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On Sunday 25th March we celebrate Palm Sunday – the day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Back then, Jerusalem was a destination hotspot - a tourist town. The city's population swelled from 40,000 to 200,000 during the holidays and the Jewish Passover was one of the busiest holidays.

On Palm Sunday there were actually two processions in Jerusalem. One we all know well and commemorate with the waving of palm branches. We remember Jesus riding a donkey accompanied by his peasant followers coming from the north into Jerusalem. Also entering Jerusalem at Passover, from the west, was the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate. Like the Roman Governors before him, Pilate lived in Caesarea by the sea. In other words, Pilate spent most of his time at his beach house. But with the crowds of devout Jews flowing into Jerusalem to commemorate their liberation from Egypt, the Roman Governors would put on a display of force to deter the Jews from getting too excited about the possibility of liberation from Rome. In a show of military force, this second parade included a cavalry on horses, foot soldiers, leather armour, helmets, weapons, banners, golden eagles mounted on poles and the sun glinting on the metal and gold. The sound of marching feet, the creaking of leather, the clinking of bridles and the beating of drums would have had a sobering effect on all those who saw this parade. There would have been no shouts of “Hosanna” as the powerful Pilate rode astride of his horse, hoping to strike fear into the resentful onlookers.

Jesus' procession into Jerusalem was very different. St. Mark in his Gospel spends more time telling us about the preparations for Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem than about the event itself. It would even seem that Jesus wanted intentionally to set himself in stark contrast with the other procession coming into town.

Two arrivals, two entrances, two processions – and all too often we find ourselves in the wrong parade. The world is full of parades, or as we might more frequently say, full of “bandwagons.” Sometimes it is really difficult to know which parade to join, which bandwagon to hop on. It is so easy and so tempting to join the wrong ones and so hard, sometimes, to get in the right

procession. It is so easy to simply get caught up in the enthusiasm of the crowds and join the procession which has the loudest brass bands or the most elaborate floats or the greatest number of celebrities or the most charismatic leaders. It is so easy to miss the counter-procession that is taking place on the other side of town – the one where Jesus is riding on a humble donkey, claiming a dominion, not by violence or hatred, but by courageous loving, serving and accepting his place among the victims of imperial power. In so doing, for those with the eyes of faith to see it, Jesus bears witness to the futility of the world's kind of power in establishing God's peace, and points Christ's followers to a different way. The dominion of God is nothing remotely like the kingdoms of empires with which we are all too familiar. Power does not come from domination or oppression, but rather flows from love and service. Leadership requires servanthood and grace.

While Pontius Pilate processed into Jerusalem with a showcase of intimidating muscle and glinting armour astride a noble horse, Jesus processed unarmed and unflanked on the back of a borrowed donkey.

Someone once said, “What wonderful hands Jesus must have had.” They meant that a man who could sit on an animal never ridden before, keep it calm as people shouted in its ears, control it as people waved palm branches and threw clothes in front of it – that man must have had wonderful hands. Those hands fashioned wood and fashioned lives; they broke bread and were pierced. At his resurrection he showed them his hands; proof that it was him. These were hands of a King.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave



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EASTER LILIES AT ST. ANNE'S



If you would like to make a contribution towards Easter Lilies at St. Annes's Church, Beeley, please give your donation to Gladys Hopkins or Fiona Lichfield by Palm Sunday, 25th March.

EASTER LILIES AT ST. PETER'S

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



Cards need to be filled in and returned by Palm Sunday, 25th March.

To order a lily contact Liz Bradshaw 01246 582421, Mrs Penrose 01246 583197 or Margaret Nelson 01629 812257

SPECIAL SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th March

Compline 7.30pm ~ St. Peter's, Edensor

Maundy Thursday 29th March

Holy Communion 7pm ~ St. Anne's, Beeley

Good Friday 30th March

The Good Friday Liturgy 2pm ~ St. Peter's

Holy Saturday 31st March

Easter Liturgy including the lighting of a new fire, Blessing of the Easter Candle and renewal of Baptismal vows ~ 7.30pm St. Peter's

Items for the **APRIL** magazine should reach me **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 12th MARCH 2018**; email to: liz.bradshaw@w3z.co.uk

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Dates for your Diary -March

- 3 Wedding - St. Peter's 2.30pm** - Richard Nuttall & Samantha Parkin
- 11 St. Peter's - Visiting Ringers** (Trumpington Bellringers 9.20 - 10am)
- 13 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall**
Quilts and how to make them - Learn to quilt - Helen Walland
Tea & Raffle: Tammy and Fiona L
- 19 BEELEY Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall**
- 20 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP 7pm Beeley Village Hall**
Sandra Struggles talking on 'The Markham Pit Disaster'
- 21 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage**
Craft Evening - Knitting trauma teddies
Competition: Small knitted/crocheted novelty item
Teas: Jane & Irene Morris

Pilsley CofE School

Table Top Sale - Saturday 17th March 2 - 4pm

Cavendish Hall, Edensor

If you would like to hire a table, the cost is £10, please contact the school office on 01246 583203. Space is limited and tables will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Sellers are welcome to set up from 1pm. Entrance is 50p per adult so come along and see if you can pick up a bargain or two!

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

Would everyone who tends graves or cremation plots in our churchyards please make sure that any Christmas wreaths are removed before the mowing season begins. If your Christmas wreath was on a plastic or metal frame then it cannot be recycled unless the frames are removed, only the foliage/flowers can be put in the green recycling bin, everything else should be put in the household bin. Thank you.

FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

5th February Interment of Ashes ~ Ivy Parkin aged 91years

8th February Funeral Service followed by burial ~

Peter Towndrow aged 84years

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

16th February Funeral Service followed by Cremation ~

Diana Roose Maskery aged 74years

OUTDOOR ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

PILSLEY CofE SCHOOL

In 2013, funding was secured to regenerate the main playground and improve the surfacing for car parking at weekends and school holidays for the Farm Shop. The next step was to further develop the outside area and the fabric of the building. This was delayed partly due to a change of headteacher and to a lack of funds in the school budget. The roof on the oldest part of the building was deemed unsafe and needed to be re-roofed. The health, safety and well-being of the children is a top priority for the school. This has prompted a kick start to the next stage of the outside regeneration. The school would like to install an outside classroom, sensory garden and wildflower meadow. This can be used by the local community at the weekends and in the holidays as part of the school's vision and ethos to support and enrich the community it serves.

The Outdoor Classroom is going to cost around £10,000 and the Governors thought it would be nice to open this up to the wider community, previous staff, students, parents and grandparents. If you donate £50 or more, you can opt to have that donation acknowledged on the new classroom with a plaque.

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Plaque wording (if wanted): _____

Please make cheques payable to Pilsley CofE Primary School and drop in or post to school.

The Derbyshire Singers

With a French Flavour



Programme will include

Fauré

Requiem and

Cantique de Jean Racine

Vierne

Messe Solennelle

Guest Conductor:

Neil Ferris (*Chorus Director*
BBC Symphony Chorus)

Soprano: **Rebecca Lea**

Baritone: **Andrew Ashwin**

Organ: **John Keys**



Sat 17th March

7.30pm

St Peter's Church

Edensor

Tickets £14

Includes Concert programme
[Student/U16 (with adult) free
ticket]

*Seating is restricted: it is advisable to
purchase in advance from*

Robert Young Florists
Crown Square
Matlock

Natural Choice
Ashbourne
(01335 346096)

or Website:

www.derbyshiresingers.org

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

Items can be brought to Sunday services or left at the back of the church at any time.

These donations of food and clothing are always very much appreciated at the centre and particularly as the weather turns colder and more people need assistance.

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

11th March 2018

Their Finest

2016 UK, Certificate 12A, 117 minutes

Comedy, Drama, Romance

A former secretary, newly appointed as a script-writer for propaganda films, joins the cast and crew of a major production while the Blitz rages around them.

Introduction by Emma Bent

THE WAY I SEE IT: Mothers and Mothering

Canon David Winter considers the difference between Mother's Day and Mothering Sunday.

The American invention, “Mother’s Day”, will be celebrated on Sunday 11th March, though the cards, boxes of chocolates and reservations for deliveries of flowers will be in the shops long before. It’s a very nice idea, as most of us love our mothers dearly and welcome a chance to celebrate their importance in our lives.

I say “American invention”, because long before Mother’s Day there was a Christian event, marked nowadays in the Church Calendar, with the title ‘Mothering Sunday’. It’s still widely observed in churches on the fourth Sunday of Lent, and yes, that’s 11th March, too.

The difference between them is subtle but profound. ‘Mother’s Day’ is about who she is, particularly in our lives. ‘Mothering Sunday’, as its

rather awkward name implies, is about a quality which we recognise in mothers but can be present elsewhere – to ‘mother’ someone.

We have all needed mothering, from time to time, and not simply when we were tiny and helpless, literally dependent on our mothers for our sustenance and survival. During the years of the last War I was ‘mothered’ by my grandmother. Sometimes a friend acts in this role for us, when we feel lonely or helpless. ‘Mothering’ means caring deeply, sustaining, supporting, whatever the cost.

That is why God, whom we usually call ‘Father’, is sometimes spoken of in the Bible as ‘mothering’ us, gathering us in His arms of love, even feeding us like a mother. On ‘Mothering Sunday’ we celebrate so much more than our own beloved mums. We celebrate the whole glorious notion of care, compassion and nurture. And of that care, very often our own mothers are the very best examples.

When two plus one = loneliness

Becoming a parent is a wonderful thing, but it does bring enormous changes to your life. A new baby can take up so much time that it seems that half of all new mothers and fathers admit to feeling lonely, cut off from their friends and colleagues, and even family.

Recent research by Action for Children and Mumsnet found that ‘having a baby changes your life in many ways, not all of them as joyful as you might expect.’ And so, a new twitter campaign, #startswithhello is encouraging people to offer a ‘hello’ coffee or playdate to new parents in their neighbourhood.

Bishop's Bill to put mothers' names on marriage certificates passes first stage

A move to end the “historic injustice” of excluding mothers’ names from marriage certificates has passed its first parliamentary stage in a Private Members’ Bill brought by the Bishop of St Albans, Dr Alan Smith.

The bill, which also includes provision to modernise registration with electronic registers, received its Second Reading in the House of Lords.

In his speech, the Bishop described the origin of the present practice of naming only the father on marriage certificates as “archaic and unchanged since Victorian times, where children were seen as the father’s property, and little consideration was given to mothers’ roles in raising children.”

Dr Smith continued: “As we approach the centenary of the Representation of the People Act, it is only right that we consider how existing legislation excludes or does not recognise the contributions made by women. This Bill allows for this important and symbolic change to be made.

“It’s important to note that this Bill would allow mothers’ names to be included when registering all marriages, not just those that take

place in Church of England Churches.”

Dr Smith said there was popular support for the change in Parliament and across society. Many who were getting married themselves or whose children are to marry will, he said, have been “shocked” to discover the continuing exclusion of mothers’ names.

Dr Smith also made clear that the Bill covered other matters relating to marriage registration, namely the modernisation of the system for recording marriages, moving away from a paper-based to a digital system for record keeping.

It does not, he said, “...alter who can get married, or where they can get married, or who can perform that marriage. The bill does not propose any changes to marriage ceremonies, or the Church of England’s doctrine of marriage. These are all far greater questions, which fall beyond the scope of this Bill.”

After passing Second Reading, the Bill now proceeds towards its Committee Stage in the House of Lords.

Celebrating Easter – how do various Christians do it?

Virtually all Christians mark Easter (the Society of Friends or Quakers is one of a few exceptions). The ways they celebrate it vary:

The week leading up to Easter Sunday is often called Holy Week and Christians focus more deeply than usual on their faith.

It begins with Palm Sunday. Services on this day, seven days before Easter, recall Jesus entering Jerusalem triumphantly, cheered by crowds as He rode a donkey. Palm leaves were waved on that occasion, and are still significant in church worship, often twisted into the shape of a cross.

Four days later is Maundy Thursday, when Jesus' followers remember that on the night before He died He asked them to remember Him by eating bread and drinking wine. Maundy comes from the Latin word for commandment, recalling Jesus' command that day that Christians should love each other in the same way that He loves them.

The next day is Good Friday (called Holy Friday in countries with large numbers of Roman Catholic Christians). This is the most solemn day of the Christian year because it is used to recall the appalling death of

Jesus. Although it is a public holiday, it is increasingly difficult to distinguish it from other days of the year, so many churches hold processions or open-air services in public places to draw attention to its significance. Inside churches there are meditative services in a bare setting. It may be that the day was originally known as God Friday, and the name changed as language developed. Elsewhere in the world, it is called Great Friday or Holy Friday.

Easter Sunday recalls the day when Jesus' followers discovered that His tomb was empty. It is the most important and joyful day of the Christian year. Jubilant music is performed, and flowers and banners fill the churches with colour. The centuries-old cry, 'Alleluia! Christ is risen!' is met with the response, 'He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'

In the first Christian centuries Easter Sunday was the day on which new converts to Christianity were baptised. This tradition continues in some places. More recent, but popular, ways of celebrating include Easter vigils late on Saturday night, which begin in darkness and culminate in the lighting of a fire in the early hours of Easter morning. Since the 18th century there has been a tradition of gathering on the highest local hill for a service of praise to God as the sun rises.

More articles like this can be found at Christianity.org.uk



Limited Mobility Chair-based Exercise Class

Every Tuesday during term-time

Rowsley Village Hall 2pm - 3.30pm

with Michele Abercrombie-Riva

**These classes are endorsed by Age UK
and follow NHS guidelines**

About our Limited Mobility Exercise Class

There are times in life, when we may find difficulty with our mobility and balance. It would be good if we were healthy and active a hundred percent of the time, but sadly it's not the case. As a yoga teacher, and ex nurse, I appreciate the importance of looking after our wellbeing, which includes our physical, mental, and emotional needs. To stay fit and well, we must stay active. I am really looking forward to joining you in this class which I hope will be a social occasion, a way to meet and make new friends. We will end each session with a well earned cuppa and a chat. Michele Abercrombie-Riva

To find out more, contact Michele (Tel: 01629 815168) or just come along

Lottery funded - Only £3 per session

Beware tough laws on phones in cars

It is now nearly a year (April 2017) since the Law clamped down on motorists who use their phones at the wheel. But many drivers may not realise that the laws *also* extend to using mobile phones as satnavs.

Although it is not illegal to use a navigation app, drivers face prosecution if they touch the handset *for any reason*, while they are at the wheel, *even if the vehicle is not moving*.

The maximum penalty has doubled, to a £200 fine and six points, or even disqualification.

Pete Williams, road safety spokesman for the RAC, says: 'More has to be done to educate drivers that *any* use of a hand-held phone at the wheel is both illegal and presents both a mental and physical distraction that could ultimately cause a crash and the loss of life.' In 2015 there were 22 deaths on the roads, simply due to drivers using handheld phones.

The unexpected effect of celebrity vicars

Celebrity clergy, such as the Revd Richard Coles and the Revd Kate Bottley, have helped the Church of England by making it appear more accessible, and thereby boosting the number of trainee clergy up to a ten-year high.

Such is the belief of a number of church leaders, such as the Bishop of Repton, the Rt Rev Jan McFarlane.

‘With Richard and Kate being on Strictly Come Dancing and shows like that, they’ve just come across as human people who happen to have a strong faith.’

And so, while in 2016 there were 476 new trainees; last year there were 544 new trainees. New priests are also getting younger; last year 28 per cent of trainees were under 32.

Community fridge receives warm welcome

Janet Holmes, a team vicar in Telford, Shropshire, has responded to shocking statistics around UK food waste, resulting in the launch of Brookside Community Fridge.

After participating in the Make Goodmissional entrepreneurship course, a partnership between Church Mission Society, Matryoshka Haus and the Pickwell Foundation, Janet worked with others in her community to bring the idea to fruition.

The fridge, hosted in a local community centre, is a place where anyone can put in and take out food – so supplies are donated by both individuals and local businesses, and anyone in the community can come to make use of them. The team saw

the idea in London, and managed to secure some funding from the Sainsbury’s “waste less, save more” initiative.

It seems a simple solution to the issue of food waste – yet it has caught the eye of local media, and the fridge has been featured on Midlands Today TV news and the project co-ordinator, Sam Smith, was interviewed by BBC Radio Shropshire.

To learn more about the Make Goodmissional entrepreneurship course, which helps bring good ideas like this to life, go to:
www.pioneer.churchmissionsociety.org

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Tim Lenton recalls some brilliant nonsense...

The first episode of Douglas Adams' science fiction comedy series *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* was broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on 8 March 1978 – 40 years ago.

Described by one commentator as “Dr Who meets Monty Python”, it was actually much better than that, mixing brilliant off-the-wall thinking with hilarious characterisation and situations. The radio series eventually evolved into a five-book “trilogy”, a TV series and a film. Adams himself died of a heart attack in 2001 before the film appeared, but his

achievements in his field have probably never quite been equalled. The adventure opens with the destruction of Earth to make way for a hyperspace bypass, and there is plenty in it to upset Christians of a sensitive nature, reflecting as it does a universe not very close to anything depicted in the Bible, or indeed anywhere else. But although Adams described himself as a “radical atheist”, it was hard to view his work as anything but brilliant nonsense.

A memorial service was held for him on 17th September 2001 at [St Martin-in-the-Fields](#) Church, [Trafalgar Square](#), London. It was the first church service broadcast live on the web by the BBC.

*One of my jobs at my local church is 'service warden', and one of the things that service wardens get to do is to count the offering. Tedious job? Not always! **Nigel Beeton***

What's in the offering?

*I love to count the offering
One never knows what lies within
The plates and bags of offertory –
What have we here? Now let us see!*

*For “humbled” is the word for me
To see the generosity
Of folk who dig so very deep
To give that money every week.*

*But, other things within the plate!
I stand there, and with laughter shake!
Sometimes I can't believe to see
The offering's variety!*

*Empty wrappers cause a fuss;
Used tickets from the local bus;
In foreign coins – a tidy sum,
I've even found some chewing gum!*

*And, while I count, my dinner waits
But once I found within those plates,
From one who knew I'd peckish be –
A chocolate coin, just for me!*

*You know, within my mortal puff
Among the cash, and other stuff
I would not find it very odd
To find an IOU to God!*

*So thank you, people, from my heart
To those who from their money part;
And thanks to all and everyone
Who make a boring job such fun!*



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

Diary of a Momentous Year: 3 March 1918: Getting Nowhere

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.

March 1918 brought more confusion than comfort to the British public. If they read the papers closely, they would learn of many peace treaties signed – between the new Bolshevik Russian government and some of its neighbours, including Bulgaria and Turkey and even with Germany – but with many hitches and hesitations.

The Allies refused to recognise the Russian-German treaty, for instance, and fighting continued in some places. Yet while there was talk of peace on every hand, the War simply went on and on. The Germans launched a major offensive in France, code-named ‘Michael’, which pushed the Allied forces back from their lines on the western front. This German success so worried the generals that they called a crisis meeting at which General Foch was appointed ‘generalissimo’ to co-ordinate the tactics of the Allied armies.

Four years into the war, that would seem somewhat overdue. It was

followed, as it happened, by the defeat of a similar German attack in the Arras area. So, no wonder the ordinary citizen was baffled. It was up and down, but going nowhere – and the casualties continued, of course.

In fact most people didn’t follow the news that closely, and much of the reporting they did read was unjustifiably optimistic. The face to face interviews of today’s radio and television news programmes make it harder for those in power to avoid unpleasant truths. But at this stage of a brutal war such an approach would have been regarded by many people, including my parents, as disloyalty bordering on treachery.

Nevertheless, people could see for themselves the shortages of food, and they knew that even on a recent moonless night, when navigation was difficult, the Germans were able to launch a bombing raid by aircraft, not Zeppelins, over England. For all the talk of victory, or peace, the mood at home was resigned but realistic. For 15 months a new prime minister had been in office, David Lloyd-George, who had spoken of his hopes for bringing the war to an end. But to carry that right through, he probably needed the mandate of an election win, and that was not to happen while the conflict still took place. At home or abroad, something unexpected was needed to release the log-jam.

The Mother of Science Fiction

Science fiction is well-loved, not just in books (though check the stacked shelves of that category in your bookshop) but in films and on television. 'Star Wars', for instance, is almost a religion, with millions of followers. Sci-fi, as it is known, sets out to use a 'scientific possibility' as a fictional tool. It may destroy the world, or (as a scientific saviour usually demonstrates) bring in a new dawn of hope.

We assume science fiction is a modern phenomenon, but this month we are reminded otherwise. On March 11th 1818 a young writer, Mary Shelley, published her first book, *Frankenstein*, generally judged to be the earliest science fiction novel. It was the story of a scientist who, in the course of some daring experiments, found that he had created a monster, a grotesque being with some human abilities. The clever

scientist Frankenstein had opened Pandora's box.

The book had arisen out of a competition between three established writers and one novice, Mary Shelley, to write a 'fantasy' novel. Shelley's *Frankenstein* won the competition and was published, but the author was not named. Such was its success, however, that when it was reprinted three years later Mary Shelley's name was on it. It was some time before anyone else made a similar impact with a science-fantasy novel – probably not until H G Wells and *The Time Machine*, 80 years later.

But the word was out. A story to chill the blood and arouse unspeakable fears could win an admiring audience. Perhaps a philosopher or psychiatrist can explain why, but the evidence is there in the bookshops and the viewing figures.

Review...

Divine Sparks - Everyday Encounters With God's Incoming Kingdom

By Donna Lazenby, IVP, £9.99

Many of our everyday encounters in the world are touched by the divine, but we are not aware of it. We may find it impossible to miss God in the great interruptions of human existence, but God often finds a humbler dwelling-place ...

Donna Lazenby was in a packed underground train when it was taken siege by a group of musicians, ripe to start a party. The eruption from dull passivity into joy and song seemed to her a picture of the coming of the kingdom of God. And so, she began to write a series of reflections that open up ways of seeing light in darkness, love in places of desolation, and the in-breaking of Life, when all seems tired and old.

Death of Queen Mary

The Queen's grand-mother died 65 years ago this month. By Tim Lenton.

Queen Mary, the grandmother of Queen Elizabeth II and mother of Edward VIII and George VI, died of lung cancer – the same disease that killed her husband, George V – 65 years ago, on 24th March, 1953.

King George and Queen Mary were regarded as a model husband and wife – devoted and faithful to each other, focusing on doing good deeds and setting a proper example. They had six children, the youngest of whom, Prince John, had epilepsy and required close care from his mother.

Mary was known before her marriage as Mary of Teck, a German princess who nevertheless was born and died

in England. She was highly regarded for her willingness to identify with the British people during both World Wars.

As a sincere member of the Church of England, she never recognised the validity of divorce and was shocked when her son Edward decided to abdicate: she regarded it as a failure of duty. But she did her best to help her second son, King George VI, in taking leadership of the British monarchy at such a critical time.

She outlived King George VI in 1952 and saw her granddaughter succeed to the throne as Queen Elizabeth II, though she died before the coronation.

Missing children

The average C of E church has just three children attending. The 25 per cent smallest congregations have, on average, none at all.

These are just some of the sobering statistics from the latest Statistics for Mission. The data was collected from parishes a year ago, and shows that the median church had a worship community of 44 people. The 'worshipping community' of the church – defined as those who attend church regularly, is estimated

at 1.1 million, or just two per cent of the population.

William Nye, Secretary General of the Archbishops' Council, said that the figures provide 'a sobering reminder' of the challenges the Church faces. That is why we have established a programme of Renewal and Reform to transform the Church of England to become a growing Church in every region.'

In memory of Wilfred Owen

Tim Lenton looks back on one of our leading war poets.

One of the leading poets of the first world war, Wilfred Owen, was born 125 years ago, on 18th March 1893.

Owen, who received the Military Cross for bravery in action, was noted for his shocking, realistic poetry about the horrors of trench and gas warfare. He admired and was influenced heavily by Siegfried Sassoon, though most critics regard him as the better poet.

Raised as an Anglican evangelical, Owen was a devout believer in his youth, having been influenced through a strong relationship with his mother. Later on, however he

questioned the attitude of the Church to the poor and the disadvantaged, and this was sharpened by his war experiences, several of which were traumatic and led to his being invalided home.

At the end of August 1918, Owen returned to the front line – although he could easily have avoided it – and was killed in action on 4th November 1918, exactly one week (almost to the hour) before the signing of the Armistice. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant the day after his death.

Owen composed nearly all of his poems between August 1917 and September 1918. Only five poems were published in his lifetime.

Book Review.....

Eat, Pray, Tell - a relational approach to 21st century mission

By Andrew Francis, BRF, £7.99

Community theologian Andrew Francis believes that eating together could be what saves the Church from the threat of extinction in one generation. Drawing on the example of Jesus' own mission, Francis says that 'hospitality is central to our committed life together. Welcome and bring-and-share tell much of who we are as Jesus' followers.' Referring to the story where Jesus told his disciples to go to a town and find

someone who would receive them, Francis points out that the disciples were directed to eat within the community, build friendships, teach the gospel, pray for people and heal them.

Based on the principle of 'no meeting without eating', this book shows how a strong commitment to eating together can build a welcoming, authentic community. 'Eat, pray, tell is not a lightweight commitment,' says Francis, 'but if it becomes rooted in our month-by-month, home-based pattern of mission, it creates a 52/7 agenda.'

The BBC makes more room for God

The recent publication of the BBC Religion and Ethics Review has been welcomed by church leaders as 'positive' and 'encouraging'.

The Director General of the BBC, Tony Hall, writes in his foreword: 'We know – our research tells us – that today's audiences are interested in learning more in this area. People of all ages, and of all faiths and none, think it is important to learn about religion in general. They recognise that, if we truly want to make sense of the world, we need to understand the systems of belief that underpin it. For the BBC, this is a fundamental part of our responsibility. It has also, perhaps, never been more important for us to get it right.'

And so, the review has promised a commitment to: 'accurately portray the diversity of beliefs in our society, to helping people understand their values and decisions, and to increasing specialist knowledge of religion in the news.' A new post of Religion Editor will be put in place, along with a global team containing new reporters, with specific religious experience.

The Bishop of Repton, the Rt Revd Jan McFarlane, has welcomed the BBC's new plans. She points out: 'Religion is a force to be reckoned with across the world. It is not in decline: it needs to be taken seriously and understood properly if we are to make sense of the world around us, understand our history and culture, and live in peace with our neighbour.'

How often do you read the Bible? How often do you pray?

A recent poll of members of the Church of England has found that 60 per cent of people who say they are Christians also say that they never read the Bible. 36 per cent say they never attend church. 33 per cent say they never pray.

The figures, from ComRes, which was asked to do the poll, reveal that many people who claim to be Christians do not actually do the most basic activities associated with being a Christian. Of all the self-confessed Christians whom ComRes polled, those who said they were followers

of the Church of England were the least observant.

Rachel Jordan, the Church's national mission and evangelism adviser, said the survey had given it 'a real sense of the scale of the task ahead... we, as a group of leaders across denominations committed to evangelism, wanted to devise a measure which shows us who the most committed people are – those who themselves might be willing to take on the task of spreading the good news of Jesus.'

Note, you may find this helpful: 'Daylight' from the Bible Reading Fellowship gives daily readings. If you Google Bible Reading Fellowship you will see it.

Making sure your mother is cared for

David Pickup, a solicitor, considers some implications of Jesus' words on the Cross.

Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. (John 19:25-27 NIV)

What would you do if you had an elderly mother for whom you would simply not be able to care much longer? We often think about providing for our children if something should happen to us, but what about when it is the other way around? It is not always the parents who die, or become incapacitated, first.

This story of Jesus on the cross is one of the most moving in the Bible. Our Lord, amidst His agony, remembers

the effect His death will have on His mother. He tells Mary to go with the apostle John, and for John to look after her. Joseph must have died by then, and Mary herself would have been a middle-aged woman. Women had a low legal status in the society, and so it was vital that a man took care of a woman who was otherwise on her own. Jesus chose John to look after His mother. He must have trusted John completely. According to tradition, Mary lived with John for another 11 years, in either Jerusalem or Ephesus.

Today, if you need to provide for your mother (for example) when you will not be there, you can set up a trust. You need legal advice about this, because it is complex, and you must first find someone in whom you can have complete confidence. Some local and national charities have befrienders' schemes to visit and support frail or elderly people. These charities would welcome a legacy from you. Perhaps you can build up a support network while you still can.

How to make your host happy

The etiquette of a dinner party can be daunting, but a recent issue of *The Lady* magazine has offered one sure way to please your host: leave at a reasonable hour.

Thomas Blaikie, the magazine's etiquette correspondent, says that the effort of bringing a dinner party to an

ideal close can be 'traumatic' for a host, and that the 'best leaving occurs naturally'. He advises you to leave by 10.30pm on a weekday, and by 11.15pm at a weekend.

What about drinks after dinner in the lounge? Mr Blaikie says it is 'not in any way rude' to forego that, so don't be upset if you are simply offered tea or coffee at the dinner table.

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

New Patients Welcome

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

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

Telephone Numbers:

Reception: 01246 582216

District Nursing Team: 01246 584903

Surgery Fax: 01246 583867

Health Visitor: 01246 583270

Dispensary: 01246 582366

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

Normal Surgery Opening Times

Monday (7:30 - 19:00) 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 afternoon -

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.

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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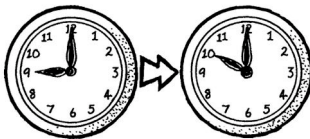


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REMEMBER

to put your clocks
FORWARD 1 hour ~
British Summer time
begins on
25th March



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.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club January Draw 2017

1st prize £30 no. 60 Dorothy Cooper

2nd prize £20 no. 56 Vacant number

Funds to church this month - £50

Thank you for your continued support.

We would welcome new members to maintain our membership of 100 - there are currently 2 vacant numbers

Thank you.

Ann Hall

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 March 2018



<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
4	9.30am	Family Communion	Sarah Porter*	7 th - 10 th Jane Hornsby
11	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “	
	3pm	Mothering Sunday Service		
18	9.30am	Holy Communion	Liz Turner *	21 st -24 th Fiona L
25	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “	
29	7pm	Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday		
* Brasses only during Lent				
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
4	10.45am	Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
11	10.45am	Holy Communion (Mothering Sunday)	J Bowns/M Pindar	
18	10.45am	Matins	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
25	10.45am	Holy Communion*	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw	
26/27/28 7.30pm Compline				
30	2pm	Good Friday Liturgy		
31	7.30pm	Easter Liturgy		
* Please note: The procession with a donkey on Palm Sunday will leave the Tea Rooms at 10.30am				
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	
4	Mike Douglas + helpers	Mr & Mrs Nelson	Lent - no flowers	
11	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	“ “	
18	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Jackson	“ “	
25	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	“ “	
1 Apr	John & Jill Caws	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Easter Lilies	
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
4	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22	Diana Walters <i>Lent Three</i>	School - Class 3 <i>Children in Service</i>	
11	Colossians 3: 12-17 John 19: 25-37	Molly Marshall <i>Lent Four Mothering Sunday</i>	Sarah Porter SS Claire Cadogan	
18	Jeremiah 31: 31-34 John 12: 20-33	Christine Robinson <i>Lent Five</i>	Sarah Porter <i>No Sunday School</i>	
25	Philippians 2: 5-11 The Passion Gospel according to Mark	Duke of Devonshire <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Fiona Lichfield <i>No Sunday School</i>	