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There was once a time when hero worship was a teenage activity, because adolescence is a vulnerable time of life when we are easily taken advantage of. But we are now living in an era when celebrity is idolised by all ages. In recent years a swathe of television programmes have been developed, whose sole purpose is to manufacture new celebrities. Programmes such as Big Brother, Pop Idol and Britain's Got Talent have fed off our hunger for people we can place on a pedestal, both to lead us and represent us. We don't know these people but we make them incredibly rich and famous. Furthermore and sadly, in our celebrities some of us increasingly find both our inspiration and our security. This is because they are manufactured in order to exploit our need. When it comes to any kind of idol, it is always the idol-makers who get the most out of them. Just think what a field day the PR industry and the tabloids would have had with Jesus. Jesus was a massive celebrity but in John's Gospel we see how radically different a celebrity he was.

In the story about the feeding of the 5000, Jesus had attracted a large crowd – and they were hungry. The instinct for Jesus was not to jump into his stretch limousine and leave more than 5000 stranded. He felt responsible for his fans! He used the power which his celebrity status gave him in a new way. Instead of feeding off the people's hunger for leadership, Jesus actually fed the people. He got the crowd seated in an orderly fashion and managed to feed them with just five loaves and two fish.

What this story teaches us is that God's power does not derive from our praise, neither is his splendour of our making. God is the maker. God is the initiator. It is not for us to crown him, for he is already Lord of all. He isn't in it for what we can do for him.

So what is our part? We must never be slow to come forward and admit our hunger before God. That is why he is our God, because he longs to feed us. We must stop trying to control God as if he were a pop idol who needed our vote.

We must remember that God contains us, holding us in his constant care. In him we live, move and have our being. We love and praise God not in order to make him do things for us but in simple response to his love for us, which he gives us freely. God owes us nothing but gives us everything. Idols owe us everything but give us nothing.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

Altar & Lectern Candles

If you would like to buy a candle or candles in memory of a loved one, a special anniversary or other memorable occasion, they are available at £5 each.

Contact Margaret Nelson, the vicar or the wardens.

FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR ~ 27TH MARCH 2018

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life, faith and ministry of S. Vernon Mather (MBE) aged 87years

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Dates for your Diary - May

- 8 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting - 6.30pm start**
Chatsworth Walk with the Head Gardener 'Spring Colour'
Chatsworth *Nibbles: Sarah*
- 14 BEELEY Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm** Beeley Village Hall
- 15 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP - 7pm** Beeley Village Hall
- 16 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting - Baslow Church Rooms**
AGM and Resolutions Supper
Competition: A holiday souvenir Teas: Mary & Irene Machin

Early Notices

Saturday June 2nd, 10am - 1pm Baslow Village Hall. Table Top Sale.
Refreshments available. Proceeds to St. Anne's Church, Baslow. If you would like a table please ring June Powell on 01246 583375.

Saturday 16th June ~ Edensor Village Day & Open Gardens

Thursday 12th July ~ Blessing of the Wells - Pilsley

Saturday 14th July ~ Pilsley Village Fair

St. Peter's Church, Edensor

presents

A RISKY PROPOSITION

Tuesday, 8th May 7.30pm

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

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

Christine Robinson 01246 582938/07752 159637;

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

All proceeds to St. Peter's Church, Edensor

St. Peter's Church 100 Club March Draw 2017

1st prize £30 no. 33 Maureen Adams

2nd prize £20 no. 94 Cynthia Gordon

Funds to church this month - £50

Thank you for your continued support.

Ann Hall

'SPICE' Sunday

'SPICE' Sunday on 15th April raised £30 for church funds. Thank you to all those brought their 5pence pieces to church. Everyone is very welcome to save their 5pence pieces for us, just give them to one of the wardens or the vicar.

Lent Course 2018 notes

A small group of 7 or 8 members of the congregation started our Lent discussions looking at *fake news* since this has been very much in the media. In discussion we recognised the dangers of basing our judgements on anecdotal or hearsay evidence or on information from a single source e.g. our favourite newspaper. There's nothing new in this subject as misinformation has been used for political reasons for centuries. In elections political parties and their candidates often repeatedly make statements or slogans that are misleading. "Say it often enough and people start to believe it".

Session two looked at our *responsibility towards children* and asked the question "Does parental culture trump all other considerations". We discussed the case of a church primary school head teacher enforcing a school dress code of no head coverings when a Muslim family decided to send their four year old daughter to nursery in a traditional headscarf. She was overruled by the local authority even though the head teacher was supported by Ofsted. We also looked at an image of a six year old girl dressed in provocative clothes and making poses more suitable to a revue bar. We found this image similarly inappropriate as we did the small child dressed like an adult with her head covered. The discussion

focussed on veiling the face and whether this was consistent with Christian values of openness. Members feared being called racist if they ever challenged someone on this issue. The head of Ofsted urged people to practise robust liberalism at such times. Is this a message for Christians?

Session three was about *being an evangelist*. Rev. Clive, leading the group, said he had not received anything in his ministry training about how to evangelise; the assumption was that most folk were basically Christian and just needed encouragement to be more committed. Times have changed and there is much more ignorance of the Christian faith and practice. Scepticism of the Christian church as an institution makes evangelism much harder. We looked at how and when do people find faith? Most have a gradual rather than sudden conversion. Important trigger events on the road to faith are bereavement, the birth of a child, divorce and significantly for men marriage and moving home.*

Session four examined Jesus' second great commandment "*love your neighbour as yourself*". It is a summary of commandments 5-10, of these the tenth needed more consideration – if we don't covet and have a healthy mind that isn't caught up with envy or anger then we won't break the other commandments. *Cont'd overpage*

We looked at the introduction to the parable of the Good Samaritan and compared the lawyer's question to Jesus "who is my neighbour?" with contemporary twenty first century life. We now know about needy people worldwide via modern media, and we recognised the impossibility of trying to do something for all of them. An old saying is "charity begins at home" but for the Christian should it end there?

The series ended by looking back to discussion three: evangelism. Every book on evangelism stresses the importance of prayer in the development of a mission orientated church. In our worship we mostly use liturgical prayer; adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication. We sing hymns or songs

directed to God which can be a form of prayer. Clive introduced the group to some different types of contemplative prayer i.e. Lectio Divina Prayer and Ignatian Prayer and asked us to spend 20 minutes in Julian Prayer using music followed by a short story by Anthony DeMello, a candle or the sight and sound of the flowing river outside the Jackson's house provided a focus as we prayed in silence.

Thanks go to the Perkins, Sherwood and Jackson families for being our hosts for these Lent discussions and to Clive for leading them.

* *"Finding Faith Today"* by Canon John Finney

CHURCH BELLS WILL STILL RING OUT

Planning policy is finally coming to the aid of church bells. No longer will people who move into areas with 'noisy' church bells be able to complain and have them shut down.

As the Secretary of State for Housing, Sajid Javid, recently said, 'Churches have been part of British life in towns and villages for centuries. Their bells should not be silenced by new housing going up, which is why planning policy will be strengthened to

ensure it will be up to developers building new properties nearby to identify and tackle noise problems.'

And so it is that under the new guidance, it will be up to developers to soundproof the homes they build near churches with bells, music venues, and community and sports clubs.

The Church of England has welcomed the decision, pointing out that bell-ringing has been part of Christian worship for more than 1000 years.



Down came a spider....

By Revd Clive Thrower

A new spider has found its home in St. Peter's church, suspended by its thread from the ceiling of the ringing chamber. This spider is over 25cm across and weighs over 1kg. Many thanks go to Alan Grant of Great Longstone, a skilled wood turner, who made the spider. It holds the six bell rope ends and lifts the ropes up out of harm's way above head height. A similar device had previously been installed but been removed several years ago, so a new pair of pulleys were installed and cord run to connect to the existing cleat on the wall.



Detail of the spider



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.

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- 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 - although spring is here warm clothing, including warm socks, gloves, hats, scarves etc. would still be appreciated for the cold nights 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 and particularly with the cold weather we have been experiencing when more people have been in need of assistance.

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

13th May 2018

The Light Between Oceans

2016 New Zealand, Certificate 12A, 133minutes

Drama, Romance

A lighthouse keeper and his wife living off the coast of Western Australia raise a baby they rescue from a drifting rowing boat.

Introduction by Janet Byren

St Giles Parish Church

Great Longstone

Flower Festival Saturday 12th May - Saturday 19th May

10am -6pm (except Sunday 14th: 1pm-6pm)

The theme this year is Nursery Rhymes, and refreshments will be served all day in the Village Hall.



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Bakewell Town Hall Chamber Music Series

The second concert on May 27th will feature string quintet and sextet repertoire. The beautiful opening of Richard Strauss's last opera 'Capriccio' will be performed as the original string sextet it is scored for. This will be followed by Mozart's G minor string quintet – a work which features two violas, an instrument Mozart adored. To follow, the group will perform Brahms G Major String Sextet. As with the Strauss the addition of a second cello adds a richness to the sound you will hear in the Mozart.

All the musicians performing for you in this series play with the Halle Orchestra, either as members, former members or regular guests. They all love to play chamber music in their spare time alongside their busy professional schedules, and are committed to bringing high quality chamber music to you, on your doorstep. As the Arts are increasingly poorly funded, there is an urgent need to start up small series such as this one. For this we need your support. Please welcome these hard-working, dedicated musicians to your centre and enjoy the opportunity to listen to and meet these fine musicians in the relaxed setting of Bakewell Town Hall.

All concerts start at 7.30pm. Doors are open from 7pm. Tickets can be booked through Bakewell Town Hall Box Office (£12/£10). The bar will be open for interval drinks.

Bakewell Town Hall Box Office : 01629 810152

Tickets available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/bakewelltownhall.

Use it or lose it

If you are retired, or about to retire, beware: brain function declines rapidly as soon as people stop work and decide to put their feet up.

Recent research that tracked 3,400 retired civil servants found that short-term memory declined nearly 40 per cent faster once employees become pensioners. It seems that when you stop being regularly stimulated to think, your cognitive

function slows down, and your memory loss and risk of dementia speed up.

And so, experts at University College London and King's College London advise older people to keep physically and mentally active, and to make sure they also interact with people on a regular basis.

THE WAY I SEE IT:

Telling the Time

Canon David Winter wonders whether he wants even more time

I was having a little button problem with the ATM. A message appeared on the screen. 'Would you like more time?' I clicked the 'yes' button, eventually collected my cash, and spent the rest of the afternoon thinking about that profound question. Well, would I? As an elderly man, do I really want more time, or am I content to face the fact that time is the raw material of our lives and eventually it runs out?

We exist within a framework of time: days, weeks, months, years. We can't imagine life without it, and yet God, the Creator, is eternal, He simply and gloriously exists. That's his Name – 'I AM'. So if the end of time for us is to be with him, will we at last be free from its tyranny?

Most of my working life was dominated by time, so that seems a

pleasant prospect. But in an unpredictable world our hearts break for those who lose a child or who die as we say 'prematurely'. Sometimes those of us of riper years feel a kind of guilt: why not us? Thankfully, age will not be an issue in heaven. God doesn't grow old. There will be no more dying, young or old. Like Him, we shall just sublimely be.

All of that, of course, is a matter of faith, and may seem irrelevant to those whose immediate concern is living in the here and now. But time simply ticks on, and one day that question may arise: Would you like more time? It's easy to answer when life is full of promise, or as yet unfulfilled goals. It's not quite so simple when early onset decrepitude threatens. For me, every hour of life is a gift of God, so it's still the 'yes' button until a wiser hand intervenes: 'your time is up'.

Happy teenagers

This may sound unlikely, but the happiest teenagers are those who spend just under an hour a day on social and other digital media.

A recent survey of more than a million children aged 13 to 18 found that their unhappiness began to increase after they had spent more than an hour looking at screens. Those children who spent more time on sports or with friends, were most content.

Researchers at San Diego State University believe it was the screen time that drove the unhappiness, rather than vice versa. However, the researchers do not recommend no digital media, just that it is kept in balance, and not allowed to take over a young person's life. 'Try to increase the... time you spend seeing friends face to face...' one researcher urged.

Bank holidays

David Pickup, a solicitor, considers the merits of another bank holiday.

Therefore, do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.... (Colossians 2:16)

There were Jewish public holidays in New Testament times such as Passover. As Palestine was also occupied by the Romans, there were festivals and public games in honour of the Emperor as well. This caused a problem for Christians, because Roman Emperors were thought to be divine. Christians have often struggled with questions about what to join in and what to avoid. St Paul seems to be saying do not worry too much about what other people think about what you join in and what you do not touch. These things are not important compared to what we have in store for us. (Which is like a really good holiday!)

I think we need at least one more Bank Holiday. Currently they are

eight. Try to count them! I think we need another in October, to tie in with the school half term. Other parts of the UK have different holidays. The Queen decides which days are holidays. In past years we have had extra ones.

Although it is a public holiday, there is no legal right to have the time off. You have to rely on your contract or employment conditions. There is a right to 5.6 weeks annual paid leave, but bank holidays are included in that total. The law about Bank Holidays really just says the banks don't have to work and that means most people do not have to work.

As always this is a light-hearted guide and always get proper professional advice.

Bank Holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, May Day, Spring Bank Holiday, August Bank Holiday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Slowly does it

Here's a fairly easy way to diet – just eat more slowly, cut out after-meal snacks, and don't eat for two hours before going to bed.

Research has found that people who eat at a normal speed are 29 per cent less likely to be obese than those who eat quickly. The research was done at a medical school in Fukuoka Japan.

No escape clauses

Canon David Winter looks forward to the Royal Wedding.

I've noticed a sudden increase in the number of banns of marriage being read in our church. I suspect that a few couples reckon it would be a nice idea to get married in the same month as Prince Harry and his bride Meghan – at least you'll be regularly reminded of the date!

But I hope, and believe, that some couples are not just looking for a bit of reflected glamour on the occasion, but instead are wanting to share in its solemnity. After all, they will make (if they marry in church) exactly the same awesome vows as the royal couple. 'I Harry take you, Meghan, to be my wife; to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish till parted by death.'

Wow! I remember one young man at a wedding preparation saying, when I read out those words, 'No escape clauses, then?

No, there aren't. On a wedding day we celebrate the joining together of two people for life. Their commitment is not based on rules, laws or tradition, but on love: 'to love and to cherish'. Sadly, on occasions that commitment may prove unattainable, in the complexity of human relationships. But the great majority of marriages which begin with those vows are indeed life-long and life-giving.

Harry and Meghan will be surrounded by a nationwide burst of goodwill as they set out on their journey together. It will be a good time to hold every married couple, young or old, in our prayers.



Keep-fit gear is best kept in the gym

Do you wear yoga leggings and crop tops to exercise? Be careful if you wear them for too long. They can give you eczema and acne.

It seems that working out in tight-fitting gear, and then leaving it on you, traps the sweat and rubs it into your skin, which can aggravate skin conditions.

Health experts advise: 'it is a good idea to get into the habit of showering immediately after exercise to minimize the risk of developing skin problems.' Your cuffs, neckline and waistline are especially at risk.



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

Diary of a Momentous Year: May 1918: Not just cannon-fodder

If, like me, you wonder how on earth people coped with the sheer horror of the carnage on the battlefields of the First World War, two pieces of writing suggest an answer. One, the poem 'For the Fallen', I wrote about last month. In this article I would like to consider the poem, subsequently an enormously popular hymn, 'O Valiant Hearts'. It was written by John Stanhope Arkwright and published in a collection of his work in 1919. It seems to me to reflect tellingly the emotional response of a nation in deepest mourning for half a generation of young men.

Its best known tune is by Charles Harris. It was my father's favourite hymn, sung every Remembrance Sunday. But I can remember our new young vicar, fresh from service as an army chaplain in the nineteen-forties, explaining that we would not be singing it again. It confused, he

explained, two entirely different things, the sacrifice of so many soldiers' lives in war with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. The heart of the problem was verse 4, which directly compared the two acts of sacrifice. On the cross 'in the frailty of our human clay/ Christ our Redeemer passed the self-same way'. It is seldom sung now, but I noticed the tune was played by the military band at last Autumn's Festival of Remembrance.

I have rediscovered it while researching these articles. It is a beautiful hymn, full of passion, grief and hope. Whatever its theological naivety, it offered enormous comfort to a generation reeling from the ghastly slaughter of a war which brought bereavement to virtually every family in Britain. The hymn told them what they needed to hear, that their loved ones were not victims of a senseless conflict; their lives and deaths had meaning and a spiritual dignity. Perhaps once a year we should get it out and read it through their eyes.

It was 75 years ago, on 16th & 17th May 1943, that the Dambusters Raid took place.

Britain's RAF launched Operation Chastise, deploying

bouncing bombs to bypass anti-torpedo nets and breach dams, causing catastrophic flooding in Germany's Ruhr Valley.

REMEMBRANCE100

This year, we all have the chance to mark the centenary of the end of World War I.

On Sunday, 11th November 2018, people around the country will observe Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. 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.

Remembrance100 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. There are many ways in which communities, churches or schools can get involved.

Here are a few key dates for your diary.

- 4th August: 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 and each weekend will include ideas for peace-makers.
- 21st/22nd September: there will be an event for peace in London's Trafalgar Square linked to the United Nations International Day of Peace.
- 5th-9th November: schools will mark a week of peace before the Remembrance weekend.
- 11th November: there will be Remembrance Services around the

country. Many will be followed by Peace Parties.

- December: Peace Awards will be presented

As details become available, the resources will be here:

www.remembrance100.co.uk. There will be:

- A pocket-sized booklet to give to all those attending Remembrance events, including a special prayer written by the Archbishop of Canterbury
- A book and social media campaign with 100 prayers for peace and actions for peace-makers
- A guide on how to hold a peace party for your community
- Ideas on holding a local Peace Awards ceremony linked with the Peace Alliance, which is run by Rev Nims Bunge MBE, Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London
- A short video from Bible Society based on Revelation 21:3-4 and verses about peace, to show at your Remembrance Day event
- Ways in which young people can get involved

Lots of organisations and denominations are working together to provide resources for local churches and communities. These include HOPE, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church, Christian Vision for Men, the Bible Society, Scripture Union, SGM Lifewords, Tearfund, World Prayer Centre, the Armed Forces Christian Union, the Armed Forces Chaplains, and others.

Godparents – a real role to play

Godparents' Sunday this year is 6th May.

To be asked to become a godparent is a real honour. Ideally, it should go on to become a lifelong commitment that turns into a deep and loving relationship between godparent and child. Sadly, too often it wanes into a duty to be met by Christmas presents and birthday cheques.

A godparent is a member of the family 'once removed', and in an ideal position to enjoy the company of the young person without any parental responsibility. Godparents can share their life experiences, hobbies and past-times with the youngster, and thus greatly enrich their childhood.

These days many godparents are chosen with the idea of guardianship

in mind, in case anything ever happen to the parents. But the practise of appointing godparents goes back many hundreds of years.

Godparents were originally known as sponsors, from the Latin word *spondere*, meaning 'to promise'. In pagan times a sponsor had to be known to the bishop when a person was introduced into the church. Godparents have the job of speaking up for the child. They must themselves have been baptised, though not necessarily confirmed.

Canon Law advises that 'for every child there are no fewer than three godparents.

Often parents choose two people from the same sex as the baby, and one other male/female. They can be friends or even members of the family.

Why children find pencils difficult

Here is an unexpected problem: children are struggling to use pencils these days, because the excessive use of touchscreen phones is damaging their dexterity.

Now paediatric doctors, handwriting experts and orthopaedic therapists are warning that although kids may swipe a screen, they no longer have the hand strength and agility to learn to write correctly when they start school.

It seems that the traditional skills of writing, drawing, painting, and cutting-out boost fine motor skills and co-ordination. But now 'children coming into school are being given a pencil but are increasingly not able to hold it, because they do not have the movement skills,' says a paediatrician from the NHS. 'They need to manipulate playdough, hold scissors, scribble with pencils, and so develop muscles in their shoulder, elbow and wrists.'

Why do people suffer when they do not deserve it?

To be frank, there is no convincing answer to the question, 'Why am I suffering?' It is something that is experienced by every individual (indeed, everything that lives and breathes). Jesus, who grieved, agonised and finally died in shameful circumstances, was no exception. It is an unavoidable part of the world we have inherited.

There are a few things that Christians are able to say with confidence. Firstly, you are not suffering because God hates you. Secondly, your suffering will come to an end, and there will be an eternity in which peace and justice will compensate you. And thirdly, knowing the presence of God alongside you will make you stronger as you face painful circumstances.

The Christian faith teaches that God hates suffering. It was not part of His intention for humankind. However, He has created a world that has two features. Both these features are wonderfully beneficial to humans, but also result in a planet where suffering is inevitable.

First, the humans who are part of creation that God loves are created capable of making choices. To a greater or lesser degree everyone chooses to do some bad things as well as some good things. Much of the suffering of the world is caused by humans in large numbers choosing together to do things that are evil.

Wars, poverty and hatred are not caused by God. They are caused by people who are rejecting the ways of God. Tragically, people who are entirely innocent often suffer most.

Second, the world is held in a delicate balance in which every part of creation is dependent on every other part. This is true from heaving oceans to microscopic seeds to meat-eating animals. Science calls this ecology. A planet that sustains human life as part of this glorious interdependent system needs certain features in its design. They include the movements of the planet's surface that set life in motion, but also cause terrible destruction through earthquakes and volcanoes. They include the viruses that bring death to humans but life to other parts of our ecology.

How do we know that God cares about this? Christians recognise that God's loving commitment to a suffering world was so great that He visited it in person. Jesus was God. He experienced the very best and very worst of being human - living, dying in hideous circumstances and overcoming death. All we know of Jesus leads Christians to believe that wherever there is suffering, there is a sense in which God is alongside each human, hurting with them. Although Christians find pain terrible and hard to understand, this belief allows them to cling to the possibility that suffering is not meaningless and death will not be the end.

You can find answers to questions about Christianity at www.christianity.org.uk. - the website of the Christian Enquiry Agency, an agency of Churches Together in England.

UK is at moral and political 'tipping point'

Here is a story based on the Archbishop's new book...

Brexit could just be the catalyst that tips Britain into succumbing to 'British introspection, xenophobia, and self-pity, if a self-regarding attitude leads to economic failure and international impotence, as well as being morally wrong in and of itself.'

So warns the Archbishop of Canterbury in his new book, *Reimagining Britain: Foundations for hope**. He warns that already 'the cracks in society have begun to show, expressed in crime, in the growth of intolerance, and above all in an inward-turning.'

Justin Welby wrote the book to contribute to the debate on the future of the country, particularly

after Brexit has happened. He stresses that his vision for the future is based on Christian values of cohesion, courage and sustainability. 'If we pretend we do not have a Christian tradition and heritage, we start in a vacuum.' He urges Churches and Christians to 'be confident in what we believe'.

'The UK grew from Christian roots; my hope is that in the future it rediscovers the power of the narrative that has shaped it for so long and set its values so deeply.'

The Archbishop also said that he did not see how sharia could 'fit within our legal system', as it 'comes from a very different background of jurisprudence to the one from which British law has developed over the past 500 years.'

** Reimagining Britain: Foundations for hope, by Justin Welby, Bloomsbury, £9.99*

How many snacks is enough?

When your children get hungry between meals, what do you do? Public Health England (PHE) advises just two snacks a day, each of 100 calories or less.

PHE points out that the erosion of meal times has meant that children are snacking throughout the day. Each year, a child on average gets through 400 biscuits, 120 cakes and

buns and pastries, around 100 portions of sweets and nearly 70 chocolate bars and ice creams, washed down with 150 drinks, including fizzy pop. A child can easily consume 660 calories in snacks alone – a third of their daily requirement.

PHE is urging parents to provide meals at set times and stop the 'grazing culture'. The average child eats three snacks a day, each of which may have hundreds of calories in it.

Add a tree (or two) to a churchyard – and help the UK

There is a forest coming. Well, 50 million trees that will ‘embrace’ Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Leeds, Chester and Hull, among other urban centres. Over the next 25 years, with the M62 as its ‘spine’, the Woodland Trust will be working with the Community Forest Trust to plant a 120-mile “Northern Forest” between Liverpool and Hull.

The Church of England has welcomed this government decision. ‘Whenever you plant a tree you are investing in the future,’ says the Bishop of Dudley, the Rt Revd Graham Usher, an ecologist. Such a forest will deliver ‘major environmental, social, and economic benefits that complement the significant growth, investment and new

infrastructure that is planned for the north of England,’ he said. Here woodland is at only 7.6 per cent, well below the UK average of 13 per cent.

The Bishop went on to point out that churches can also help to address the low levels of tree cover in the UK. ‘Where are those neglected pieces of church land or corners of churchyards where a group of trees would not only look fantastic but bring lots of benefits?.... Perhaps now is the time to be... getting our hands dirty planting saplings, so as to rediscover the joy of a community orchard, or a grove of trees that can provide a peaceful place for reflection.’



Forgiveness and restoration



It is clearly coincidental, but perhaps providential, that *Paddington 2* was released whilst the media has been driving the #MeToo hashtag. We continually read new salacious stories revealing people’s hidden depths of wickedness, with an implicit expectation that we should now vilify and exclude them. Then, along came *Paddington 2*, with its heart-warming story of a little bear who looks for the hidden depths of goodness in vilified and excluded people, with the explicit expectation that they should be recognised as part of the society which we all share.

The film’s storyline is simple, but beautifully developed. Paddington is working hard as an accident-prone window cleaner to earn enough money to buy a pop-up book from an antiques shop to give to his aunt for her birthday. However, the book contains a

secret message about the location of hidden treasure, and the villainous Phoenix Buchanan (Hugh Grant) steals it away. Wrongly convicted of Buchanan’s crime, Paddington is sent to prison, where he faces the violent Knuckles McGinty (Brendan Gleeson).

Many children’s films operate at two levels: obvious visual slapstick for young viewers, and subtle verbal humour for adults. *Paddington 2* has a much more connected integrity, with an underlying message for young and old. As much as many of us have been hurt, in different ways, by the wicked behaviour of other people, there is good in everyone. And, as much as evil within people’s hearts must be recognised and repented, the goal must be forgiveness and restoration. Many films utilise a redemptive story-arc for key characters. *Paddington 2* applies this to everyone. And, thereby, has an important message for us all.

Definitely not a Spook

Canon David Winter considers Pentecost

This month the Church celebrates Pentecost (we used to call it 'Whitsun'). It marks the occasion 50 days after Easter when the Holy Spirit was 'poured out' on the group of followers of Jesus who had obeyed his command to 'wait in Jerusalem' until they were 'clothed with power'.

The gift of the Holy Spirit was that 'power'. It turned them from an anxious group of 120 men and women hiding in an upper room into a revolutionary movement. In their opponents' words, and despite fierce persecution, they 'turned the world upside down'. Within four centuries the Christian faith had captured the Roman Empire.

They took no credit for this. They saw it as the work of this 'Holy Spirit'. The fact that today there are billions of people in the world who

believe the same message suggests that it still is. I think the problem for many people is that they associate the word 'spirit' with 'Ghost', which was how for centuries he was named in English. I once deplored this at a meeting in Holland, only to be told by someone that we were lucky. In Dutch he used to be called the Holy Spook.

He is neither a ghost nor a spook, but the third 'Person' of the Holy Trinity. I refer to Him as 'he', but the word for Spirit in Greek is neuter. One scholar called the Spirit 'the executive officer of the Godhead' – the One who gets things done. God the Father created us, God the Son, Jesus, rescued us, and now God the Holy Spirit continues their purpose in the world until the kingdom comes.



What is Holy Spirit all about?

The Rev Paul Hardingham considers the work of the Holy Spirit

At Pentecost, we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples. It was a powerful experience, when, along with wind and fire, 'all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit' (Acts 2:4).

Power is experienced in two ways: it can be either unleashed or

harnessed. The energy in petrol can be released explosively by dropping a lighted match into it. However, in the engine of a car, it will transport people in a controlled way! The Holy Spirit works in a similar way. At Pentecost, he exploded onto the scene and 3000 people were added to the church, because of Peter's preaching. He also equips us with his gifts to engage in the mission and ministry of the church.

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Israel celebrates 70 years as an independent state

by Tim Lenton

Israel became an independent state 70 years ago this month, on 14th May 1948, as the British mandate in Palestine finally came to an end.

The very next day Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Syria invaded Palestine, and a 13-month war began. The Arabs and Jews had been in tension with each other and the British ever since the 1917 Balfour Declaration and the 1920 creation of the British Mandate of Palestine.

The war had consequences that the Arabs had not foreseen, for Israel defeated both the Arab armies and the Palestinian militias, and in the process created 700,000 Palestinian refugees.

The UN partition, which the Palestinians had rejected, had promised 56% of British Palestine to the Jewish state. By the end of the war, Israel possessed 77%. She had everything but the West Bank and eastern quarter of Jerusalem (controlled by Jordan), and the Gaza Strip (controlled by Egypt).

It all meant that Israel now had a state, but not the Palestinians. The problem is still a bone of contention. Today, the West Bank is nominally controlled by the Palestinian Authority and is under Israeli occupation. Gaza is controlled by Hamas, an Islamist fundamentalist party, and is under Israeli blockade, but not occupied by ground troops.

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However, the Spirit's power also enables us so to grow in our faith. He assures us of God's love and acceptance in our lives, despite our fears, doubts or failures: 'God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us' (Romans 5:5). The Holy Spirit is also committed to producing the character of Jesus in us, enabling us to live as Jesus would in our place ie job, family and time: 'the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.' (Galatians 5:22,23).

The Spirit gives us a new love for God, a longing to read the Bible and pray, a desire to meet with other Christians and a readiness to share our faith. He will also challenge wrong habits, attitudes, words or lifestyle in our lives.

'Let the church return to Pentecost, and Pentecost will return to her. The Spirit of God cannot take possession of believers beyond their capacity of receiving Him' (Andrew Murray).

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

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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 - **9 May** from 1pm & **13th June** 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 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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Dogs prefer baby talk

Do you talk to your dog as if it were a baby? You know how your voice goes a bit higher, and gets warm and emotional? Well, that is good – your dog will appreciate it.

In fact, scientists at the University of York have found that such 'dog speak' is important for helping owners form a bond with their pets. Dogs prefer to spend time with people who speak to them in a friendly, soft voice, rather than with people who speak to them flatly, as if to another adult.



The research was published in the journal *Animal Cognition*.

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.

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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 MAY 2018

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
6	9.30am	Holy Communion	Gladys Hopkins	2 nd - 5 th Sarah
13	9.30am	Holy Communion	Barbara Hawksworth	16 th - 19 th Claire
20	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “	
27	9.30am	Holy Communion	Fiona Swain	30 th - 2 nd Fiona Swain
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<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
6	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
10	9.30am Holy Communion for Ascension Day			
13	10.45am	Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
20	10.45am	Matins	John Bowns/Mike Pindar	
27	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
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<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	
6	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Janet Cosgrove	
13	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Wedding flowers	
20	Jill & John Caws	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Gloria Sherwood	
27	Mr & Mrs Bosett & helper	Mr & Mrs Carter	“ “	
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<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
6	Acts 10: 44-48 John 15: 9-17	Roger Wardle <i>Easter Six</i>	School - Class I <i>Children in Service</i>	
13	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 John 17: 6-19	Trevor Grimshaw <i>Easter Seven</i>	Fiona Lichfield <i>SS Sarah Porter</i>	
20	Acts 2: 1-21 John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15	Gloria Sherwood <i>Feast of Pentecost</i>	Claire Cadogan <i>No Sunday School</i>	
27	Isaiah 6: 1-8 John 3: 1-17	Duke of Devonshire <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Fiona Swain <i>No Sunday School</i>	
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Grace to be not like porridge

O Lord, grant that we may not be like porridge, stiff, stodgy and hard to stir. But like cornflakes: crisp, fresh and ready to serve. Anon

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