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If someone recommends a book for you to read, the last thing you want to hear them telling you is what happens at the end of the story. If you know the ending, all the anticipation and excitement is taken away. When we begin to read a book surely we want to work out what's going to happen and who did what.

On Palm Sunday (14th April), we enter the story of Holy Week and Easter yet again. The familiar story that we hear year after year is a story to which we know the ending – after a happy beginning things go downhill very quickly. There is betrayal, sadness, death and destruction. Then there is the ending to beat all endings when the hero reappears having defeated death and surprises all his friends. The problem I guess that we all have, is that because we know the ending, we lose sight of the anticipation and excitement of the story. It isn't that the plot is predictable or easy to anticipate – for us, it is the problem of hindsight.

We know that Palm Sunday's jubilation was followed by the despair of Good Friday. We know that the seeming failure of Good Friday was quickly overtaken by the triumph of the first Easter Day. Hindsight maybe be beneficial – but in the case of the Easter story it robs us of living through the events as they happened.

What was going through the disciples' minds as they came into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday? What was Jesus feeling as he rode into Jerusalem on that donkey? Our danger is that knowing the outcome, we minimise the intensity of the events and feelings of Holy Week because we know it all turned out OK in the end.

What was Jesus feeling as he entered Jerusalem knowing what the week ahead would hold? Was he already feeling that overwhelming sense of loneliness that comes when we are completely misunderstood? How many times had he told his disciples that he was going to Jerusalem to die? How often had they failed to hear what he said?

On Palm Sunday when the disciples and the happy shouting crowds were welcoming their king, Jesus was alone. Really alone – no one understood what he was doing – no one grasped what was about to happen.

When we talk of Christ's suffering – we think primarily of the Cross. We miss the agony of the loneliness that Jesus felt throughout the last week of his life. And because we miss his anguish, we minimise the significance of many of the events of that last week. With the benefit of hindsight we rush on to the resurrection – to the good news and all the celebrations that go with that event.

Maybe this is because we don't like bad news, we don't like sadness, pain and agony. However, the good news of Easter Day only fully makes sense if we have also made ourselves face the bad news. Only then can we fully appreciate what Jesus did for us – that he entered into the depths of pain and anguish out of his love for us.

It is only through living through Holy Week that we can fully realise that Jesus truly understands the pain and suffering that we face in our lives. It is only through living through Holy Week that Jesus can speak to us in our dark places.

During Holy Week this year you may wish to set aside time at home to pray and contemplate on the story of Jesus walking to the Cross. In the parishes of Beeley and Edensor there are services to help us relive and to re-imagine the story of that first Holy Week, **(details in this magazine)**.

Let us not get too far ahead of the plot anticipating the final outcome. Instead, let us, to the best of our ability, stay with the story watching and feeling it unfold day by day. Remember, the joyful events of Easter were preceded by hours of humiliation and suffering and in the end costing Jesus his life!

If we walk with Jesus to the Cross during Holy Week, on Easter Sunday we can say with true conviction **'Alleluia, Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

22nd February ~ Funeral Service followed by Cremation
Gladys Dorothy Hopkins aged 87 years

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

25th February ~ Funeral Service followed by Cremation
Katie Foster aged 42 years

1st March ~ Interment of Ashes - Jean Tindale

7th March ~ Funeral Service followed by Burial at Eyam Churchyard
Alan Mason Armitage aged 77 years

ADULT BAPTISM

6th March ~ Daniel Mark Larby

SPECIAL SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th April

Compline 7.30pm ~ St. Peter's, Edensor

Maundy Thursday 18th April

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

Good Friday 19th April

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

Holy Saturday 20th April

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

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Dates for your Diary - April

- 9 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
 Beauty Bubble - concealing the truth - Deb Biddle
Tea & Raffle: Terry and Helen Competition: Worst ever photo
- 16 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** - 7pm Beeley Village Hall
 Paul Halksworth speaking on 'From Riches to Rags - The Arkwrights of Sutton Hall'
Visitors Welcome
- 17 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms
 Speaker: Tea Tasting with James Pogson of Northern Tea Merchants
Competition: A Pretty Cup & Saucer Teas: Sue and Mary
Vote of Thanks: Melanie Flowers: Jo
- 20 Easter Egg Hunt - Beeley Village Hall 11am**
- 26 St. Peter's, Edensor** - Visiting Bellringers 3 - 3.35pm

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Canon Dave and Margaret Perkins are leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 9th to 19th November 2020.

Please ring 01246 386385 for details.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club February Draw 2018

1st prize £30 no. 19 Molly Marshall

2nd prize £20 no. 86 Marjorie Bowness

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

At present there are 5 vacant numbers so we would welcome new members to maintain our membership of 100.

Thank you.

'SPICE' Sunday

The next 'SPICE' Sunday at St. Peter's will be on 14th April - Palm Sunday.

Please remember to bring your 5pence pieces with you and do remind those who collect them for you to give them to you in good time.

Thank You

New Bench at the Playing Field in Beeley

A lovely new bench was delivered to the playing field today (1st March). It is in memory of Andy, the Postman who died suddenly.

Thank you to our District Councillor, Susan Hobson, and County Councillor, Jason Atkin, for donating towards this.



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, 14th April.

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

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 Fiona Lichfield or Sarah Porter by Palm Sunday, 14th April.

14TH APRIL - PALM SUNDAY: JESUS AT THE GATES OF JERUSALEM

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to his own people in their capital city, and yet he came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse.

As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into his path. They knew his reputation as a healer, and welcomed him. But sadly the

welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put him to death. On this day churches worldwide will distribute little crosses made from palm fronds in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.



St. Peter's - Our procession with the donkeys, Treacle & Puck, begins at 10.30am from Edensor Tea Cottage, everyone is welcome to join us.



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 warm clothing for adults including waterproofs, warm socks, gloves, hats, scarves etc. these are always much appreciated. Warm sleeping bags are also very welcome as the nights are still cold. Food - tins of meat, fish, soup and tomatoes; dried food such as pasta; biscuits and chocolate are always welcome.

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

These donations of food and clothing are always very much appreciated at the centre.

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

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

THE MEDWAY CENTRE, NEW STREET, BAKEWELL

7.30pm 2nd Sunday of every month (except July & August)

April 14th 2019

Phantom Thread

2017, USA, Cert. 15, 130 minutes. Drama, romance

Set in 1950s London, Reynolds Woodcock is a renowned dressmaker whose fastidious life is disrupted by a young, strong-willed woman, Alma, who becomes his muse and lover.

Introduction by David Webb

PEAK PERFORMANCES !

The Peak Music Society's mini-season in Edensor Church will be coming to an end this month with a performance by the distinguished I Musicanti Quintet on Tuesday 9th April. The next season, which starts this autumn, will see us returning to our traditional venue at the Cavendish Hall, but in the meantime St. Peter's has made us very welcome. Unlike so many churches it is lovely and warm and well lit, with comfortable padded cushions on all the pews. We're also grateful to the Edensor Tea Cottage for allowing the use of their toilets and car park.

I Musicanti was founded in 2013 by the internationally renowned double bass virtuoso Leon Bosch, as an outlet for his own insatiable curiosity and that of his colleagues. Before having this epiphany, Leon had been driven to the point of nearly abandoning music altogether, despite his own all-consuming passion for it, by the desperate need to earn a living in an increasingly casual profession of self-employed artists, with everything subordinated to what he describes as the crass question of survival.

The ensemble comprises some of the most experienced and respected musicians to be found in the UK, hand-picked by Leon. They explore not only much-loved chamber music masterpieces, but unknown or neglected works by great composers, as well as great works by unknown composers. In Leon's own words, "I Musicanti embodies the universally cherished ideal of total artistic freedom and unrestrained self-expression, and it aims to provide a home to creative and imaginative artists who share the ambition of realising this dream."

The programme this April will start with Mozart's well-known Serenade Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, followed by Rossini's Duetto for Cello and Double Bass, and finishing with Dvorak's Quintet No. 2 in G major.

To reserve a ticket for this concert at the price of £20, please contact Elizabeth Muller on 01629 640482 or send an email to tickets@peakmusicsociety.org.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you!





Free parking again for Dales residents

It's the 22nd year that the District Council, one of the pioneers of the permits scheme, has issued a free parking permit to all 34,000 households across the Dales.

According to recent surveys, the 34,000 permits in circulation are used around 2.5 million times each year, providing an annual worth to residents of more than £3.7m, while providing vital support for local shops and businesses.

The permit enables residents to park free of charge in all District Council car parks before 11am and after 4pm every day of the week.

A District Council spokesperson said: "Since its introduction in 1997

this successful scheme has been used as a best practice model by other local authorities, and although our budget is tighter than ever we remain committed to continuing to issue the free permits.

"It's a priority for us to help the residents we serve and support our town centres and traders."

During the whole month of December last year - for the 11th year in a row - the District Council made parking free after 2pm to boost Christmas trade, increasing residents' free parking to 21 hours a day.

Residents can buy a second permit for their household for £60. More information online at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/parkingpermit

Celebrating fantastic voluntary work in the Dales

The voluntary work of Derbyshire Dales people who go the extra mile for their communities was celebrated at an awards evening on Tuesday 12th March.

The Chairman of the District of the Derbyshire Dales, Councillor Jean Monks, hosted the 2018/19 Community Awards at the Town Hall in Matlock, where the audience heard

numerous accounts of enthusiasm, dedication, kindness and compassion.

Councillor Monks, who invited nominations for the awards after taking on her civic role last year, told the gathering: "I am in awe of the voluntary contributions you make to our communities. It is fantastic to hear about the work that takes place on a daily basis and it has been lovely to acknowledge a few of the people who contribute to making our communities thrive."

1st April - Fooling Around

by Canon David Winter

I was about six when I began to enjoy April Fool's Day. My older brother was very clever at appropriate hoaxes, not only deceiving me but also mum and dad. On the whole my childish efforts were encouraged. The day was full of laughs, even at school, where the teachers would try to trick us and all day long no one quite believed anything they were told. So it went on, year after year, though I think it all seems as a bit unsophisticated for the modern generation.

You couldn't say that, though, about probably the most famous April Fool's effort of all time. In the 1960's BBC TV broadcast a feature on the spaghetti farms of Italy. Even those of us who bought our spaghetti in the supermarket from the pasta shelves began to wonder if we'd been wrong. Italian farmers explained their work and the progress of the spaghetti

plants was carefully filmed, from planting to reaping. And all in the BBC's most serious documentary manner. It took a while to appreciate that this was Auntie playing games. Whatever next!

The odd thing is that no one is quite sure of the origin of this very British tradition. Most attribute it to changes in Britain's calendar in the 1700s, when New Year's Day moved from March 25th to January 1st. Not surprisingly, the change caused a lot of confusion and mistakes around the start of April. Others look further back, to the ancient Roman feast of Hilaria, when the goddess Cybele was celebrated with pranks and jokes around the spring equinox, March 25th. Either way a touch of hilarity at the end of Lent does not seem amiss. Go to Greece, where the resurrection of Jesus is celebrated with fireworks and parties to see how it might work.

Waste not, want not

Root-to-flower eating is the latest craze in many British restaurants, as more and more waste-conscious chefs aim to use the whole plant instead of throwing away the leaves.

So now you can enjoy carrot tops, beetroot stems, cauliflower leaves and cucumber flowers. As one chef says: "Most plants are all edible. But

what we usually do is take the middle of it and waste the rest."

However, before you eat any new part of a familiar plant, MAKE SURE IT IS NOT TOXIC. For example, the wrong parts of apple, almond, asparagus, elderberry, plum, potato and rhubarb can land you in hospital. So: if in doubt, throw it out.

Beware of dating fraud

Middle-aged women who are open to a bit of romance should be careful: they are in the age group which is most vulnerable to dating fraudsters.

Dating fraud begins online. You think you have met someone rather special on that dating website, app or social media. But as your friendship develops, they suddenly hit a crisis, and need to borrow some money.... Later you find out that the attractive

photograph they sent you was not them. And you will never find out who 'they' really were.

Last year 'romance fraud' cost vulnerable people more than £50million. Action Fraud, the police's national fraud unit, warns:

"Fraudsters are cruelly targeting the most vulnerable people in our society to make them part with their cash and personal details. If you think you or a friend or family member has been a victim, report it."

The mysterious, tragic death of Jill Dando

Tim Lenton looks back on Jill Dando, who died 20 years ago in April.

Jill Dando, a popular TV presenter, newsreader, journalist and Crimewatch reporter, was shot dead on the doorstep of her house in Fulham 20 years ago this month, on 26th April 1999. It is still a mystery who killed her.

Jill had been brought up as a Baptist, and her funeral took place at Clarence Park Baptist Church in Weston-super-Mare. Her co-presenter Nick Ross suggested the formation of an academic institute in her name and, with her fiancé Alan Farthing – like Jill, a Baptist – he raised almost £1.5 million. The Jill Dando Institute of Crime Science

was founded at University College, London, in April 2001.

Jill had undergone heart surgery when she was three, because she had been born with a hole in her heart and a blocked pulmonary artery. She began her career in local print journalism.

Barry George, a local man, was convicted and imprisoned for the murder but was later acquitted after an appeal and retrial. The case remains open: another theory suggests an assassination in retaliation for the NATO bombing of the Radio Television of Serbia headquarters a few days earlier. This was given credence by the fact that the murder was professional in style.

God in the Sciences

by Dr Ruth Bancewicz, who is based at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge, and writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

The Beauty of Good Friday

Some of the most beautiful things in the world have an ugly side. What about the emperor penguin chick, nestling in a feathery pouch above its parent's feet? There's a lovely moment when mum and dad greet each other over the gaping beak of their fuzz-ball offspring. Heads bent together, making a heart shape in the air, we can't help seeing a reflection of our own ideals of love in the pair.

But the reality of what those birds are going through is even more gruelling than human parenthood. Father penguin has spent all winter sheltering the egg from freezing hurricane-force winds, while mother penguin was feeding at sea. When the chick hatched its parents started an exhausting game of tag, taking it in turns to walk across the ice and risk being eaten by leopard seals or killer whales in order to catch fish for their new offspring.

The living world is truly wonderful in so many ways, but the darker side of the picture is never far away. Creation is groaning (Romans 8:22), and waiting to be rescued. Enter Jesus, through whom all of creation was made. The king of the universe

came to live with us, bringing His great love and wisdom to the human population of first-century Israel. The Creator was relating to His creation in a very personal way, and this could have been a totally beautiful picture.

But there is an horrifically ugly side of Jesus' story that threatens to obscure the beauty of what He died for on Good Friday. It was a brutal and terrifying day when human sinfulness resulted in the Son of God being executed by His enemies, but thankfully there was much more to it than that. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ set off a seismic wave of spiritual events whose effects are still rippling out across the world.

So that ugly day nearly 2,000 years ago is called 'good' because of what it achieved. Those who follow Jesus find their lives are changed for the better, even if their day-to-day existence may still be incredibly tough. When people come to understand what creation is for and who it belongs to, they can begin to serve and preserve the earth as they should. These things are only whispers of what is to come, but they give me hope for the future redemption of all Creation. I can choose to dwell on the beauty of Jesus' death because it was not the end of the story – the future beckons.

This article is extracted (with permission) from [New Life: Reflections for Lent](#), edited by Amy Robinson and Wendy H Jones (£7.99).

19 April - Good Friday: Jesus and the thieves on the Cross

Luke's account of the crucifixion (Luke 23:32-43) emphasises the mocking of the crowd, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself' (35,37,39). In their view a Messiah does not hang on a cross and suffer. In considering the two men who were crucified with Jesus, we are also confronted with the issue of how Jesus secures salvation for us.

The words of one of those crucified with Jesus reflected the crowd's taunts: 'Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us.' He highlights the question of Jesus' identity: how can He save others, when He cannot save himself from death? He failed to see that the cross itself was the means of salvation.

So - what kind of Messiah was Jesus?

The other criminal's response in his last moments is a moving expression of faith. When challenging the other man, he spoke of the utter injustice of the crucifixion: 'this man has done nothing wrong.' He perceived the

truth that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. In a wonderful picture of grace, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom', the second thief confessed his guilt and secured Jesus' forgiveness and mercy.

In reply, Jesus promised the man life from the moment of death; 'Today you will be with me in paradise.' Jesus used the picture of a walled garden to help the man understand his promise of protection and security in God's love and acceptance eternally.

Each one of us has to choose how we react to Jesus on the cross. Do we want him to 'remember' us when He comes into his kingdom, or not? If you were to die tonight, how confident would you be of going to be with Jesus? 'For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.' (1 Peter 3:18).



Charles Wesley's great hymn for Easter: Christ the Lord is risen today!

The Rev Dr Herbert McGonigle considers a great hymn....

Jesus's death on the cross, and His resurrection on Easter morning are both part of the redemption story. Paul links them in this way: 'He was delivered for our offences [the Cross] and raised again [the Resurrection] for our justification' (Romans 4:25). Charles Wesley does likewise in his glorious Easter anthem.

*Christ the Lord is risen today!
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your songs and triumph high
Sing, ye heavens, thou earth reply.*

Charles wrote the hymn in 1739, a year after his Pentecost Sunday evangelical conversion, and the year in which he began his open-air preaching. Like all his hymns that followed in the next four decades, this hymn is full of New Testament references and allusions. A great stone was rolled into the opening of the grave where Jesus was laid, and as Matthew records, the Jewish authorities 'made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting a guard' (27:66). But all to no purpose! Christ, the Lord of Life, could not be imprisoned by death!

*Vain the stone, the watch, the seal
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids Him rise
Christ hath opened Paradise!*

The NT teaches that Christ's resurrection was the Father's seal of approval on His obedient life and atoning death. His resurrection was the proof that He was indeed Jesus Christ the Lord, as Paul argues in Romans 1:4. 'Declared to be the Son of God ... by the resurrection from the dead.' Charles Wesley works these great salvation truths into his verses. 'Love's redeeming work is done.' 'Once He died our souls to save.' 'Lives again our glorious King.' 'Where, O death, is now thy sting?' As our Lord promised His disciples long ago – and still promises us; 'Because I live, you will also live' (John 14:19).

The Resurrection of Christ, viewed as an historical fact, is only part of the NT teaching. His conquest of death He now shares with all His people. Christians are the people of the Resurrection! We are now 'made alive with Christ;' 'raised up with Him,' and already seated 'in heavenly places' (Ephesians 1:4-6). And Charles Wesley takes up this great theme of how believers share in their Lord's resurrection power.

Christ has conquered hell! Death has lost its sting! The grave is spoiled! What a Saviour! What a gospel! What a glorious hope!

21st April - Easter morning: the 'Other' Mary

by Canon David Winter

As the traditional Easter story is rehearsed again this month, you may notice that there is one name that frequently occurs. It is that of the 'other' Mary – not the mother of Jesus, but Mary of Magdalene, who stood by her at the cross and became the first human being actually to meet the risen Christ.

That's quite a record for a woman who, the Gospels tell us, had been delivered by Jesus from 'seven devils' – New Testament language for some dark and horrible affliction of body, mind or spirit. As a result, her devotion to Him was total and her grief at His death overwhelming.

In church history Mary Magdalene became the 'fallen woman' a harlot who was rescued and forgiven by Jesus but there is no evidence to prove she was a 'fallen woman' but the contrast is sublime, Mary the virgin mother, the symbol of purity. Mary Magdalene, the scarlet woman who was saved and forgiven, the symbol of redemption. Surely, we all fall somewhere between those two extremes.

The dark cloud from which she was delivered may have been sexual, we

are not told. What we do know is that the two Marys stood together at the cross, the Blessed Virgin and the woman rescued from who knows what darkness and despair.

The second great moment for her was as unexpected as it was momentous. She had gone with other women to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty. An angelic figure told them that Jesus was not there, He had risen – and the others drifted off. But Mary stayed, reluctant to leave it like that. She became aware of a man nearby, whom she took to be the gardener. She explained to Him that the body of 'her Lord' had been taken away and she didn't know where to find Him.

The man simply said her name 'Mary' and she instantly realised it was Jesus. She made to hug Him, but He told her not to touch Him because his resurrection was not yet complete. She was, however, to go to the male disciples and tell them she had met Him. She did – but they couldn't believe her.

Her words – 'I have seen the Lord' – echo down the centuries, the very beating heart of the Christian gospel.

HE IS
RISEN
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RISEN
INDEED
ALLELUIA

Easter joy

The Rev Tony Horsfall...considers Jesus' death and resurrection

I remember vividly a simple poster I saw on the notice board of our local Methodist Chapel. It had a silhouette of three crosses on a hill, and underneath the words, 'FOR YOU'. Nothing fancy or clever, but a clear presentation of the Easter message, and it struck me deeply.

At Easter our thoughts are drawn to the death and resurrection of Jesus. These events are central to our faith, but sometimes we can over-complicate their meaning. The heart of it, though, remains very simple: Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and on the third day was raised to life (1 Corinthians 15:3).

He died to show his love for you. He gave his life as a demonstration or proof of the love He has for each one of us, no matter who we are or what we have done. He was motivated to lay down His life for us, not out of duty or obligation, but compassionate love. See Romans 5:8

He died to set you free. Sin has entangled every one of us. We are

under its power and unable, ourselves, to loosen its grip. At the cross Jesus dealt with sin once and for all by dying in our place. Now, when we turn to Him for help, we can be released from the hold it has on us and find complete forgiveness.

He died to bring you home. The Cross makes it possible for us to be reconciled to God. Like the prodigal son we were once far away from God, but now because we have been forgiven, we can return to our true home in God. A welcome awaits us, and a joy-filled reunion is possible.

This Easter, why not think about these two simple words: FOR YOU.



FOR YOU

Calls for a comprehensive Rural Strategy

The Church of England's lead Bishop for Education has backed calls for a comprehensive Rural Strategy, following the publication of a new study.

The report, published by the Rural Services Network, calls for action by the Government, citing concerns that the UK's exit from the EU could serve to compound existing rural challenges.

The Bishop of Ely, Stephen Conway, who has previously called for a rural strategy, said: "We welcome the Rural Services Network's report, and echo its call for a cross-Government rural strategy.

"The Church of England is at the heart of rural communities with around two thirds of our 16,000 churches in rural areas, and half of our 4,700 schools found in the countryside.

Where the post office, the pub and shop have disappeared, these are often the only community focus left, and are crucial to the identity and wellbeing of villages and rural areas.

"We are committed to helping rural communities flourish through our churches and schools, but this requires fit-for-purpose infrastructure, transport, job opportunities and the other vital services for which this report calls."

Mind the potholes!

Our roads are full of holes. Potholes. There is now a two and a half times greater chance that your car will be damaged in a pothole than there was 13 years ago.

One in five local roads in England and Wales is in a poor condition, and road resurfacing has declined, according to the Asphalt Industry Alliance.

The RAC reports that it was called out 1,714 times within a three

month period, to repair damaged shock absorbers, broken suspension springs and distorted wheels.

The AA has said that learner drivers should have to prove that they can spot potholes to pass the driving test.

Meanwhile the Local Government Association's transport spokesman says: "Councils are fixing a pothole every 21 seconds."

Locked in (Review)

By Victoria Arlen, *Authentic*, £9.99

Paralympics champion and Dancing with the Stars contestant Victoria Arlen shares her courageous and miraculous story of recovery after falling into a mysterious vegetative state and how she broke free, overcoming the odds and never giving up hope, eventually living a full and inspiring life.

When Victoria Arlen was 11 years old, she contracted two rare diseases which induced a vegetative state. For two years her mind was dark, but in the third year, her mind broke free, and she was able to think clearly and to hear and feel everything - but no one knew.

When she was 15 years old, against all odds and medical predictions, she was finally able to communicate through eye blinks, and she gradually

regained her ability to speak and eat and move her upper body, but she faced the devastating reality of paralysis from the waist down because of damage to her spine. However, Victoria didn't lose her strength or steadfast determination, and two years later she won a gold medal for swimming at the London 2012 Paralympics.

Victoria shares her story - the pain, the struggle, the fight to live and thrive, and most importantly, the faith that carried her through. Her journey was not easy, but by believing in God's healing power and forgiveness, she is living proof that, despite seemingly insurmountable odds and challenges, the will to survive and resolve to live can be a force stronger than our worst deterrents.



You are what you think about

Negative thoughts can actually harm you, physically. In a recent study by the universities of Exeter and Oxford, it was found that if you listen to that critical inner voice, you will end up with an increased heart rate, consistent with feelings of being under threat and distress.

On the other hand, positive thoughts have the opposite effect. Those in the study who were encouraged to be kind to themselves when things went

wrong, reported more self-compassion, connection with others, and had feelings of relaxation and safety.

No wonder that Paul urges us: "Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things... And the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4: 8,9)

‘Talking Jesus’ course gives Christians a new voice

‘Now I feel confident talking about my walk with Jesus.’ That’s the verdict of Paula, a Yorkshire mum who has been on the Talking Jesus course and has been inspired to speak up.

She is not alone. The course is giving ordinary Christians across an extraordinary range of denominations, ethnicities and backgrounds, a new voice to share their faith.

The Talking Jesus course is a six-part video course available on USB or DVD. Paula did the course at St Michael le Belfrey, an Anglican church in York. They ran Talking Jesus for parents from the Mums and Tots group whilst their children were in a crèche.

Paula is one of thousands of Christians enthused by the course to talk about Jesus to friends, family members and work colleagues.

Since the course was launched last year, more than 4,000 copies have been distributed and 18,000 booklets have been sold.

Edinburgh church minister Gordon Kennedy said, ‘The response to the course has been more than I could

have hoped for. One man in his 50s, a regular at Sunday church but still young as a believer, spoke of having had three conversations with people he has met while walking his dog.

Another older man spoke of how he has taken the opportunity to speak of his faith and hope in Jesus when asked about his treatment for cancer. All those at the course have spoken of how they are praying for the five names they wrote down on week one, and many have now had opportunities to speak to some of them about Jesus.’

HOPE’s executive director Roy Crowne, one of the team who made the course, says, ‘The course is being used by an amazing number of churches – large and small, black and white, in cities, towns and villages: RCCG, Methodist, Anglican, Baptist and new churches. Gold Hill Baptist Church, King’s Church London, across its three sites, and Catholic churches are using it too.’

Talking Jesus - The Course can be ordered from hopepublishing.org.uk. It includes a DVD or USB with six training videos, plus parable-style films and an accompanying 44-page course booklet. The DVD version costs £19.99; the USB version costs £24.99. Extra copies of the booklet can be bought separately for group members from £1 a copy.

General Synod backs plans to mobilise one million worshippers

Plans to encourage the Church of England's one million regular worshippers to be more confident in spreading the Christian message in their everyday lives were given the backing of the General Synod in February.

Members of the General Synod welcomed the Church of England's campaign Motivating the Million, which is aimed at helping congregations in speaking about and living out their faith in homes, communities and workplaces.

The plans include work to create more lay leaders in the Church of England and a project to help build the confidence of worshippers to invite their friends to church events.

The General Synod also backed a call for all the Church of England's 12,500 parishes to become involved in the global prayer movement 'Thy Kingdom Come' for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

The Revd Barry Hill, from the Diocese of Leicester, moving a

motion at the General Synod commending the work of the Church of England's Evangelism and Discipleship department, said evangelism could not be left to clergy alone.

"Evangelism doesn't belong to any one part of the Church, it needs all of our church to reach all of our nation," he said. "Most people know a Christian – most people don't know a bishop or even a vicar."

The Bishop of Leicester, Martyn Snow, described evangelists as a 'gift' to the Church, and said we needed more of them. "Today's evangelists will not be lone rangers – today's evangelists will not be loud extroverts who frighten everyone with their enthusiasm.

"The evangelists of today need to be team members who mentor and coach others in everyday faith conversations, helping people to overcome their anxiety and helping them to think through the tough questions that anyone who publicly owns the name of Christian will get asked."

Happy Birthday, Manchester City!

*Tim Lenton considers a football club
that began as a church team....*

Manchester City Football Club, top of the pile in the Premier League last season and now in the running for more honours, was founded 125 years ago, on 16th April 1894 – as a re-organised church team.

The original church team was established in 1880, initially by two churchwardens at St Mark's (West Gorton), as an attempt to benefit the community by curbing local gang violence, 'loutish behaviour' and alcoholism at a time of high unemployment in East Manchester.

Gorton AFC, as it became, won only one game in its first season, but from 1887, after a new piece of ground on

Hyde Road was found for a pitch, it became Ardwick AFC, and in 1894 Manchester City. During the early years its main competitor was nearby Newton Heath, which became Manchester United.

United's ground, Old Trafford, is now west of the city centre. But both Gorton and Ardwick are within a couple of miles of the Etihad, Manchester City's stadium, and so their link is still close.

Ardwick was elected to the new Second Division when two-tier football came to England in 1892; because the Premier League started in 1992, Ardwick/MCFC were in the Football League for exactly 100 years.

Why we are turning to soap bars

It's official: we are buying more soap bars these days. And that is a good thing.

It is all a part of the major consumer backlash against unnecessary plastic waste. More and more of us want eco-friendly versions of our everyday needs. Thus, we have 'bags for life', loose fruit and veg, and now – bars of soap.

Liquid soaps took off in the 1990s and was marketed as more hygienic than barred soap. But since then, numerous scientific studies have found this to be myth. And in the meantime, hundreds of millions of plastic bottles full of soap have been used once – and thrown into the environment.

Whereas with a bar of soap, once it is gone, it is really gone.

*The data on soap sales was researched by
Kantar Worldpanel.*

The Beatitudes - 'Blessed are the Poor in Spirit'

The Rev Paul Hardingham begins a series on the Beatitudes

Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). The word blessed describes how we can live under God's blessing. Jesus talks about the 'beautiful attitudes' (Billy Graham) that characterise followers of Jesus. They speak more about 'who we are' than 'what we do' and reflect perfectly the character of Jesus that He wants to develop in us.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. is the first beatitude (5:3). To be 'poor in spirit' is not simply being poor economically, as the word used means 'being dependent on others for support'. It is the opposite of spiritual pride, recognising that we all fall short of God's standards in our thoughts, words and actions.

It's not just about what we do for God, but what He has done for us

through Jesus' death on the cross. As we bring our sin, guilt, shame and failure to Him, in grace He offers us His love, acceptance and forgiveness. We come with empty hands: *'Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to thy cross I cling'* (Augustus Toplady).

This is well illustrated by the tax collector in Jesus' parable: *'God have mercy on me, a sinner'* (Luke 18:13). It is cry that says *'O God, I am in a mess. I've got nothing to offer. I haven't begun to pray or hear you properly. I am spiritually poor'* To those who cry out like this, Jesus says *'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'* (v3). The kingdom of God flings open its doors to beggars!

'There is nothing we can do to make God love us more; there is nothing we can do to make God love us less.' (Philip Yancey: *What's So Amazing About Grace*).

Exercise (Smile...)

With summer coming, I had to face the fact that my body was totally out of shape. So I joined a fitness club and signed up for the aerobics class. I got to the

club, and there I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my clothes off and my sweats on, the class was over.

Have you lost someone you loved?

The Rev Tony Horsfall considers the pain of loss.

I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women. How the mighty have fallen! 2 Samuel 1:26

A lament is a passionate expression of grief, a heartfelt cry of sadness. Here David, who composed some of the most memorable and uplifting songs of praise, allows himself the opportunity to pour out his heart to God because of his deep sorrow.

Christians are sometimes confused about how to express grief. Some contemporary teaching has emphasized the power of praise, and of praising God in all circumstances, so they feel guilty about the pain inside them and do not know how to release it.

Whilst Paul does say we are not to grieve 'like the rest of mankind' (1 Thessalonians 4:13), he

means we should not grieve in the hysterical way that characterizes those who have no hope in God. He does not mean that we should not grieve at all, or that we should suppress our true feelings. That would be cruel, unnatural and unhealthy. Grief is best acknowledged and expressed, and in a way that is consistent with our belief in heaven.

David's own heart feels most keenly the loss of his dearest friend, Jonathan. Those who have known the loss of a 'soul mate' will understand the depth of his feeling and the pain in his heart. His lament enables him to get in touch with his grief, to express it, and so begin the slow process of healing and recovery.

If you are grieving yourself today, be encouraged to pour out your heart to God. You could pray aloud or write your prayer down. You may find a song that helps, or a piece of music. You might talk with a trusted friend. You may just want a good cry. Whatever you do, remember that it's OK to grieve.

How to live longer

If your diet is full of fibre, you may cut the risk of early death by up to a third.

Fibre is found in fruit, vegetables, wholemeal bread and pasta, as well as high-fibre breakfast cereals.

Overall, people who eat such things tend to have lower body weight and lower cholesterol levels, which in turn reduce their chance of heart disease, cancer, stroke, and Type 2 diabetes by up to 24 per cent.

The Rev Dr Jo White continues her series on 'Why do they do that?'. It will look at things that happen in churches which don't need to remain mysterious...

Signs & Symbols: Holy oil, and even more holy oil

Oils and creams loom large in the Bible just as they do in our world today. We use healing creams for all sorts of ailments, and moisturising lotions to soothe, but also often for the pure sensual pleasure that they give us. What can be better than your favourite hand cream after time spent gardening?

Oils in church are just the same. Set aside for specific works: for healing, encouraging at times of change and uncertainty, and for the special purposes of people, places and objects.

The Holy Oils are blessed (and one is consecrated) each year, usually on Maundy Thursday in Holy Week. This is done by the Bishop at a special annual service in every cathedral with all the clergy in the Diocese. It's an amazingly colourful and meaningful service which, if you ever have the opportunity to attend, do go.

These oils are then distributed to every parish priest for use in their area. At the end of a year they are poured into the earth and replaced with the new year's Holy Oils.

If you are facing challenges and change in any area of your life, why not talk with your priest and ask them for some of this holy oil – these are meant for you and me, for all of us.

The Contemplative Response *- leadership and ministry in a distracted culture (Review)*

By Ian Cowley, BRF, £8.99

Here is wisdom and sustenance for all Christians who struggle to maintain a still, quiet centre in the midst of a 24/7 contemporary culture shaped by worldly ambition, consumerism and information overload.

Cowley explains: "I find that three particular words – achieve, acquire,

indulge – seem to point to the compulsions I recognise in my own heart and in what I see being constantly reinforced by our society and culture." He hopes his readers "will come to see that they need to actively pursue the remedies that Christian spirituality and the teachings of Jesus Christ offer us: contentment, detachment and self-control. The need for us to talk about these things is as great now, perhaps, as it has ever been in the history of the Christian Church."



Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

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.

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

Surgery Fax: 01246 583867

Dispensary: 01246 582366

District Nursing Team: 01629 593050

Health Visitor: 01629 816633

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

Normal Surgery Opening Times

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 8am -

6.30pm; **Wednesdays** 7.30am -

6.30pm

(closed Bank Holidays)

(Phones 8am – 6.30pm Mon - Fri).

Surgery Closure for training -

Wednesday afternoons of

Wednesday **10th April & 15th**

May from 1.00pm

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 12noon – 4pm

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 a bag if provided.

Test Results – As we do not receive test results from hospital until lunchtime, please ring for these after 2pm.

For Urgent Calls when we are closed

call 111

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April
Sudoku ☞

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••••• The Easter Egg

••••• Hunt



••••• Nigel Beeton writes:

••••• “One of the fun parts
••••• of Easter Sunday, which is a
••••• characteristic of many churches, is a
••••• hunt around the church and
••••• churchyard for those little cream
••••• eggs which so tickle the palates of
••••• the young (and the not-so-young)”

••••• We seek them here, we seek them
••••• there,

••••• We seek those cream eggs everywhere!

••••• Within the church, within the ground

••••• Those hidden eggs which must be
••••• found!

••••• The pulpit steps? The hymn book
••••• stand?

••••• The lectern we’ve already scanned

••••• Behind that pew? I’ll need a torch!

••••• Perhaps one’s hidden in the porch!

••••• Aha! At last! I’m happy now!

••••• No more I search! No furrowed brow!

••••• I found my egg which tastes so good

••••• Within the Vicar’s vestment hood!

••••• By Nigel Beeton

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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.

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50p each for additional children

SERVICES & ROTAS FOR APRIL 2019

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES*</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
7	9.30am Holy Communion	*Fiona Swain	4 th -7 th Rupert & Liz
14	9.30am Holy Communion	*Liz Turner	18 th - 21 st Fiona S
18	7pm	Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday	
21	9.30am Holy Communion Easter day	Liz Turner	
28	9.30am Holy Communion	Fiona Swain	
* Brasses only during Lent			
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
7	10.45am Holy Communion & Baptism	Teddy Neale	Mr & Mrs Gordon
14	10.45am Holy Communion*		Mrs Jackson/Liz Bradshaw
15/16/17 - 7.30pm Compline			
19	2pm	Good Friday Liturgy	
20	7.30pm	Easter Liturgy	
21	10.45am Holy Communion Easter Day		Mr & Mrs Wardle
28	10.45am Matins		R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
*NB: The procession with donkeys on Palm Sunday will leave the Tea Rooms at 10.30am			
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
7	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	Lent - no flowers
14	John & Jill Caws	Mr & Mrs Jackson	" "
21	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Easter Lilies
28	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Easter Lilies remain
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
7	Isaiah 43: 16-21 John 12: 1-8	Trevor Grimshaw <i>Lent Five</i>	Sophia Lichfield <i>Children in service</i>
14	Philippians 2: 5-11 Dramatic Passion Reading according to Luke	Gloria Sherwood <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Fiona Swain <i>No Sunday School</i>
21	Acts 10: 34-43 Luke 24: 1-12	John Caws <i>Easter Day</i>	Sarah Porter <i>No Sunday School</i>
28	Acts 5: 27-32 John 20: 19-31	Michael Douglas <i>Easter Two</i>	Rupert Turner <i>No Sunday School</i>

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