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The golf club was in serious trouble. The membership figures were lower than they had been for years and it was starting to impact on the club finances. Several long-standing members had been made redundant and could no longer afford the fees. It seemed that the younger members would rather spend time with their families than on the golf course. As for new members, as soon as they read the dress code and club rules, they suddenly changed their minds and discovered they would rather try cycling instead. Something had to be done. So the owner of the golf club decided to employ a new and forward thinking manager. The new manager – who incidentally was the owner's son, was fresh out of college with a shiny new diploma in golf course management. He knew what he was doing, but the old guard on the committee were somewhat sceptical, especially when it was put to them that they should relax the dress code and allow women to join. The only person who recognised the manager's talent was an elderly gentleman who loved golf but was too old to play. He had been worried about the situation for many years and was hugely relieved that finally someone was going to challenge the status quo and the complacent committee. He hoped it would ensure his club's survival. However, in the end the committee did not listen and the golf club closed, but the manager went on to run a new course that was open to anyone who wanted to learn to play.

On 2nd February the Church celebrates an important Festival. It celebrates the Presentation of Christ in the Temple otherwise known as 'Candlemas'. This Festival marks the end of the Christmas season and sets the scene for Jesus' adult ministry opening up a new chapter in God's story of salvation.

In the story from St. Luke's Gospel Chapter 2 and verses 22-40, Mary and Joseph go to the Temple to carry out legal requirements. As Jewish tradition had it, all firstborn male Jews belonged to God and must be brought back by their parents, so Mary and Joseph must pay five silver shekels to the Temple coffers and present Jesus to a priest. Although they are poor, they obey God's Law. While they are there, they meet two characters who could have stepped straight out of the Old Testament. Simeon and Anna, two elderly prophets recognise that Jesus is the promised Messiah. They somehow know

that God's Son has been sent to challenge the status quo in Israel, but this does not mean that Israel's history is irrelevant or obsolete. The story of Jesus is simply the next chapter in the story.

In this chapter membership into God's Kingdom is opened up to anyone who recognises Jesus. God's story of salvation is expanding to include all nations. But later in Luke's Gospel we see the religious elite – those who keep the Law and therefore think they have arrived in the kingdom of God – rejecting Jesus. Meanwhile Jesus welcomes those who are considered unworthy, and who are therefore marginalised, into the kingdom.

In the story of the golf club, the committee is stuck in its ways. Although they love golf, they are so attached to their rules and standards of behaviour that they fail to respond to the golf club owner's son. They fail to welcome people who might really enjoy golf, but who are not like them.

Jesus opened up the kingdom of God to everyone who believes in him, regardless of how they are viewed by the elite and wider society. It is therefore very important not to allow our prejudices to prevent us from challenging society's attitudes to those who are oppressed and marginalised, because nothing should hinder us from welcoming anyone and everyone into God's community.

Every Blessing,
Canon Dave

FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

18th December 2018 ~ A Service of Celebration for the
Life of Jean Tindale aged 90years

20th January ~ Baptism of Riley Paul Bruce

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Dates for your Diary - February

- 6** **Peak Music Society - St. Peter's Church, Edensor 7.45pm**
12 **BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall**
Gin distilling - How a favourite tipple is made - Richard Torr
Tea & Raffle - Jenny & Di
Competition - Best cocktail shaker or garnish
- 19** **BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP - 7pm Beeley Village Hall**
Ian Else speaking on 'Chatsworth Sports Clubs'
- 20** **CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting - Baslow Church Rooms 7pm**
Craft Night - knitted ducks/papercraft
Competition: A duck related item
Teas: Melanie & Jo Flowers: Val

'SPICE' Sunday

The first 'SPICE' Sunday of 2019 raised £42.70 for Church funds.

The amounts raised during 2018 were:

January £43.45; April £30;

July £41.15 & October £15

making a total of £129.60

Thank you to everyone who collects 5pence pieces for us.

The next 'SPICE' Sunday will be on Sunday 14th April.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club

December Draw 2018

1st prize £30 no. 1 Michael Douglas

2nd prize £20 no. 30 Nadine Harrington

Funds to church this month - £50

Subscriptions for 2019 are now due at £12 per number held. Please make out cheques to:-

St. Peter's Church 100 Club.

The 100 club raised £684.39p for the Restoration Fund in 2018.

We would also like some new members for 2019 to keep to 100 members.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ann Hall

St. Peter's 100 Club has raised £7,099.28p in 11 years.

PEAK PERFORMANCE AHoy !!!!!!!

The Peak Music Society's season got off to a great start last October with a fantastic organ recital in the Cavendish Hall by Jonathan Scott followed by a brilliant percussion performance by the renowned O Duo in November. You can get a flavour of Jonathan Scott's performance from the excerpt on the website www.peakmusicsociety.org.uk .

Our next three concerts are to be held in Edensor church. Unlike some churches, St. Peter's is warm, comfortable and well lit, and the Edensor Tea Cottage just opposite have kindly allowed the use of their toilets and car park. There is also plenty of parking at the Cavendish Hall across the road.

The first recital is on Wednesday February 6th by the Syzygy Saxophone quartet. Saxophones are normally associated with the jazz world, but their beautiful melodic and versatile singing tone fit naturally in the classical genre, with well-known pieces by Debussy, Ravel, Prokofiev and Vaughan Williams. Syzygy's programme consists mainly of arrangements since there are very few pieces written for a saxophone quartet! Some of these are very familiar – the Overture from Handel's Messiah and Bach's Italian Concerto for instance – and some less so.

On Thursday March 14th the MusicWork Vocal Ensemble will be performing with the harpist Louise Richardson, and the final concert of the season will be on Tuesday April 9th by the I Musicanti quintet with the wonderful Leon Bosch on double bass.

To reserve a ticket for any of these concerts please contact Elizabeth Muller on 01629 640482 or send an email to

secretary@peakmusicsociety.org.uk.

The price is £20 for a single ticket, or £48 for all three concerts. We look forward to welcoming you!



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 and now that winter is with us, warm socks, gloves, hats, scarves etc. would be much appreciated. Warm sleeping bags are also very welcome as the nights become colder. 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)

February 10th 2019

Lion

2017, India/Australia, Cert. PG, 118 minutes. Biography

A five-year-old Indian boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometers from home. He survives many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia. 25 years later, he sets out to find his lost family.

Introduction by Ken Watson

White Peak Loop Volunteer Group

Looking for volunteers

Come along and help to look after the cycle way that runs from Rowsley to Matlock.

As a volunteer you will help to keep the route clear of vegetation, improve the site for wildlife and help to promote this off road route to the public.

On these first task dates we will be cutting back vegetation and tree branches, that are growing over the cycle route, with loppers and bow saws. We will also brush sections of the boardwalk to keep it clear of leaves. This is essential work to ensure that the route is kept clear and pleasant to use.

Volunteer task mornings — 10am to 1pm

Task dates: Monday 4th Feb and Friday 15th Feb.

Meeting point: At Rowsley end in the Free public car park off Old Station Close, just off the A6 Dale Road North in Rowsley. This is roughly diagonally opposite to the Grouse and Claret pub on the left. If you are approaching from Matlock travelling northwards, it is the turning on the left just after the road bends left .

For more information contact Marion Farrell (Groundwork) on 07801 122 494 or email mfarrell@groundwork.org.uk

Long walks are not so long

How many walks do you take each year? On average, it will be about 255, according to the Dept of Transport. But only 63 of those are over one mile in distance.

As for cycling, men prefer it: in 2017, men made almost three times as many cycle trips as women (24 compared to nine). And they cycled 95 miles, as compared to 25 miles.

'THE BRIDGE'

Magazine Subscription

Reminder

Magazine subscriptions for 2019 are now due - £7.20.

If I post the magazine to you please enclose a book of stamps, or include payment for a book of stamps, with your subscription (a book of 12 second class stamps is £6.96 bringing the total due to £14.16).

Cheques should be made payable to Edensor PCC. Thank you for your continued support.

BASLOW CHOIR SPRING CONCERT MASTERS OF THE BAROQUE

The Baslow Choir Spring Concert this year is in All Saints Church, Ecclesall, on **Saturday 16 March 2019 at 7.30.**

The music, as the title suggests, is from the Baroque era and features sacred and secular music. We will be singing the Magnificat by Giovanni Pergolesi, Vivaldi's Credo, 2 verse anthems by Purcell, Rejoice in the Lord Alway and O Sing unto the Lord and works by Telemann and Schutz.

It will also feature the Allegranza Chamber Orchestra, 4 guest soloists and a guest organist.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be a really enjoyable evening.

Tickets £12/£6 for children, which includes interval refreshments and will be on sale shortly from choir members, the Spar shop in Baslow, online at wegottickets.com, by email from tickets@baslowchoir.co.uk, on the door or ring 01433 631586.

We look forward to seeing you.



Book Review

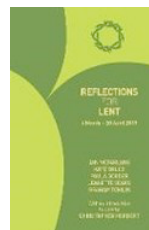
Reflections for Lent 2019 – 6 March – 20 April 2019

By Jan McFarlane, Kate Bruce, Paula Gooder, CUP, £4.99

Reflections for Lent can enhance your spiritual journey through the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. Each day includes full lectionary details for Morning Prayer, a reflection on one of the

Bible readings, and a Collect for the day.

It is suitable for individuals and groups seeking Lectionary-based reflections for use during Lent and Holy Week. There is also a simple form of morning and night prayer and a guide to keeping a good Lent.



2nd February - The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/ Candlemas

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2 February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present Him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the

World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.



The Bible verse of 2018

A Bible app, YouVersion, has named Isaiah 41:10 as the most popular verse of 2018.

That verse has been posted, bookmarked, and highlighted more times than any other on the app (which has been downloaded more than 350,000 times around the world).

Isaiah 41:10 reads: 'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be

dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.' The verse also came top in Chile, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Peru, South Africa, Spain and the United States.

But in the UK, for 2018, we preferred Jeremiah 29:11: 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

Poverty on the increase

More and more people in this country just aren't making it, no matter how hard they work. Such is the finding of a recent survey into poverty in the UK.

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF)'s recent 2018 poverty report has found that four million adults are in poverty in the UK – despite having a job. That is a rise of more than half a million in the past five years.

The report says: 'In the last five years, poverty rates have risen for every type of working family: lone-parent or couple families, families with full-and part-time workers, and families with different numbers of adults in work. This is the first

period in the last two decades when this has happened.'

The report goes on to say that 1.5 million people were living in destitution at some point during 2017, including 365,000 children. It also states that seven per cent of the population live in persistent poverty.

'Rising employment alone is not delivering lower poverty. Rather, in-work poverty is increasing faster than employment. Many workers are caught in the middle of a series of moving currents: stuck in low-paid work, with little chance of progression, subject to high housing costs, and using a weakening social security.'

All the lonely people

*Where do they all come from?
All the lonely people
Where do they all belong?*

The Beatles saw loneliness all around them back in the 60s, when they wrote the lyrics to Eleanor Rigby. And loneliness is growing: the number of lonely over-50s will hit two million within seven years, according to recent data from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing.

The study points out that older people often live alone, and lack

someone to confide in, or are widowed, or are in poor health, or are unable to do the things they want, or feel that they do not belong in their neighbourhood.

Caroline Adams, Age UK's charity director, warns that such loneliness will bring 'serious consequences for their physical and mental health, and therefore for the NHS, unless we take action now.' But action will be a challenge, for the adult social care sector is badly over-stretched, with up to 110,000 jobs vacant across the country.



MOVIE MOMENTS

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

Rediscovering joy and wonder

Children have a natural sense of joy and wonder. But, as Mary's magical umbrella says in *Mary Poppins Returns*, 'grownups forget, they always do.' Why is this? And how can that joy and wonder be rediscovered?

In this long-awaited sequel, Michael Banks, the young son in the first film, is now grown up with children of his own. Tragically his wife has died, and his life is falling to pieces. 'The magic vanished since you went away' he sings to her memory. He has abandoned his hope of becoming an artist and taken a mundane job at the bank.



When his youngest son brings Mary Poppins home, saying 'I was flying a kite and caught a nanny', Michael's immediate thought is that he cannot afford her. But Mary is undeterred, she is on a mission once more to save the Banks family.

At first the children are sceptical but, when she takes them on a fantastical underwater adventure through the bubbles of their bath, they realise that Mary is no ordinary nanny. And this is no ordinary sequel. *Mary Poppins Returns* takes these adventures deeper than the first film. They don't just provide a spectacular visual and musical treat, they also provide opportunities for the children, and us as the audience, to reflect on important life lessons. In her upside-down repair shop, Mary's cousin Topsy invites them to look at life from a different perspective. In the magical music hall Mary sings 'the cover is nice but it's not the book... so open it up and take



a look.' In the spectacular dance routine by lamplighters, Mary's friend Jack teaches them to look up for a light to guide them home.

This beautiful sequel will undoubtedly reawaken the joy and wonder many of us experienced in the first film. But, perhaps its extra depth and meaning might also reawaken our joy and wonder in life. If we, like Michael, have become worn down by the cares and worries of this world, perhaps we also need to rediscover what it means to look through the eyes of a child.



**ETHOS
MEDIA**.org

EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.

15th February – Thomas Bray: founder of SPCK

Thomas Bray was once called a “Great Small Man”, with good reason. This diminutive 18th century English clergyman (1658 – 1730) not only helped to establish the Church of England in Maryland, but he was also founder of the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge (SPCK) in 1698 and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (USPG) in 1701.

Those are long names for societies whose aim was to get Christian books and resources into the hands of those who desperately needed them. For the early 18th century was not an easy time for poor clergymen: books were expensive, and many of them had few, or none to guide them in their ministry. And so Thomas Bray, who had been educated at Oxford, joined with some other clergy friends to help them.

After a trip to assess the needs of the young Episcopal Church in Maryland (he was sent by the Bishop of London), Bray became rector of St Botolph's, Aldgate in London in 1708.

From here he served his parish, and through SPCK eventually established 80 parish libraries in England and a further 39 in the Colonies. SPCK and USPG worked by asking learned authors to donate copies of their books. They also appealed to merchants to the foreign plantations for financial help in establishing the libraries.

Thomas Bray's life has affected hundreds of thousands of people over three centuries. Not only was his work in America the first major coordinated effort to establish libraries in the New World, but SPCK is still one of our leading UK Christian publishing houses today. As if that was not enough, Bray also worked to help poor debtors emigrate to better lives, and homeless children to get care in England. He helped feed prisoners at Newgate prison in London and joined in the political fight against slavery. He also supported outreaches to Africans and Native Americans in their home countries.

When he died on 15th February 1730, thousands mourned him. A great small man indeed!

Sin (Smile)

A young minister, serving in his first church, noticed that one of his flock had been absent from services several Sundays in a row, so he decided to see her and ask the reason. The old woman shook her head and looked at him pityingly. “Son,” she said, “you can't help me. You are not old enough to have sinned enough to have repented enough to be able to preach about it.”

27th February - The Vicar's a Poet

On 27th February the Church Calendar celebrates George Herbert. For those who are muttering 'never heard of him', just think of the hymn 'Let all the world/ In every corner sing', which he wrote, along with several other hymns which are still popular, even if they are well over 300 years old. In the course of his short life he was a graduate of Cambridge University, a favoured politician of King James, a distinguished poet of the so-called 'metaphysical' school, and a much-loved parish priest at Bemerton, in Wiltshire.

He was born in Wales but grew up in a wealthy family in England. As a student he felt called to ordination, but when he graduated he was drawn instead into the government

of the time. As a protégé of King James (yes, the one of the 'King James Bible') he could have pursued a career in government, but that youthful call persisted and after a while he turned instead to the ministry of the Church of England. It was an era when many clergy were absentee incumbents, paying someone else to do the parish work while they lived elsewhere, but Herbert set himself to be a true parish priest, noted for his pastoral care and practical support of his parishioners. The whole of his ministry was fulfilled in that one parish, until he died at 39 from what we would now call tuberculosis.

It is of course his hymns for which he is chiefly remembered today, though his Collected Poems are also regarded as jewels of English poetry.

Historic churches share in funding payout

77 churches and chapels in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are sharing in a recent £430,000 grant payout from the National Churches Trust, the charity supporting church buildings of all Christian denominations across the UK.

Broadcaster and journalist Huw Edwards, Vice President of The National Churches Trust, said: 'The UK's historic churches and chapels are a vital part of our national heritage. The cost of this work is far beyond

what most congregations can pay for themselves and the latest grants from the National Churches Trust will help ensure that 77 churches and chapels are safe for future generations to enjoy.'

In 2018 the National Churches Trust awarded grants of £1.2 million to help 202 projects at churches and chapels around the UK. Demand for funding from the National Churches Trust continues to grow, with 583 grant applications received in 2018, up from 473 grant applications in 2017, a 23% increase.

Organised rain?

Canon David Winter considers the weather.

Recently the weather men and women have taken to talking about 'organised' rain to be expected following drizzle on western parts. It's nonsense, of course. Rain isn't 'organised', it isn't 'tame'. Like all our weather it happens because of vast natural laws of nature, and there's precious little we can do about it. Pleasant summer sun can set fire to forests. The rain that nourishes our crops can turn to storms and floods. It's the disorganisation, or unpredictability, of weather that catches our attention.

The Psalms in the Bible are full of descriptions about the weather - the lightning and thunder, the gentle spring rain, the baking heat of midday and 'the barren and dry land where there is no water'. The weather is

part of the mystery and unpredictability of life; the constantly moving background of life on earth.

In truth, it is the price we pay for living in our beautiful world, with its lakes and marshlands, deserts and rivers. It is the world we have from our Creator - green and pleasant sometimes, and wild and scary at others. The world is not a 'tame' place.

The Bible seems to think we should take the good with the bad – even the weather of February. As Psalm 148 says: 'Praise the Lord from the earth...fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!'

Or, as our grandmothers used to say: 'Whether the weather be cold or whether the weather be hot, we'll weather the weather whatever the weather, whether we like it – or not!'

Why you should not keep your curtains closed

In dark rooms, 12 per cent of bacteria can reproduce; in rooms exposed to sunlight, only 6.8 per cent can reproduce. Remember that when you consider your household dust and the effect that simply opening your curtains can make.

Researchers at the University of Oregon point out that we spend most of our time indoors, 'where

exposure to dust particles that carry a variety of bacteria, including pathogens that can make us sick, is unavoidable.' But we can do something - let the sun stream in. The study found that it helps to kill the human skin-derived bacteria in our homes.

As one doctor put it: 'Our study supports a century-old folk wisdom that daylight has the potential to clean – or, as we now know, to kill microbes on dust particles.'

Then the fun stops

Canon David Winter considers the addiction of gambling

About 50 years ago I was asked by our vicar to join a small team of volunteers who would meet a young man at the tube station and see him safely past the betting shop on his way home. He had just come out of prison. His offences had all stemmed from his addiction to gambling. Our rota, together with prayer, friendship and constant support, meant that in six months he was free of his addiction. He married a young woman from the church and began to live a responsible and happy life.

I've thought of him a few times over recent months, when the problems of gambling addiction in modern Britain have been in the news. Gambling is a massive industry, no longer dependent on betting shops but as near as the mobile phone in your pocket. It was easy walking him past the shop, but walking past the phone in his pocket would have been tricky! The TV ads are sophisticated and seductive. 'First bet free!' 'If you

lose, we'll give you your money back!' 'Put real fun into your sports viewing!' It is encouraging that some of the gambling firms are to stop advertising during live sport on TV, but the allure is still there. It looks like easy money – and it is, for the enormously profitable betting companies.

The Bible makes clear that there are three valid reasons for transferring money. The first is payment for work or services. The second is need – poverty, hunger, homelessness. The third is gift, whether motivated by love or charity. Transferring money on the basis of the toss of a coin, the scoring of a goal or golf putt are not valid reasons, however popular they may be. I concede that winning a bottle of wine in a church raffle is seldom the first step on the road to gambling addiction, but teenage fun gambling often is.

Gamble responsibly say the betting companies. I think the verb and the adverb contradict each other.

Sure prognosis (Smile)

'Doctor,' said the worried woman, 'I'd like you to evaluate my 13-year-old son.'

'OK. He's suffering from a transient psychosis with intermittent rage disorder, punctuated by episodic

radical mood swings, but his prognosis is excellent for a full recovery.'

'How can you say all that without even meeting him?'

'I thought you said he's 13?'

‘The day the music died’

Tim Lenton pays tribute to Buddy Holly and friends...

The day the music died – according to Don McLean in his epic song American Pie – was 60 years ago, on 3rd February 1959, when rock-and-roll star Buddy Holly died in a plane crash in Iowa. With him were two other singers, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper.

Charles Hardin (Buddy) Holly, who was 22 when he died, was born in Lubbock, Texas, at the heart of America’s Bible Belt, and he and his family were closely associated with the Tabernacle Baptist Church there, though he himself was seen as something of a rebel.

His style was initially influenced by gospel and country music, and he

formed groups with friends from his high school. After opening for Elvis Presley in 1955, he shifted to rock and roll. With his new band, The Crickets, he achieved international success with songs such as That’ll be the Day.

Immensely talented, he wrote, recorded and produced his own material and is often thought of as the man who defined the traditional rock-and-roll line-up of two guitars, bass and drums. He was a big influence on such major artistes as Bob Dylan, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Eric Clapton and was one of the first artistes inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Technoference

We’ve all seen them: mothers engrossed on their mobile phones and ignoring their children nearby. But now research has found that children whose parents are addicted to their phones are significantly more likely to have behaviour problems.

The problem is called ‘technoference’. It is when the everyday relationship between parent and child is constantly disrupted by a digital or mobile device, including

during face-to-face conversations, meal-times and play-times.

Technoference causes children to display a range of behavioural problems: from sulking, whining, and emotional distress, to hyperactivity and tantrums. Sadly, it often gets the child nowhere. One health expert has said: ‘Around Manchester you can see unbelievable attempts by children to communicate with the adult they are with, but who remains oblivious to them.’

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lester Amann considers darkness and light

At the flick of a switch or a press of a button we can illuminate our homes with all kinds of gadgets. City life has street lights everywhere and if we need a light for dark places we can use a torch.

Life for people in Bible days must have been so different. The darkness was something to be feared. Anyone in the open at night was vulnerable to attack, not only by robbers and thieves but also by animals.

The Bible often mentions darkness to be a symbol for evil, whether real or imaginary. The Old Testament records watchmen on the walls of a city or large town who were employed to protect the inhabitants. Watchmen were impatient for the sunrise and a psalmist thinks of his soul waiting on God to deliver him,

like the watchman waiting for the dawn. (Psalm 130:6)

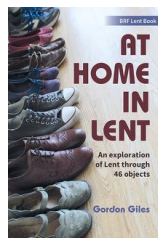
The Bible often associates darkness for inappropriate behaviour, problems, difficulties, wrong-doing and malevolence. Darkness can also mean a wrong course of action, wilfulness and stupidity. When the Scriptures speak of light this shows up what is amiss with our lives. Light can reveal a problem and show the way to avoid or overcome it. The prophet Isaiah wrote about people walking in darkness and seeing a great light. This in turn would change their lives for the better. He was describing the coming of Jesus who would be a light for us. He would come to reveal everything that is wrong with us, and to be the means to bring us a new life, a new purpose and a new future. He would break the power of sin and death and make it possible for everyone to be reconciled to God.

At Home in Lent - an exploration of Lent through 46 objects (Review)

By Gordon Giles, BRF, £8.99

Here is an original way of approaching Lent: inspired by Neil MacGregor's Radio 4 programme, 'A History of the World in 100 Objects', Gordon Giles spends each week in a different room gleaning spiritual lessons from everyday household objects.

As a result, you may discover that finding God in the normal pattern of life - even in the mundane - transforms how you approach each day. Running as a thread through it all are the seven R's of Lent: regret, repentance, resolution, recognition, reconciliation, renewal and resurrection.



Plan your way out of personal debt

Debt haunts so many families these days. David Pickup, a solicitor, offers some advice on how to deal with it.

‘... making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.’ (Isaiah 43:19)

The bills left over from Christmas are still coming through your letterbox with a thud. You can recognise which are bills before you open them, and your heart sinks. Many people have debts which they struggle with and which they cannot control. Such debts can lead to relationship problems and ill health, and in time, ruin your whole life. Meanwhile, it is very tempting to leave the post unopened. But then the phone calls start, and soon some of your debtors may even threaten you. So what do you do?

- Be honest with yourself and those closest to you.
- Get help.
- Do not borrow more to pay off debts, because you end up in a spiral of debt.

- Check if you are being hounded for debts that are not yours, or which are over six years old.

- Are you being unfairly treated? It is illegal to harass anyone in debt. That could include persistent telephone calls or turning up at your house.

- Make a budget. Prioritise - sort out essentials. Get advice about increasing your income and cutting expenditure.

- Manage family expectations. There is often pressure on you to spend too much on holidays, Christmas and birthdays.

- Start a savings plan with a credit union, even if it is just a pound a week.

You can get help from money and other advice agencies. Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a Christian organisation which does very good work.

As always this is a light-hearted guide to a serious subject. Get proper advice, as soon as you can!

Rice (Smile)

A man who had been dating a girl for a number of years took her out to a Chinese restaurant. As they studied the menu he asked: ‘How would you like your rice, fried or boiled?’

She looked at him sadly. ‘Thrown.’

QWERTY celebrates a big birthday

Ever look at your keyboard and wonder who first created it? By Tim Lenton.

The inventor of the QWERTY keyboard – now almost universally adopted in English-speaking countries – was born 200 years ago, on 14th February 1819, in Pennsylvania. Christopher Latham Scholes was an Episcopalian who could trace his ancestry back to two of the original Mayflower pilgrims, John and Priscilla Alden.

Although he did not invent the typewriter from scratch, Scholes was instrumental in developing a successful working model. Vital to this was his changing the keyboard, which was originally in alphabetical order

but had a tendency to jam. Scholes rearranged the levers so that frequently used keys would not interfere with each other.

Scholes started out as a printer and then, after moving to Wisconsin, became a newspaper publisher. He served two terms as a Senator for Wisconsin, one as a Democrat and one as a Republican.

His typewriter was not a commercial success until he joined forces with the Remington company, selling them half his rights for \$12,000. In 1878 he added a shift key so that the writer could switch easily between capitals and lower-case letters. He died in 1890, probably of tuberculosis.



National Nest Box Week: 14th – 21st February

If you like birds, now is the time to help the next generation get started.

And so this month will see thousands of us shakily climbing ladders against the sides of our houses, garages and trees, to install cosy nest boxes. And soon our tenants will arrive: blue tits, robins, nuthatches, pied wagtails, sparrows, starlings, tawny owls and even great spotted woodpeckers.

National Nest Box Week was started by the British Trust for Ornithology in order to encourage the

conservation of our breeding birds. Nest boxes are desperately needed, as natural nest sites for birds, such as holes in trees or old buildings, are disappearing fast, as gardens are 'tidied' and old houses are repaired.

It really is worth the trouble to put up a nest box. If you hang one within sight of your kitchen window, you will have hours of fun in observing the young feathered families.

You may find these links helpful:

How to choose a nest box: www.bto.org/about-birds/nnbw/buy-a-box

Where to put it: www.bto.org/about-birds/nnbw/putting-up-a-nest-box

Marie Curie and The Great Daffodil Appeal

Next month you will see a lot of daffodils about - Marie Curie daffodils. It's the charity's annual Great Daffodil Appeal, which runs in March each year.

The appeal is urgently needed, for as the charity explains, one in four people currently don't receive the care and support that they need at the end of their life. And with the population getting older; demand on the charity's services is set to increase.

Could you help? Marie Curie is currently looking for volunteers to give two hours of their time next month, to help hand out the daffodil pins in return for donations. If you've got two hours to spare, then

joining the Great Daffodil Appeal is a good way to support people in real need.

Marie Curie has long cared for people with terminal cancer, but nowadays the charity also cares for people with any terminal illness. That includes dementia, heart or lung disease, and neurological conditions like motor neurone disease.

Marie Curie has a range of services to help. These include Nurses that give one-to-one expert care to people at home, nine hospices offering inpatient and outpatient care, spiritual and bereavement support, and, a free telephone support line. The charity also funds research and campaigns.



Consider the Birds

Nigel Beeton writes: The passage in Luke 12:24, 'Consider the birds of the air', could be taken to mean that we can leave the care of wildlife to God. So we can, but I think He is pleased if, during a cold February, we offer Him a little help...!

Consider the birds of the air
They do not store up what they eat
They need not to worry or care
Or tweet with a worry-filled tweet.

God looks after them, O it's true!
He grants them their insects and grains

He gives all their feathers their hue;
And shelters them all from the rain.

But at certain times of the year,
When birds have to eat, or they freeze –
Though God clearly holds them all dear,
Assistance from us will Him please.

So think of the birds of the air,
And, after your breakfast is chewed,
Get up, get a coat, get out there
And give the poor darlings some food!

By Nigel Beeton

Your child's personal data is everywhere

The sheer amount of personal data that children and their parents are giving away about themselves is staggering. Consider this:

- One in four children under two has their own tablet
- Children aged 5 to 15 spend on average 16 hours a week online
- Children aged 11 – 16 post on social media on average 26 times *a day*
- By 13, a child will have about 1,300 pictures and videos of themselves posted online.
- By 18, the average child will have posted online nearly 70,000 times.

Anne Longfield, the Children's Commissioner, is concerned. She warns that children's lives are being 'datafied' on a huge scale, as their personal information is collected by a series of smart toys, smart speakers and even school apps.

'We need to think about what this means for children's lives now, and how it may impact on their future lives as adults. We simply don't know what the consequences of all this information about our children will be.'

Downsizing our social life

What do you most enjoy doing with your spare evenings? Going to a party? Probably not – for it seems that the joy of not going out has become the new thing to brag about.

It used to be a childhood punishment: go to bed early, don't leave the house. Now it is discussed as an adult 'self-care' goal – even Kate Moss has praised the benefits of binge-sleeping.

All this cosy staying-at-home is not confined to the middle-aged and upwards; 82 percent of 18-to-30-

year-olds have admitted to cancelling plans with friends in favour of an early night and hangover-free morning. All in all, no wonder that by late last year pubs were closing at a rate of 18 a week. Half of the nation's nightclubs shut down between 2005 and 2015. There is even a big slump in 'casual dining' out.

The American news site Vox has recently christened this new movement the 'homebody economy'. For though at home, we are still spending, via streaming services and delivery apps. But at least we don't have to look for a parking space!

What is happening to our pets?

It is getting harder to own a pet. In 2012 two-thirds of homes had pets. Now it is down to just over half. In fact, families are now ten times more likely to own a virtual assistant like Amazon's Alexa than even a hamster.

It is not our fault. We still love animals, but can we still provide them with a home? Growing numbers of us are unable to buy our own homes, which means that many of us are in rental accommodation, and not that many landlords welcome pets. Sadly, many animal sanctuaries are full of dogs and cats who were unable to

move on with their owners in their next rental property.

There is a similar problem in later life. So many residential homes ban residents from bringing their much-loved pets - which only increases their loneliness in old age.

And yet those of us fortunate enough to have pets still love them and mourn their loss. As Alexander Pope, writing in the 18th century, observed: 'Not louder shrieks to pitying heaven are cast/When husbands or when lapdogs breathe their last.'

Is the internet increasing your secret addictions?

Don't let your access to the internet mess up your head. That is the warning of a number of experts who are calling for urgent action to address the growing problem of a range of mental health disorders.

Now an international team of more than 100 researchers say that the 'all pervasive' nature of the web is driving not just 'cyberchondria', online hoarding and shopping addictions, but also problematic pornography use, gambling and excessive gaming, which is breaking up people's lives.

The report, published in European Neuropsychopharmacology, warns that users are becoming addicted and displaying obsessive behaviour, such as repeatedly checking emails and social media and suffering cravings and withdrawal if denied access.

There is a name for such behaviour: Problematic Internet Use (PIU). The World Health Organisation recognised it in 2014 and warns it has now become a global social health issue.

Self-harming

Here is a very sad statistic: one in four girls aged 14 has already self-harmed. And a recent survey by the Children's Society has also discovered that girls are less happy than boys with school life. The charity analysed data from the Understanding Society survey and may have found the reason: jokes and comments in school about

looks and sexual activity, sharing of photos or videos of classmates' bodies all made a big impact on the girls.

As Matthew Reed, chief executive at The Children's Society says, 'These things made girls feel much worse about their appearance and their life as a whole. They may help explain why they are more likely to feel depressed or to self-harm.'

Be my Valentine?

Tony Horsfall considers love and the fear of rejection.

St Valentine's Day falls on 14th February and since the 18th Century has been associated with the declaration of love, albeit anonymously. Originally this might be through the offering of sweets or flowers, and now more commonly by the sending of an unsigned card.

One suggestion is that St Valentinus was a Roman Christian who performed weddings for soldiers in the Roman army, even though they were not permitted to marry. According to this story, Valentinus was sentenced to death for his offence, but during his imprisonment prayed for the blind daughter of his judge, who miraculously recovered. Before his execution he left her a note, which he signed 'Your Valentine.'

All of us long to know that we are loved by someone, but declaring our love to another is always a risky business since we may be rejected. They may consider us not attractive enough, or unsuitable in any number of other ways. The pain of unrequited love is indeed great, and so many of us hold back because of the fear of rejection.

One thing we can be sure of, however, is that we are loved by God. He loves us because He made us, and likes us as we are. He loves us because He gave His Son to die for us, and thought we were worthy of such a sacrifice. Here is One who knows everything about us and loves us just the same. His love is unchanging and unending and we need never fear His rejection.

Here is the best declaration of love ever made. God says to you, "*I have loved you with an everlasting love* (Jeremiah 31:3)."

The Rev Dr Jo White's second of a year-long 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:

Why do we cross ourselves?

Do you 'cross' yourself? Do you literally make the sign of the cross over or upon your body?

People do this in different ways: some with certain fingers joined together, some touch their right shoulder before the left, some do small contained crosses on their head, lips and chest whilst others do an exaggerated sign extending as low as they can reach and almost wrapping their arms around themselves.

Keep your eyes open one time and look at your fellow congregation members as the priest extends his or her arm to bless them and you'll see many different responses. From keeping their heads bowed, crossing themselves at the same time, to standing quite informally and just watching.

For me it's not really 'how' you do it but rather 'What's it all about?' If you

'Google' that question you'll get lots of great theologically sound and sometimes deep suggestions.

Let me offer you my personal take on it that has grown to become daily the first thing, last thing and most important prayer of each of my days.

It's an acknowledgement of God's love for me individually and us collectively and how through this we are forgiven and set free to live life to the full – with courage and strength.

As I start at the highest point and descend it reminds me that Jesus, God's own Son came down to earth for love of me and all of us.

As I cover the width of my body I feel His love wrapped around me, surrounding me, encouraging me, strengthening me, enveloping me and all that will take place in my life and the world today. Not a magic protection layer but a recognition of His presence wherever and whatever takes place.

May you be blessed – In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

New job (Smile)

So your new job gives you lots of freedom?

Absolutely. I get here any time I want before 8am, and leave just when I please after 5pm.

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

**13th February & 13th March &
10th April 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 kmassen@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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The GOOD news about chocolate

A little bit of chocolate is good for you – especially your heart.

If you eat up to three bars a month, you could have a 13 per cent lower risk of heart failure than if you do not eat any chocolate. It seems that natural compounds in cocoa called flavonoids boost blood vessel health and help reduce inflammation.

But be careful: if you eat chocolate daily you could experience a 17 per cent increase in your risk of heart failure.

So the advice from the researchers at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York is: 'moderate dark-chocolate consumption is good for health.'



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 FEBRUARY 2019

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
3	9.30am Holy Communion	Fiona Lichfield	
10	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	7 th -10 th Sarah
17	9.30am Holy Communion	Sarah Porter	
24	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	21 st -24 th Fiona S
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
3	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw	
10	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
17	10.45am Matins	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
24	10.45am Holy Communion	John Bowns/Mike Pindar	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
3	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mr & Mrs Wardle	to be arranged
10	Mr & Mrs Hubbuck	Mike Pindar/Jennie Ball	“ “
17	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Nelson	“ “
24	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	“ “
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
3	Malachi 3: 1-5 Luke 2: 22-40	John Caws <i>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</i>	School - Class 4 SS Claire Cadogan
10	Isaiah 6: 1-8 Luke 5: 1-11	Michael Douglas <i>Fourth Sunday before Lent</i>	Fiona Swain SS Sarah Porter
17	Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Luke 6: 17-26	Diana Walters <i>Third Sunday before Lent</i>	Rupert Turner <i>No Sunday School</i>
24	Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25 Luke 8: 22-25	John Bowns <i>Second Sunday before Lent</i>	Fiona Lichfield <i>No Sunday School</i>

It is a bad plan that admits of no modification. – Publius Syrus

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