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On 6th January the Church celebrates the great Feast of the Epiphany. The day the Wise Men came from the East and offered their gifts to the baby Jesus.

In 1905 the American writer, O. Henry wrote a famous story called "The Gift of the Magi." It is a story about Della and Jim, a young couple who fall on hard times and cannot afford to buy each other Christmas presents. Eventually Della sells her beautiful long hair to buy Jim a fob chain for his prized watch, only to discover that he has sold his watch to buy a set of tortoiseshell combs for her vanished hair!

When she opens the combs, Della's grand sacrifice seems pointless. When she gives him the watch chain, likewise Jim's sacrifice also seems pointless. The story ends with O. Henry talking about the magi, who invented the act of giving Christmas presents and gave sacrificially to Jesus, but gave what could be regarded as pointless gifts for a baby. A blanket or a cot might have been better than gold, frankincense, or myrrh. Henry suggests that Della and Jim, who foolishly sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures they possessed, are actually the wisest of all, for, like the magi, they gave their love.

It is interesting that in St. Matthew's Gospel the first human beings to speak are the magi, who were probably Gentiles, practising a different religion. Because of their interest in astrology and the stars, the magi are thought to have been Zoroastrians, yet astral cults are condemned in the Old Testament. Nonetheless, God calls the magi to seek for the new king through the medium of following a star. The Jewish priests must have seen the same star but failed to recognise God's promptings.

The magi did not come to Jesus through a litany of prayers, going to bible study groups or a social outreach programme, they came through science, by studying the night skies for many years. We don't know whether they then converted to Judaism or whether they continued to follow their own religion, but we do know that, according to St. Matthew, these foreigners were the first to recognise the infant Jesus.

The magi may have been kings, and there may have been three of them as three gifts are mentioned, but there may have been many more. The gifts are thought to represent three different aspects of Jesus: gold for a king, frankincense for a priest, and myrrh to indicate his suffering and death. All three were expensive gifts, but there is no further mention of them in the pages of the New Testament.

God called scientists from another religion to travel thousands of miles over a long period of time just to see a baby. Many would have considered them to be the wrong people to receive God's call and that journey to be without purpose, yet it gave a very important message to humanity. Those scientists proclaimed the Christ, showing that Jesus is the Messiah not just for the Jews but for the whole world, and welcomes those of any religion or none.

As long as we are sufficiently open to recognise God's promptings, any of us may be called by God to give sacrificially of our time, talents, wealth and love, just as the magi gave. Like the magi, we may not be able to see the ultimate purpose of our calling, but if we step out on our particular journey in faith, we will find that all is held firmly in God's hands.

Every Blessing and a happy new year,
Canon Dave



DAN JACKSON

David and Margaret would like to thank all their friends for the concern and love expressed to them during Dan's illness and after his death on 3rd December.

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Dates for your Diary - January

- 9 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm** Beeley Village Hall
Kate Martel - Icing Modelling - Learn to make icing creations to add to your baking
Tea & Raffle: Fiona S & Sarah
- 15 BEELEY Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm** Village Hall
- 16 Beeley Heritage Group AGM - 7pm** Beeley Village Hall
- 17 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting - 7pm** Edensor Tea Cottage
Speaker: Don Sharpe - Hearing Dogs for the Deaf
Competition: A Dog Photograph



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Waste & Recycling Collections 2017/18



Usual day	Christmas/New Year collection days
Monday	Saturday 23 December Tuesday 2 January
Tuesday	Wednesday 27 December Wednesday 3 January
Wednesday	Thursday 28 December Thursday 4 January
Thursday	Friday 29 December Friday 5 January
Friday	Saturday 30 December Saturday 6 January

All collections in the two weeks after Christmas Day are **ONE DAY LATER** than usual except the **Monday** collection scheduled for Christmas Day itself, which will take place on Saturday 23rd December.

- **Garden waste** collections will be suspended from Saturday 23 December to Saturday 6 January inclusive
- **Food waste** will be collected **weekly**
- **Household waste and recycling** collections will continue **fortnightly**



Details of which containers to put out and a downloadable calendar are online at: w:derbyshiredales.gov.uk/mycollection

Please note we are not able to collect any additional household waste
Make sure your household waste is contained in your grey bin or in four black sacks if you are on a sack collection.

Recycle your **real** Christmas tree. Place at the edge of your property on your green/recycling day between 8 January and 2 February

Our administrative offices are **closed** during Christmas week. Report missed collections online at w:derbyshiredales.gov.uk/missedbin



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St. Peter's Church 100 Club November Draw 2017

1st prize £30 no. 28 Jackie Grimshaw
2nd prize £20 no. 43 Judy Harding
Funds to church this month - £50

Subscriptions for 2018 are due in January at £12 per number held. Please make out cheques to:-

St. Peter's Church 100 Club.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ann Hall

'SPICE' Sunday

The first 'SPICE' Sunday of 2018 will be on 14th January.

Please remember to bring your 5pence pieces and any collected for you by others.

The total amount collected during 2017 was £162.75. Thank you, I hope we can continue to do as well and better during 2018!

Just a reminder

'THE BRIDGE' Magazine Subscription

Your magazine subscription for 2018 is now due - £7.20. Please give the money to the person who delivers your copy of the magazine*, or if I post it to you please enclose a book of 12 stamps with your subscription.

Cheques should be made payable to Edensor PCC. Thank you for your continued support. We welcome items for possible inclusion in 'The Bridge'.

*Beeley subscribers should give their money to Gloria Sherwood.



Thanks to Lizzie Ball and her group for once again bringing such fantastic musical experiences to our doorstep. Four spectacular events over three days with world-class musicians. The Friday and Saturday evening events were truly brilliant

and on Saturday afternoon those of us lucky enough to be there were treated to an unbelievably emotional and outstanding performance by accordion virtuoso Milos Milivojevic. If you ever have the chance to hear Milos perform, grab it with both hands, he is someone whose instrument seems to be an extension of himself, a truly moving experience. Sunday lunchtime saw a solo performance by James Pearson entitled '100 years of Jazz Piano', which lasted an hour and was a 'rip-roaring journey through all the jazz piano greats'. This was informative, fun and yet another example, if one was needed, of James' fantastic ability and virtuosity.

All the musicians we heard over these three days seem not so much to play their instruments as become a part of them.

A donation from the concerts was given to Challenge Derbyshire and St. Peter's Church, the church receiving £2000. A huge thank you to Lizzie and all the Classical Kicks group.

Hallamshire Military Concert Band

Thanks to all those who attended the concert on Saturday 9th December at St. Peter's Church. The weather outside was bleak but inside the band played with great warmth and gusto and treated us to some well-known Christmas tunes and some that were less well-known but just as enjoyable. We even joined in with some of the carols and tunes from the musicals. After expenses just over £400 was raised towards the fund for the repair/replacement of the gutters etc.

Easy Fundraising

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

To Register

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

To Shop

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

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

The Padley Centre

We are collecting: All types of clothing for adults - warm clothing now that winter is here, 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 as the weather turns colder and more people need assistance.

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

14th January 2018

The Eagle Huntress

2016, Mongolia, Certificate U, 87 minutes

Documentary, Family, Travel

Thirteen-year-old Aisholpan trains to become the first female in twelve generations of her Kazakh family to become an eagle huntress.

Introduction by Jo Jenkins

Lights of the world

Lester Amann considers what should happen AFTER we 'finish' Christmas

Our Christmas celebrations are over. As we tidy up and restore our homes to what they were like before Christmas, we might look back at our festivities and ponder on what was so special about it.

Jesus made clear that He came as light for the world. He came to give life in all its fullness. He came to show God's character—full of love, compassion, forgiveness and mercy.

So if, as we put away our Christmas decorations, we think there is no more to be said until next Christmas, we have missed out on a

vital part of the Christian message. For Jesus also said that we, His followers, were to be *the light of the world.....'let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven'*. (Matthew 5:14-16). We are now involved! Jesus calls us, as His disciples, to be like Him this coming year - lights of hope, love, joy, healing and peace in a world that badly needs it.

A song by Graham Kendrick, 'Do Something Beautiful', urges us to: 'Do something beautiful in the name of Jesus', and 'Go do something Jesus would'.

Now that's a challenge for 2018!

Keeping Account

David Winter reflects on the debts of January.

'Neither a borrower nor a lender be', was the advice of Polonius to his son in 'Hamlet'. It would be very hard for a modern person to follow his advice – indeed, virtually impossible.

Almost everyone has a credit card, many people have a mortgage (which is 'borrowing') or an investment (which is 'lending'). It works pretty well most of the year, but January is often the moment when we wish we'd followed Polonius's advice.

The credit card gets wielded freely in the weeks before Christmas, but

then in January the dreaded account lands on our door-mat. Apparently, there are quite a lot of people – and not even mad big spenders – who will still be paying off their credit card debt in the Autumn.

The Bible doesn't like lenders – those who 'put their money out to usury' (that is, want some interest on loans). It is a bit kinder to the borrowers, though in a couple of the parables of Jesus the fate of those whose debts remain unforgiven is solemn indeed. Our society simply can't work like that. Business and trade require investment – even in communist societies. And carrying

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6th January - Epiphany

Where did the Wise Men come from?

Magi from the East – it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi had originally been a religious caste among the Persians. Their devotion to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams led to an extension in the meaning of the word, and by the first century the Magi in Matthew's gospel could have been astrologers from outside of Persia. Some scholars believe they might have come from what was then Arabia Felix, or as we would say today, southern Arabia.

Certainly, in the first century astrology was practised there, and it was the region where the Queen of Sheba had lived. She of course had visited Solomon and would have heard the prophecies about how one day a Messiah would be born to the Israelites and become their king.

Matthew's gospel (chapter 2) is clear that the Magi asked Herod: 'Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.' So it is possible that in southern Arabia the Queen of Sheba's story of how a Messiah would one day be sent to the Israelites had survived. Certainly, there are a number of other early legends that connect southern Arabia with Solomon's Israel.

To many people this makes sense: that the ancient stories of a Messiah, linked to later astrological study, prompted these alert and god-fearing men to the realisation that something very stupendous was happening in Israel. They realised that after all these centuries, the King of the Jews, the Messiah, was about to be born.

One more interesting thing that gives weight to the theory that the magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.

What about the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh?

The story of the coming of the Magi grew in the telling. By the 6th century they had acquired names: Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. By medieval times they were considered to be kings. Whoever they were, we do know from Matthew that they brought three gifts to Jesus.

What about their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? While we cannot know for sure what was in the minds of first century Magi, one Victorian scholar has offered a possible explanation as to the significance of their gifts. He was the Rev John Henry Hopkins, an American Episcopalian minister,

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who, in 1857, wrote his much-loved Christmas carol, 'We Three Kings of Orient Are'.

Gold, said John Henry Hopkins, was a gift that would have been given to a king. Frankincense had traditionally been brought by priests as they worshipped God in the Temple. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial.

If that is true, then you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts for this infant, honoured Jesus with gold because He was King of the Jews, with frankincense because He was to be worshipped as divine; and with myrrh, because He would also become a sacrifice and die for His people.

The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for

months over difficult terrain, they never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, His divinity or His sacrificial death. They worshipped Him through faith in God's promises about Him. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi's eyes of faith saw clearly and far into the future.

Compare that with the High Priest and religious leaders whom the Wise Men saw in Jerusalem when they first arrived. These head priests knew all about the prophecies of their own coming Messiah, but NOT ONE Jewish religious leader travelled to look for Him in Bethlehem. And it is only six miles down the road!

**FEAST OF THE
EPIPHANY**



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large sums of cash around is not practical or advisable. So, we use plastic cards, and await the monthly bills.

That shouldn't mean, though, that we are slaves to debt. A wise friend years ago gave me some advice I have valued (though not always followed). Firstly, leave your credit card at home. Then you will only use it when you've planned to do so, and know it's realistic. Secondly, use your debit

card as though it were money from your wallet or purse and keep a close eye on your bank statement. Lastly, never let your credit card debt exceed your monthly income – not even for a week!

Are you in debt, and worried? There is a Christian charity dedicated to helping people who are having problems with debt. Contact 'Christians Against Poverty' capuk.org

THE WAY I SEE IT:

Power and corruption

Canon David Winter considers the ongoing storm of allegations of sexual abuse.

‘Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely.’ Lord Acton’s famous dictum has never seemed more fitting than during last Autumn’s series of public scandals.

It all began with allegations of sexual abuse against a highly distinguished Hollywood film producer. Then it was similar but wide-spread allegations from women in the general work-place. And finally, to cap it all, a series of allegations of similar abuse by our own elected rulers. In every case, power was the defining feature – power which could make or destroy a career or power associated with status, position or rank.

This is, in effect, a modern version of slavery. People – men, mostly – have

always been tempted to use their power to dominate others or indulge their desires. (Think of the story of David and Bathsheba, in the Bible.) The emerging emancipation of women in the work-place is finally exposing such behaviour as what it is, the corrupting effect of power on human relationships.

The revelations of the Autumn have shone a bright light into some murky corners of our social and working life. Now it is up to those who have the limited power of democratic government to see that what is exposed is fairly, but firmly dealt with, and up to each of us, where our own little bits of influence on other people are concerned, to use that ‘power’ with integrity and compassion.

Choose between chocolate and cheese

Here is a desperate choice: if you had to give up one forever, which would it be? After a great deal of heart-searching, it seems we are split nearly down the middle, with 50 per cent of us letting chocolate go, and 47 per cent letting cheese go. So – cheese wins! As one senior food analyst

explains, ‘Cheese is a menu staple in the vast majority of homes.’

But although the survey, by Mintel the consumer analysts, found that we love cheese best, that does not mean we don’t love chocolate: in fact, we are buying more of it each year. This coming year we are forecast to get through nearly half a million tons of chocolate, and 785 million tons of cheese (most of it cheddar).

One popular New Year's Resolution is the decision to do something about clutter, but where do you begin? Jane Brocklehurst has worked as a professional 'declutterer' for many years, helping people to get their homes back under control. Here she begins a simple theology of decluttering. This is a four-part series that begins this month, and will conclude in April.

HOME FREED: the theology of decluttering

Part 1: Goal!

Forgetting what lies behind, I press on towards the goal. (Phil 3:13)

An important aspect of spirituality is to live in the present, without letting the past hold you captive, or the future make you anxious.

But in a house full of clutter, paying close attention to what is immediately in front of you may be the last thing you want to do! Heaps of clutter demand attention, because it occupies the space you need to work in, because it hides the important thing you are looking for, because it is difficult to keep clean, because you literally risk falling over it and injuring yourself if you don't pay attention.

The desire to clear clutter and live more simply can be strong, but people often don't know how to begin. Just throw it all away and start again? There may be treasures buried

in the junk! (And anyway, recycling is more responsible than simple disposal.)

For the past decade, I have been helping people to declutter their homes and also to organize what they want to keep. No matter how the process ends, decluttering always begins the same way – we set a goal. What are you aiming to achieve? What will be the end result?

Your goal provides motivation, a sense of purpose when the mess is at its worst. With no goal, you might just move stuff from one place to another, without sorting through it. One room is cleared, but another is newly cluttered! So, it is better to go through things by type – shoes, tools, pans, books, and so on – rather than room by room. For example, do you really need 20 pairs of shoes, and eight screwdrivers? If your goal is to keep only things you use at least once every year, then the answer becomes easier.

Often clutter is inherited. Although you don't really want it, there is a sense of obligation, guilt, or fear of what might happen if you give anything away. So, part of your goal could include a change of attitude. Pray you will be able to see things for what they really are. Pray for wisdom as you choose what to keep. Pray that you can open your hands to let

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go of what you do not need. Pray for perseverance until your goal is reached. Remember that clutter is as much in the mind as in the home.

Then begin. Gather your possessions into 'like' groups, and look at each thing in turn. Make positive choices. How will this possession help you to

reach your goal? Surround yourself with beautiful, useful things that make living in the moment a joy and a delight. Take the rest down to the nearest charity shop – where they may well go on to light up someone else's life.

Cut stake on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals to £2, Bishop urges Government

The Bishop of St Albans, Dr Alan Smith, has responded to the Government's recent announcement of The Triennial Review of Stakes and Prizes. He said: "The Triennial Review of Stakes and Prizes has proposed a range of possible stakes for fixed-odds betting terminals. While a reduction in stakes is welcome, any stake higher than £2 does not go far enough to address the harm these machines cause to families and communities around the UK.

"In our broader response to the consultation, the Church of England

will urge the Government to consider the experiences of those affected most by these machines, and to choose to lower the stake to £2.

"This will bring order to the regulatory scheme and improve our high streets. At present, FOBTs are the only betting machines on the high street which take a stake of more than £2.

"The £100 stake has been a disastrous anomaly. I urge the Government not to replace one harmful anomaly with another at the expense of the poorest and most vulnerable."

With New Year in mind, we think of time and the future...

🕒 Every man's life lies within the present; for the past is spent and done with, and the future is uncertain. *Marcus Aurelius Antoninus*

🕒 Life is what happens to you when you are busy making other plans. *John Lennon*

Miscellaneous observation on life...

A recession is a period when people do without the things their parents never had.

Thomas Hardy – looking back 90 years

Tim Lenton recalls a much-loved, but very pessimistic, poet and writer.

Poet and novelist Thomas Hardy died 90 years ago this month, on 11th January 1928. He is probably best known for the Wessex novels, named after one of the kingdoms of Anglo-Saxon Britain and set largely in the Dorset area, where he was born and where he died. But his real talent was as a poet.

Hardy's long career – he was born in 1840 – spanned the Victorian and modern eras. He is generally regarded as pessimistic and fatalistic, although in his youth he had wanted to be a parson, and his biblical knowledge, expressed in both his poetry and his novels, was exceptional. Although generally

regarded as an agnostic, he never stopped attending Anglican church and taking Holy Communion.

His novels, though very readable, were marred by an excessive use of coincidence, but some of his poetry was brilliant, employing the music of language to the full, and often revealed an underlying hope – or at least the desire for it. In *The Darkling Thrush* he writes of “some blessed Hope, whereof he knew / And I was unaware”, and in *The Oxen* he concludes: “I should go with him in the gloom, / Hoping it might be so.”

When Hardy died, his ashes were deposited in the Poets' Corner of Westminster Abbey. His heart was interred in the graveyard at Stinsford Church where his parents, grandparents, and his first wife were buried.

Those beloved little red bricks

David Winter recalls his relationship with Lego...

Sixty years ago this month a Danish company copyrighted a new toy. They called it 'Lego', Danish for 'leg godt', or play well. They can't have foreseen the enormous, world-wide enthusiasm with which these little red clip-together building blocks would be greeted by children from about two years old to early teens. Toddlers would clip them together and imagine they were houses or lorries. Older children would build progressively more sophisticated structures, many

with cogs, wheels and battery powered motors.

Parents and grand-parents loved them, because they were a universally welcome gift, and even a youngster who already had some Lego was always glad to get some more. Mind you, little red bricks in odd places rapidly became a feature of many homes – under chairs and settees, in beds, and even turning up in the cat's tray or the bath.

Lego has been, for sixty years, a feature of any home with children. It

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Some modern tips for the Wise Men's journey

David Pickup, a solicitor, has a light-hearted look at foreign travel this month...

Suppose you are going abroad, to pay your respects to a newly born royal baby. But the country you visit is under foreign occupation, and you don't know where the baby is. What can you do to make sure you are successful?

When travelling abroad in foreign places, first think carefully about your transport – how many camels will you really need? How will you feed them on the way? And what about relying solely on the stars at night for navigation? Would a Satnav during the day help things along a bit?

When you arrive in the country, be sensitive to the political situation. It may be unwise to go straight to the authorities and ask them where their future king has just been born. This can make leaders uneasy, and can

even get innocent people killed. Also, be aware of the country's attitude to different gods, especially if you have gone along intending to worship one in particular.

Don't worry if you are given only part of an address, say, only the name of the town where the baby may be. Go there, and trust that somehow you will feel 'led' to the right house.

Sadly, crime is common in many foreign cities, so if you are carrying expensive presents like gold or frankincense, it is best to keep them out of sight. A coat with large pockets, or even a loose cape, will work fine.

If any problems arise after you find the baby and pay your respects, don't hang about. Pay attention to that nightmare you had last night, and get out of the country before you are arrested. Be happy to take a different route home. After all, it is all under the same stars. Above all, be wise, and have a Happy New Year!

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was also, I admit, the inspiration for a little children's song which I wrote nearly 50 years ago, which was included in the BBC school song book. It was called 'The Building Song' and included the immortal lines

Everybody's building, everybody's building, Everybody's building in a different way.

Not, I agree, exactly Isaac Watts, but the tune, by Roger Hurrell, was catchy and it became very popular at school assemblies. Yes, we *are* all building – lives, character, personalities, friendships. After all, 'made in God's image', what could we be but creator/builders? We gather, pick and choose – and like Lego, make something of all the bits!



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

Diary of a Momentous Year: January 1918: STALEMATE

1918 was the final year of the Great War. This year, Canon David Winter will look back on highlights of those critical 12 months, when the very shape of modern world history was being hammered out on the battlefields.

In January 1918, my mother was working as a telephonist in London. My father, whom she had yet to meet, was somewhere on the Western Front in France serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps as a stretcher-bearer. Decades later they spoke of the helpless mood of people, as the War simply became a permanent feature of life.

Whatever had happened to 'over by Christmas'? The front line stayed more or less where it had been for years. Yet week by week the official Gazette published page upon page of British casualties. People at home were still reeling from the appalling slaughter of the battle of Passchendaele. No one seemed to know what to do about it. Even the most gung-ho generals had stopped thinking that the next great offensive would defeat the German army and bring the war to an end. Food was becoming scarce, but hope was even scarcer – and that was as true for the enemy as for the Allies.

However, there were the Americans. They had arrived late in the War (in

April 1917), just a few months before Russia retired from it, battered and bruised and without huge swathes of its former territory. No one was quite sure what the Americans would do, but in the first month of 1918 – the 8th of January, to be precise – Allied questions were dramatically answered. In a speech to Congress, President Woodrow Wilson spelt out Fourteen Principles which America considered fundamental to a peaceful solution of the seemingly endless war in Europe.

The 'principles' included several based on the those of the American Constitution – democracy, freedom from oppression and self-determination. But he also raised issues of free trade between nations, freedom of navigation and a requirement for an all-round and significant disarmament – 'no more than is necessary for defence'. He touched, too, on a contentious issue that is often overlooked in the background of this war – competitive colonialism. Britain, Germany and France all held large parts of Africa and defended their 'right' to do so vigorously.

Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Principles certainly lifted many hearts in Britain. At least someone in power was talking about peace-making rather than victory. Governments were cautious, but an influential voice had crossed the Atlantic. Was it possible that in these Principles there was a key that might eventually unlock the Gate of Peace?

The great North Sea Flood of January 1953

Tim Lenton looks back on a disaster.

Exceptional weather conditions 65 years ago, on 31st January and 1st February 1953, created what has been described as the worst national peacetime disaster to hit the UK – the North Sea flood.

In England, 307 people were killed as the sea broke through along the East Coast, but Holland was even more badly hit: 1836 people died there.

The cause of the disaster was a deep Atlantic depression passing to the north of Scotland and moving southeast down the relatively shallow North Sea. Northerly gales forced sea water south at high tide, causing a tidal

surge which locally exceeded 18.4ft above mean sea level. (In normal conditions, 9ft is considered very high.)

Because no warning system was in place, whole communities were unaware of the imminent threat. As well as the deaths in England and the Netherlands, 28 died in Belgium, 19 in Scotland and 361 at sea, including 133 on the ferry MV Princess Victoria.

As a result of the inundation, an official service for forecasting coastal flooding – the Storm Tides Warning Service – was established within the Met Office. It aims to forecast this kind of event five days ahead. Sea defences have also been hugely improved.

The Daily Service celebrates a big birthday

The Daily Service on the BBC celebrates a great milestone this month... by David Winter.

Ninety years ago this month BBC Radio broadcast for the first time a short Daily Service at 10.15 – in those days, the start of its daily output. It's half an hour later now, but it's still there, the longest running programme on the BBC, after News and Weather forecasts.

Its appearance in 1928 was, in fact, the result of a tireless and determined campaign by a lady in Bushey, Herts, Miss Kathleen Cordeux. For two years she had

campaigning for a short Christian service each morning 'for the sick and house-bound' – 'just some sacred music, a hymn, a Bible reading and prayer'. Through the letters column in the *Radio Times*, and then by bombarding the director-general of the BBC, John Reith, after two years she got her way – at first as an 'experiment', to test the demand. The response from listeners was immediate and enthusiastic and 90 years later, I think even she would be surprised to find that it is still there every day on Radio 4. And it still follows her proposed content: sacred music, a hymn, a Bible reading and a prayer.

The 1918 ‘Flu pandemic

Tim Lenton looks back on the greatest killer of the early 20th century.

Known as the “greatest medical holocaust in history”, the worldwide flu pandemic that followed the First World War started 100 years ago, and lasted from January 1918 to December 1920.

Sometimes known as Spanish flu because it received greater publicity at first in that country, its origins were unclear. At one time, it was thought to have originated in Kansas among poultry and pigs, but later a more virulent strain appeared simultaneously in France, Sierra Leone and Boston, Massachusetts.

Up to 20% of those infected died, as opposed to the usual flu epidemic

mortality rate of 0.1%. Unusually, it killed mostly young adults and was widespread in summer and autumn.

“Virus” was a novel concept in 1918, and most of the world’s doctors assumed they were dealing with a bacterial disease. They had no vaccine, antiviral drugs or even antibiotics, which might have defeated the secondary bacterial infections that killed most victims.

The disease claimed between 50 and 100 million lives, or between 2.5% and 5% of the global population. (World War I killed about 18 million people, World War II about 60 million.) It disappeared as suddenly as it arrived, possibly mutating into a less dangerous form of the virus.

An excellent New Year’s Resolution for everybody

Here is something very easy, and very good, for you to do this year: simply eat more slowly.

It could save your life.

Recent research in Japan has found that diners who gobble their food quickly are five times more likely to develop metabolic syndrome, the name for a cluster of dangerous health problems such as high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity. Those

of us who eat quickly are also more than three times more likely to gain weight.

Scientists believe that eating quickly prevents the brain from noticing when the body has taken in too many calories. Unused calories are then stored as fat, which places pressure on the heart. Eating fast also appears to cause spikes of blood sugar, which can stop insulin from working effectively. Metabolic syndrome affects one in four adults in Britain.

18th January -Amy Carmichael – founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship

Not many teenagers, on becoming a Christian, will devote themselves to winning others for Christ in a foreign land. Amy was such a person. She left Britain to live in a tiny village in Southern India. Here, for the next 56 years, Amy rescued hundreds of orphaned and vulnerable children, and served her Lord in Dohnavur.

Amy Wilson Carmichael had been born in Ireland on 16th December 1867, into a devout Presbyterian family in Belfast. When she was 16, Amy had become a Christian and decided to start a mission for mill girls. When she came into contact with the Keswick movement, she sensed a call to serve abroad.

At first, Amy planned to go to China, but ill health prevented her from travelling. Later, for 15 months, she worked in Japan, but the climate was detrimental to her health. In 1895, she went to India to evangelise around Bangalore, and then, in order

to escape rising political violence, she moved on to Dohnavur.

Here she met a girl called Preena, who had escaped being a slave in a Hindu temple. From that moment, Amy knew she had found her true calling. She dedicated the rest of her life to rescuing girls and boys who had been given by parents or relatives to serve in the temple as prostitutes.

Amy donned Indian dress and learnt about the Hindu culture and showed the love of Christ through her compassion. Overcoming much hardship and danger, Amy expanded her evangelistic work to establish a centre for homes, schools and a hospital. The Dohnavur Fellowship still continues today.

In 1931, Amy suffered a severe injury that virtually confined her to bed for the next 20 years. Despite this, she wrote 13 of her 35 books and many thousands of letters. Amy based her life on prayer and trusted God for all her needs. She died on 18th January, 1951 aged 83.

It's January, a month most people dislike. It's cold, Christmas is over, it's ages till spring, what is good to say about January? I disagree! Hence this poem.

January Charm

The jewel-encrusted branches
As hoar frost leaves its touch;

The snowscape that entrances
That's what I love so much!
The starlight's diamond splendour
The peaceful, icy calm;
It's easy to surrender
To January charm.

By Nigel Beeton

In praise of the Remnant

The Ven John Barton pays tribute to the faithful people in our churches...

I hadn't seen her for 30 years, when she had been a member of the Church Youth Club. Now, as an adult, she was one of a faithful few who were keeping the same church going. Thinking I would pay her an encouraging compliment, I said she was part of the Remnant. When her face fell, I realised that, for most people, 'remnant' is how you describe leftover pieces of material which fabric departments have no use for and sell at bargain prices.

But in the Bible, the 'Remnant' is a term of great honour. It describes a dedicated minority who remained loyal to God, when others were falling away. God relied on them to represent Him, and He honoured their commitment. It underlies the story of Noah, when only a few were saved from the Flood. It recurred when Lot escaped from the destruction of Sodom, and again when Elijah grumpily complained that

he alone remained faithful, although he was one of a minority of 7,000 loyal servants of God.

The prophets taught that, despite the apostasy of the majority, God would keep hold of a minority; special messengers would confirm that His purposes could not be thwarted. In the New Testament, John the Baptist took up that role, and preached the uncompromising message that repentance is required if people mean business with God – the right pedigree or great wealth is meaningless to the Almighty.

God doesn't need large numbers to fulfill His purposes. Jesus said the Kingdom of Heaven is like a tiny bit of yeast which transforms a large quantity of flour to produce bread. What does that say to the 21st Century, when the success of a movement is measured by the number of its adherents?

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit", says the Lord Almighty.

Single – and happy about it

Women prefer the single life to men, because it is they who have to put the work into keeping relationships going. This is the finding of a recent survey by consumer analysts Mintel.

They found that 61 per cent of single women are happy with their single status, compared to 49 per cent of

single men. Also, 75 percent of all single women have not even looked for a relationship in the past year, compared to 65 per cent of single men.

For those aged 45 to 65, the difference is at its most stark. 32 per cent of single women in this age group say they are very happy alone, while only 19 per cent of men in this age group are happy alone.

How do people encounter God?

Human beings from ancient days have looked to the skies in a state of wonder, and attributed the scope and beauty of what they see to a Creator. For those who believe in God, that sense of wonder has increased in recent years as science has made us increasingly aware of how very unlikely it has been that life of any kind happened.

Like many people, Christians look at nature and marvel. In it they find powerful evidence for the existence of God. It speaks of the character of God – powerful, eternal and with a special place for humans in his purposes. However, it also poses unsettling questions about God, because nature is a place in which catastrophes can overtake men and women in a way that seems meaningless and entirely unfair.

Deep down in human nature is a curiosity that leads us again and again to speculate that there may be a God. These encounters take place in circumstances in which we confront something that money cannot buy. Sometimes it is a shock that leads to these questions – the loss of a job, a friend or health. Sometimes it is joy – such as the birth of children and the longing to give them a future full of hope. Sometimes it is disappointment that the activities of life do not make

us feel fulfilled. Occasionally people encounter God through supernatural experiences that they cannot explain.

There are many circumstances in which people find their attention grabbed by the possibility that God might be making Himself known to them. However, Christians have always recognised that the most significant way that God has made Himself known is through a specific event in history. God has lived in a human body. At the start of the first century AD, God inhabited human flesh, and walked and talked on this planet - Jesus, the founder of the Christian faith.

When a child asks, 'What is God like?' a good answer would be, 'He is like Jesus.' Christians study Jesus' life and teaching because they appear to answer some of the questions they have about God.

You can find answers to questions about Christianity at www.christianity.org.uk.

Christianity.org.uk is the website of the Christian Enquiry Agency Ltd. This is an agency of Churches Together in England.

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

New Patients Welcome

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

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

Telephone Numbers:

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District Nursing Team: 01246 584903

Surgery Fax: 01246 583867

Health Visitor: 01246 583270

Dispensary: 01246 582366

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

Normal Surgery Opening Times

Monday (7:30 – 19:00) 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 - 10th

January; 14th February & 14th

March 2018.

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

Patient Participation Group -

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

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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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December
solution



January
Sudoku



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SERVICES & ROTAS FOR JANUARY 2018

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
7	9.30am Holy Communion	Pauline Mather	<i>All - post Christmas</i>
14	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	<i>10th - 13th Rupert & Liz</i>
21	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Hopkins	
28	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	<i>24th - 27th Fiona L</i>
<i>4 Feb</i>	9.30am Holy Communion	Barbara Hawksworth	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
7	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Liz Bradshaw	
14	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
21	10.45am Matins	R S Sherwood/Diana Wardle	
28	10.45am Holy Communion	John Bowns/Mike Pindar	
<i>4 Feb</i>	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Thomas + helper	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
7	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	M Pindar/Jennie Ball	<i>To be arranged</i>
14	M Douglas/Diana Maskery	Mr & Mrs Nelson	“ “
21	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	“ “
28	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Jackson	“ “
<i>4 Feb</i>	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	“ “
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
7	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Matthew 2: 1-12	David Jackson <i>Feast of The Epiphany</i>	Matilda Cadogan <i>Family Service</i>
14	1 Samuel 3: 1-10 John 1: 43-51	John Bowns <i>Epiphany Two</i>	Fiona Swain <i>SS Sarah Porter</i>
21	Genesis 14: 17-20 John 2: 1-11	Bob Carter <i>Epiphany Three</i>	Sarah Porter <i>No Sunday School</i>
28	Malachi 3: 1-5 Luke 2: 22-40	Roger Wardle <i>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</i>	School - Class 4 <i>Family Service</i>

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