCE100

On 4th August 1918 King George V met to pray with members of the Houses of Parliament. One hundred days later, the war ended. This year, 4th August 2018 will be the first day of 100 days of prayer across the country, running until Armistice Day in November. Every day there will be prayers, Bible readings and reflections written by contributors from UK churches, ministries, chaplaincies and the Armed Forces Christian Union. These *100 Days of Peace and Hope* can be downloaded, a week at a time from [www.remembrance.co.uk](http://www.remembrance.co.uk) for churches and individuals to print and use.

In an introduction to *100 Days of Peace and Hope*, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby says, 'From 4th August let us mark 100 days with prayers for peace, hope and reconciliation.'

On Sunday, 11th November 2018, people around the Commonwealth

mark the centenary of the end of World War I. As well as reflecting on loss, this year also gives us the chance to look forward as we mark the end of World War I and pray for peace.

Remembrance 100 has been set up by HOPE, in partnership with a cross section of Christian denominations and ministries, to help churches bring communities together to mark the centenary of the end of World War I.

HOPE has also published a beautifully illustrated booklet called *Silence* to give away at Remembrance events. *Silence* invites readers to look back with gratitude for the sacrifice made by so many in war, and to reflect on eternal themes of faith, hope and love.

To find out more, to download *100 Days of Peace and Hope*, or to order copies of *Silence*, visit [www.remembrance.co.uk](http://www.remembrance.co.uk).

### August wars

August is a month when wars tend to start. For example, both the First and Second World Wars erupted in the month of August. Also, on 13th August 1961, East Germany's Communist regime built the Berlin Wall, separating the city's eastern and western sectors. Then on 20th August 1968, tanks invaded and crushed Czechoslovakia, ending the 'Prague Spring'. And on

19th August 1991, a clique of eight Communist hard-liners overthrew the reformist President Gorbachev in a coup to shore up the sagging Soviet State. (It collapsed three days later.) More recently, even the Russian/Georgian conflict of 2008 began in August.

So – August may be the holiday month, but it seems when leaders go on holiday, bad things happen.

## Sir Terry Wogan – a national treasure

*Tim Lenton looks back with fondness on a great broadcaster.*

Sir Terry Wogan, the Irish radio and TV presenter, was born 80 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1938. He was the epitome of a much-loved broadcaster – unthreatening, amiable and with a tendency to laugh at himself.

Born in Limerick, Ireland's third largest town, Terry showed no initial signs of immortality. His father was a grocer, and his family lower middle class Roman Catholics, with neither car nor telephone. They did, however, own a radio set, and the young lad grew up listening to classic programmes of the 1950s on the BBC's Light Programme.

While working in a bank he was one of 10,000 who answered an advertisement for announcers on Radio Eireann, and was accepted for training. From there he progressed eventually to the BBC, where he presented his Radio 2 breakfast show for 27 years, as well as the TV chat show Wogan, the game show Blankety Blank, Children in Need and

the Eurovision Song Contest, where his talent for irony blossomed.

Despite his gentle good humour, which made audiences feel better about themselves, he had been scarred to an extent by his Jesuit schooling, where everything seemed to be sinful. The experience turned him against religion generally, though he accompanied his wife, Lady Helen, a former model, to Mass.

However, when he was dying from cancer, Terry asked Father Brian D'Arcy, a priest who had presented Pause for Thought on his breakfast show, to 'say goodbye'.

Father D'Arcy said: 'Terry would find structured religion difficult, but he had a deep spirituality and a great, innate goodness and a conviction you ought to use your gifts for the benefit of mankind – and he did that right to the end.'

Appointed OBE in 1997, Wogan took British citizenship in 2005 and was knighted the same year. In *Who's Who* he listed his occupation as "jobbing broadcaster".

### **Does your dog jump out of your car?**

Do you carry dogs in your car? Be careful - letting them jump out of your car boot can risk damaging their legs, according to a recent

Veterinary College study at Hartpury University Centre. Leaping out can increase the pressure on their front legs by as much as a quarter. That can cause muscular-skeletal pathologies.

## **New heritage website to help end the misery of leaking church roofs**

MaintenanceBooker, a new heritage website to keep historic churches and chapels safe for the future has been launched in England and Wales, following a successful Heritage Lottery Fund pilot project in Yorkshire.

Set up by the National Churches Trust, the UK's church building support charity, and 2buy2, the national buying group for UK, charities, schools and churches, MaintenanceBooker makes it easy for churches to prevent problems such as leaking roofs and crumbling stonework.

Churches and chapels of all denominations can use

MaintenanceBooker to get professional help for essential maintenance tasks, thereby preventing the need for expensive repairs.

Using the website [www.maintenancebooker.org.uk](http://www.maintenancebooker.org.uk) churches can book gutter clearance and repairs, lightning protection inspection, tree surveys and maintenance as well as asbestos surveys and removal. More services will be added later in the year, such as stonework and lime mortaring with bat surveys, and grounds and graveyard maintenance in the pipeline.

A video explaining MaintenanceBooker is available at <https://vimeo.com/269895676>

## **Church of England response to Windrush Day**

The Church of England welcomed this summer's government announcement that there will be an annual Windrush Day, to be held on 22nd June. Such day, said a spokesperson, 'is a fitting acknowledgement of both the sacrifices made and the generous

contributions given by so many who first answered the plea from the motherland to help rebuild post-war Britain.

'We hope that Windrush Day will become synonymous with values of acceptance, respect and recognition for the positive contributions of successive generations who have made Britain their home.'

☐Smile.....

☐House-keeping problem: when you have too much month left over at the end of the money.

## Humanist chosen to chair group advising NHS on pastoral care

A humanist has been chosen to lead a national body supporting the development of pastoral and spiritual care in the NHS across England for the first time.

Simon O'Donoghue, head of pastoral support at Humanists UK, was elected to chair of the Network for Pastoral, Spiritual and Religious Care in Health (NPSRCH) until 2020.

"I look forward to working with NHS England, with religious groups, and with Humanists UK to take forward my new role and helping to meet the pastoral needs of all those in healthcare."

National guidance introduced in 2015 called upon all NHS bodies in England to provide pastoral care to non-religious people on the same terms as the religious.

Simon O'Donoghue added: "Speaking personally, I think my election is a sign that the demand for pastoral care for the non-religious is increasingly recognised and valued, a much needed change."

The NPSRCH brings together groups including the Church of England and the UK Catholic Church. Other members include the National Hindu Council of Temples, Vanik Council UK, Free Churches, and the UK Sikh Healthcare Chaplaincy Group.

## Dangerously addictive Fortnite

Fortnite is one of the most successful – and most addictive – games ever. Thousands of worried parents worry that the game is taking over their children's life. One father found his primary school aged daughter sitting on a urine-soaked cushion - after a non-stop ten-hour gaming session.

And so, in desperation, parents pull plugs, lock bedroom doors, or try other methods to get their offspring off line. Endless family rows erupt over how much time the kids are now spending on Fortnite, instead of schoolwork, their friends, or even eating and drinking. One parent says that before Fortnite came along, 'our family life wasn't The Waltons, but it wasn't the war zone of today – with

perpetual negotiation, confrontation and disappointment.'

Therapist Sally Bakers, who counsels gaming addicts, explains: 'It is sensory overload. The games create unnatural highs and compelling behaviour. Children don't have the mental capacity to deal with that situation. It's toxic.... Remember, manufacturers in Silicon Valley won't let their kids play, because when they're gaming, ...they are becoming robotic and hyper-charged.'

Meanwhile, one mother confesses, 'thousands of parents are, like us, bumping along with not enough control, along with a gnawing anxiety that gaming will soon replace real life.'



## **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 -

**12th September from 1.00pm &**

**10th October from 12.30pm**

**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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## Is it safe to breath in your home?

Is your home polluted? A recent study has found that indoor pollutants are all around us, and that they may lead to up to 9,000 deaths a year.

Dozens of personal care products have been given the thumbs-down for what they can do to the air-quality in your home: nail varnish, deodorants, gas stoves, wood burners, scented candles, home cleaning products and even soft furnishings, according to the campaign group Airtopia.

As the average person spends 90 per cent of their time indoors, it can become a serious problem. Especially as evidence from the USA and Europe suggest that air pollution can be up to five times worse in your home than outdoors. So – go open a window!

## 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 AUGUST 2018

| <u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>   |   | <u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES</u>                            | <u>CLEANING</u>                             |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| 5                           | 9.30am Holy Communion                                 | Glady Hopkins   | 28 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Sarah    |
| 12                          | 9.30am Holy Communion                                 | " "   | 8 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> Claire   |
| 19                          | 9.30am Holy Communion                                 | Barbara Hawksworth                                      |   |
| 26                          | 9.30am Holy Communion                                 | " "   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> Fiona S |
| 2 Sep                       | 9.30am Holy Communion                                 | Fiona Swain   |   |
| <u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u> |   | <u>SIDESMEN</u>   |   |
| 5                           | 10.45am Holy Communion                                | Mr & Mrs Gordon   |   |
| 12                          | 10.45am Holy Communion                                | Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw                                |   |
| 19                          | 10.45am Matins  | Mr & Mrs Wardle   |   |
| 26                          | 10.45am Holy Communion                                | R S Sherwood/Diana Walters                              |   |
| 2 Sep                       | 10.45am Holy Communion                                | J Bowns/M Pindar  |   |
| <u>COFFEE</u>               |   | <u>CLEANING</u>   | <u>FLOWERS</u>                              |
| 5                           | Mr & Mrs Carter                                       | Mrs Day/Mrs Walters                                     | to be arranged                              |
| 12                          | Clive & Joy Thrower                                   | Mr & Mrs Jackson  | Wedding flowers                             |
| 19                          | John & Jill Caws                                      | Mr & Mrs Grimshaw                                       | Wedding flowers                             |
| 26                          | Mr & Mrs Sherwood                                     | Mr & Mrs Wardle   | Wedding flowers                             |
| 2 Sep                       | Mr & Mrs Harding                                      | M Pindar & Jennie Ball                                  | to be arranged                              |
| <u>READINGS</u>             |   | <u>ST. PETER'S</u>                                      | <u>ST. ANNE'S &amp; SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>       |
| 5                           | <b>Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15</b><br><b>John 6: 24-35</b>   | Gloria Sherwood<br><i>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i>    | Sophia Lichfield<br><i>Family Service</i>   |
| 12                          | <b>1 Kings 19: 4-8</b><br><b>John 6: 35, 41-51</b>    | John Caws<br><i>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</i>       | Fiona Lichfield<br><i>No Sunday School</i>  |
| 19                          | <b>Proverbs 9: 1-6</b><br><b>John 6: 51-58</b>        | Michael Douglas<br><i>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i>  | Claire Cadogan<br><i>No Sunday School</i>   |
| 26                          | <b>Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18</b><br><b>John 6: 56-69</b> | Diana Walters<br><i>Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> | Fiona Swain<br><i>No Sunday School</i>      |

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