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For many years Russia and its satellite states banned religious observance. It boasted atheism and all forms of religious worship were prohibited. Those discovered practising their faith or speaking out in favour of God faced very heavy penalties. Religious writing and art was banned and offenders were frequently sent to the Gulags on the grounds of subversion. However, despite the oppression, Christians continued to worship. The Holy Spirit active in the world would not obey the Kremlin. Ordained priests and ministers rarely told anyone their true identity. They held civilian jobs by day and secretly ministered at night, teaching from the Bible and celebrating the Sacraments for a people thirsty for God. Their courage determined that all they held dear should find its expression, and God would be worshipped regardless of risk. They also kept alive this jewel of hope for future generations.

On 6th January the Church celebrates the Feast of Epiphany. The day when we remember more courageous people. The Wise Men from the East followed a star and associated it with the birth of a new king, a special person, one for whom the world had waited – and nothing would deflect them from their mission. There was a long and hazardous journey, in arduous conditions and deprivation, taking them through hostile territories. But they didn't give up until they had reached their goal. How do we account for their courage and inspiration? The brave people of Russia and the Wise Men shared a common eagerness to make Jesus Christ known beyond the borders of their own social group or country. Their mission was more important than any other consideration. The Wise Men could not have known the degree of impact of this child upon its future world, but the Christians of Russia did! This is 'Epiphany' in action. Epiphany means showing forth, revealing a truth to the world.

In Epiphany we celebrate God's extravagant love for his people. All his people, throughout every generation, in all places and in every moment. God's love could not be restricted to an exclusive group in a small country of the Middle East. Thanks to the Wise Men, St. Paul and countless others like them over the centuries, the message of God's overwhelming love in Jesus Christ has spread to the ends of the earth. From the humble stable in

Bethlehem, the story of redemption has been proclaimed. A proclamation often made by the most unusual people. People like you and me.

Are we willing to be Epiphany people? Are we eager to manifest Christ to the world? This is the challenge and mission of all Christians because our faith is dynamic, not static. It is our role to be involved in passing on this message. We who have celebrated the great feast of Christmas are now called to speak about its true meaning. At the start of this New Year, let us not shy away from the challenge, but be keen to offer to others the gift we have been given. In this way we too become Epiphany people. Let us begin today.



Every Blessing
Canon Dave

FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

18TH NOVEMBER ~ BAPTISM

Henry John Young

29TH NOVEMBER ~ A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF
Gordon Long aged 90years (followed by cremation)

8TH DECEMBER ~ WEDDING

Christopher Martin Boyle & Esme Scott Rodger

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Dates for your Diary - January

- 8 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
Surprise Craft in the Village Hall
- 15 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** - 7pm Beeley Village Hall
AGM & Chris Boyce speaking on 'History of the Lords of the Manor, Beeley'
- 16 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms
Quiz Night
Competition: A humorous Christmas Card (not handmade)
Teas: Maureen and Kath *Flowers:* Melanie
- 21 BEELEY Parish Council Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR



Waste & Recycling Collections

Usual day	Christmas/New Year collection days
Monday	Monday 24 December Monday 31 December
Tuesday	Saturday 22 December Wednesday 2 January
Wednesday	Thursday 27 December Thursday 3 January
Thursday	Friday 28 December Friday 4 January
Friday	Saturday 29 December Saturday 5 January

Monday collections are unchanged. All collections in the two weeks after Christmas Day are **ONE DAY LATER** than usual except the **Tuesday** collection scheduled for Christmas Day itself, which will take place on **Saturday 22 December**.

- **Garden waste** collections will be suspended from Saturday 22 December to Saturday 5 January inclusive
- **Food waste** will be collected **weekly**



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

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

Recycle your **real** Christmas tree. Place at the edge of your property on your green/recycling day between 7 January and 1 February

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



www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/waste Email: waste@derbyshiredales.gov.uk **Waste Helpline:** 01629 761122

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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. We welcome suitable items for possible inclusion in the magazine.

Giving to St Peters Church - new Parish Giving Scheme

Those of you who, in the past, have given regularly by the weekly envelope, standing order or the yellow gift aid envelopes, will have received a letter from the vicar, together with a pack explaining the new Parish Giving Scheme and a Direct Debit form. Thank you to those of you who have already responded by completing the DD form, if you need any more information or are unsure about how the new scheme will work, please don't hesitate to contact the vicar, the treasurer or the wardens.

Anyone who hasn't received an information pack and would like to make their regular giving in this way, please contact the vicar or the wardens.

January - time for the gym

Up to a million of us will join a gym this month. Up to 800,000 of us will have given it up by February. But before you return to the couch, why not consider the following:

Only do exercises that you enjoy. Have fun, and nothing else! Don't torture yourself on the cross trainers if you prefer salsa dancing. Your endorphins will still be released, leaving you stimulated, inspired and generally better.

Start small. Okay, you like swimming, but why aim for 20 lengths your first time in the pool? You will never go back. Start instead with just two lengths, and then reward yourself with a coffee. Next time do three, and so on. Always end with a reward.

Go at the same time, on the same days. Make it a part of your week. You will meet the same people, and it will begin to feel natural. *Make it a habit.*

Be friendly. A lot of people are intimidated when they first go to a gym. So, the first week, smile at people, the second week try saying hello, and gradually you will get on friendly terms with enough of them so that you feel comfortable.

Don't forget the spiritual. Away from the gym, give yourself time for your inner, spiritual well-being as well - on a daily basis.

Keep your mind active. Read books or join an evening class. Do puzzles. Mental fitness is just as important as physical fitness.

Be creative. Make the space around you more beautiful in some way - decorate, paint, sew, knit, or even just add a vase of flowers.

Give some things up. As well as putting good things into your life, take some less-good things OUT of your life. What in your life is draining your time and energy, and giving little in return? Get rid of it!

Edensor Village Day

On Saturday 1st December in the Tea Cottage, charity donations from the proceeds of Edensor Open Gardens & Fete were presented in memory of our neighbours who had died in the previous 12 months. Maggie Parry-Hughes, Admiral Nurse Professional and Practice Development Facilitator was the recipient on behalf of Dementia UK in memory of Vic Adams. Nick Wood presented a cheque to Dr Jon Wadsley, Consultant Clinical Oncologist and Co-Director of the Cancer Clinical Trials Centre Weston Park (leukaemia research) in memory of Charlie Roose. Canon David Perkins received a cheque for Saint Peter's Church Edensor in memory of Vernon Mather. Each charity received a cheque for £1,300. After the presentations The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire performed a countdown with the villagers and Edensor village green, the Church path and many houses were lit up for Christmas.

Margaret Perkins



Nick Wood presenting the cheque to Dr Jon Wadsley



Pauline Mather presenting the cheque to Canon Dave Perkins



Maureen Adams presenting the cheque to Maggie Parry-Hughes

Lead Bishop for Education calls on Government for Rural Strategy

The Church of England's lead bishop for Education, the Rt Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely, has called for a cross-Government rural strategy to safeguard the future of education in rural communities.

Bishop Stephen said that while 'We have been reassured that the Government has a presumption against the closure of rural schools,'

and also that 'a number of stakeholder organisations, as well as those who are working with schools and communities, are exploring innovations in collaboration,' yet still 'an overarching rural strategy is now required for the issues facing our countryside communities.'

The Bishop said: 'Over the past 200 years Church of England schools have adapted to significant changes in society... We are committed to working with the Government to achieve this.'

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)

January 13th 2019

The Other Side of Hope

2017, Finland, Cert. 12A, 100 minutes. Comedy, Drama

A poker-playing restaurateur and former travelling salesman befriends a group of refugees newly arrived to Finland.

Introduction by Janet Byrne

Cathedra Gin - inspired by England's cathedrals

Gin's current popularity is being put to good use by Blackburn Cathedral. It has just launched its own-brand gin, Cathedra, which aims to be a brand that will sell across the country, and thereby create an income stream for the Cathedral.

Blackburn Cathedral invested £12,000 in developing the gin, which is handcrafted at Brindle Distillery in Lancashire. Cathedra Gin is no ordinary gin, but distilled with fresh spring water and infused with juniper, orange, elderflower, almond and vanilla to give 'a deliciously smooth taste'. It retails for £45 a bottle.

Visit: www.blackburncathedral.com/cathedra-gin/



BBC to axe 'Something Understood'

The Radio 4 programme *Something Understood* will not be made after April 2019, despite recent pledges from the BBC that it would protect its religious broadcasting.

No new series will be commissioned, but instead the programme's slot will be filled with repeats from the series. *Something Understood* explores spiritual and ethical topics through reflection, music and literature, and has been running since 1995.

The Bishop of Repton, the Rt Revd Jan McFarlane, who chairs Sandford

St Martin Trust, said: 'The BBC has reneged on its professed commitment to religious and ethical broadcasting less than a year since the publication of its report.'

This year has also been designated by the BBC as the 'Year of Beliefs', in which specialist programming and documentaries about religion and faith were promised.

A BBC spokeswoman said that the BBC 'has to save £800 million by 2021, so ... has to make tough choices.'



Councillors unanimously approve shape of new waste contract

Councillors have unanimously approved a familiar look to waste and recycling collections as the Derbyshire Dales prepares for a new contract from August 2020.

At a special council meeting on Thursday 29th November, all political parties and independent councillors supported a recommendation by officers that weekly food waste collections continue, together with fortnightly collections of dry recycling and fortnightly collections of residual household waste that can't be recycled or composted.

They also unanimously supported a change to the service, that a charge - yet to be specified - will be made for fortnightly collections of garden waste, bringing the Derbyshire Dales into line with around half of UK

councils that now charge residents for this service.

Local councils do not have a legal responsibility to collect garden waste and residents will not be forced to buy into the scheme.

Thursday's meeting approved the development by March next year of a detailed contract specification ahead of councillors meeting again to give approval to tender.

Since 2012 the waste collection service in the Dales has been delivered by Serco on behalf of the District Council. In advance of the contract ending in 2020, the council has been exploring a range of potential service options.

The cost of the current waste collection contract is £1.9 million per year – on average just under 67p per household per week.

[View the full report and a video of the meeting by clicking here](#)

£2 maximum stake

A £2 maximum stake for fixed-odds betting terminals will be brought into place by April 2019. The Government made this U-turn following a growing rebellion of MPs from across the House of Commons late last year. Originally the

reduction was to be delayed until October. The Culture Secretary, Jeremy Wright, made the concession in November, which was warmly welcomed by campaigners.

Crime Prevention Advice

A message from the police -

NOT SURE? don't open the door

Preventing doorstep crime

Doorstep crime can include rogue traders, offering home improvement or gardening services, or bogus callers who claim to be the council, police, health carers or energy companies.

What should I look out for?

Rogue traders

- May say they are in the area and have spotted a problem with your home or garden.
- May claim to have materials left over from another job, like paving or tarmac.
- May try to pressurise you to buy goods or sign up for services on the spot.
- May offer to carry out work cheaply, but charge an extortionate price after it has been completed.
- May offer to drive you to a bank so you can withdraw money to pay them.
- Provide false names, addresses or telephone numbers.

Pedlars

- A pedlar is someone who calls at your door to sell items that they have on offer. This can often include cleaning or household goods.
- By law, they are required to carry a pedlar's certificate, which are issued by the police force in the area where they live.

Bogus callers

- May claim to be working for the council, water, gas or electric company. They could also say they are a nurse, doctor or from the police.
- May say they need to come into your home, or try to get you to go outside.
- May try to distract you so they can steal your money.
- Can be male, female or even children.

Tips to keep you safe

- If you are not sure who is at the door, don't open it.
- Check the identity of any caller. Confirm who they are by calling the company they work for using number from the telephone directory or a bill.
- Ask a neighbour to come around to check them before you open the door.
- Tell them to come back at a time when someone will be at home with you.
- Keep doors and windows locked and use the door chain every time you answer the door.

Wise Men Still Seek Him

The Rev Paul Hardingham considers the Magi.

'A cold coming we had of it. Just the worst time of the year for a journey and such a long journey.' (Journey of the Magi, T.S. Eliot).

In this poem, T.S. Eliot imagines the journey of the Magi to worship Jesus, as told in Matthew 2. This story is at the heart of our celebration of Epiphany, as we remember the astrologers from the East following a star to find the baby: 'Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' (Matthew 2:1,2).

The Magi provide a powerful picture of the journey we make in searching for God in our lives. Like them, it requires time and effort (they travelled for months) and will not always be easy! As they followed the

star, so we are called to pursue God's light in our lives.

What does this say to us at the beginning of a New Year? Are we ready to go deeper in our relationship with God? Are we looking for new ways to use our time, treasure and talents for Him? It is a great time to offer these things to Him, and like the Magi, commit ourselves to pursue them. His light, through prayer, worship and his Word, will be our guide on the way.

T.S. Eliot used the imagined journey of the magi to reflect on his own spiritual journey. It reveals the pain and doubts he experienced on his long and troubled journey to find the light of Christ. He describes finding Christ as a 'hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death'. Are we prepared to make this journey for ourselves?



Brazen city spiders

Who thinks up tests like this? It seems that scientists have been out collecting spiders from rural and urban areas all across Europe to test whether or not their natural fear of light is changing.

They found that country spiders, regardless from which country, still

prefer quiet, dark places. However, urban spiders are becoming brazen, and are happy to build their webs near bright artificial light. The study, published in the journal *The Science of Nature*, may be of some help to you next time you find a spider scuttling around your house: if it is daytime, at least you know your visiting spider is urban!

The Journey Of The Magi by T.S. Eliot

T.S. Eliot, [Collected Poems, 1909-1962](#) (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1991).

A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long
journey:

The ways deep and the weather
sharp,

The very dead of winter. '

And the camels galled,
sorefooted, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.

There were times we regretted
The summer palaces on slopes,
the terraces,

And the silken girls bringing
sherbet.

Then the camel men cursing and
grumbling

and running away, and wanting
their liquor and women,

And the night-fires going out, and
the lack of shelters,

And the cities hostile and the
towns unfriendly

And the villages dirty and
charging high prices:

A hard time we had of it.

At the end we preferred to travel
all night,

Sleeping in snatches,

With the voices singing in our
ears, saying

That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a
temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling
of vegetation;

With a running stream and a
water-mill beating the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky,
And an old white horse galloped
away in the meadow.

Then we came to a tavern with
vine-leaves over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing
for pieces of silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-
skins.

But there was no information, and
so we continued

And arriving at evening, not a
moment too soon

Finding the place; it was (you
might say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I
remember,

And I would do it again, but set
down

This set down

This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth,
certainly

We had evidence and no doubt. I
had seen birth and death,

But had thought they were
different; this Birth was

Hard and bitter agony for us, like
Death, our death.

We returned to our places, these
Kingdoms,

But no longer at ease here, in the
old dispensation,

With an alien

people
clutching their
gods.

I should be
glad of
another death.



2019: Is it even possible to make a new start?

The Christian faith teaches that a new start is endlessly possible. It is provided by a personal encounter with the risen and living Jesus Christ. He offers us the opportunity and the resources to make a new start, despite all our circumstances or failings.

The Bible records many encouraging examples of people who were able to start again after encountering Jesus. These include a woman caught in adultery who was facing execution by an outraged community, a hated tax collector named Zacchaeus who had been collaborating with the enemy, and Peter, the close friend of Jesus who publicly disowned him.

God's provision of a new start liberates people from the powerful hold that guilt, fear and memories of failure can have over a human. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus have made a way for humans to find God's forgiveness. A Christian is someone who has accepted God's

forgiveness and now has the freedom to reject the old habits of bitterness, anger or revenge, like disposing of a 'shabby old coat'. Many Christians experience this as such a new beginning that they describe it as feeling like a different kind of life.

Forgiveness, however, is not the same as perfection. Although many Christians can look back to a specific time at which they made a decision to make a new start as a follower of the way of Jesus Christ, living up to a new way of being is an ongoing struggle. There is a frequent need to revisit and remember the new start. Church services almost always include a point at which worshippers are encouraged to think about recent failures, confess them, and ask for the mercy of God in absolute certainty that He will forgive.

The Bible describes God's promises of mercy as 'new every morning'. It is in the gracious nature of God that mistakes and failures are not a stick to be beaten with, but an opportunity to change into something better.

What a view!

Satellite pictures of earth are usually beautiful, but not these: The Environment Agency has begun using satellite images to monitor plastic pollution off Britain's shores, so that it can send clean-up teams in to protect wildlife.

Each year the world makes about 380million tons of plastic. At least eight million tons of the stuff ends up in our seas and oceans. It is hoped that the satellites will be of great help in monitoring and tackling the problem.

Are your children gamblers?

Here is a sobering fact: more children have placed bets in the past week than have drunk alcohol, smoked or taken drugs. Such are the findings from an audit by the Gambling Commission. It also found that one in seven 11- to 16-year-olds bet regularly, staking an average of £16 a week. And those who start betting young are more like to have issues as adults, warns the charity Gamcare.

The sad truth is that gambling has never been easier, with online outlets available 24 hours a day. And once a



Churches urged to embrace contactless payments as more Brits go cash-free

With more and more Brits choosing the likes of Apple Pay and plastic over cash, the Church of England's Parish Buying Team is encouraging churches to embrace contactless payments.

Contactless payments have been on offer in petrol stations, retail stores and restaurants across Britain for several years. Now churches are being urged to follow suit, particularly in the run-up to Christmas, when churches enjoy

young person accesses them, the sites bombard them with marketing prompts for 'boosted' odds and 'free bets'.

Youthsite, a research organisation for 16-to 30-year olds estimates that more than 100,000 students are in debt due to gambling, with one in four of those owing more than £10,000. Although the Government has promised to (eventually) reduce the FOBT (Fixed Odds Betting Terminal) maximum stakes from £100 to £2, there are fears that the reduction will itself only increase the attraction of betting online.

some of the largest attendance numbers in the year.

Parish Buying offers churches a range of options, from small handheld card readers to more sophisticated self-service donation units. Recent figures have revealed that over two thirds of Britons now opt to pay by plastic.

Esther Stewart, parish support officer at Parish Buying said: 'As less and less people carry cash, it's becoming increasingly important for parishes to look at alternative ways to receive donations.'

What a legacy!

The Rev Tony Horsfall considers the extraordinary story of Richard Cousins' Will.

The charity Oxfam recently received a legacy of £41 million following the death of business man Richard Cousins. Richard was killed in a plane crash in Sydney Harbour on New Year's Eve 2017, and he died alongside his two sons, his fiancé and her daughter, and the pilot.

A year before the tragic accident Richard, the CEO of catering firm Compass Group, had inserted into his will a 'common tragedy clause', stating that in the unlikely event of him and his immediate family members all dying at the same time, the majority of his fortune should be given to Oxfam. Little did he realise that such an obscure clause would actually be triggered, and that so soon.

A will comes into effect only on the death of the person who makes the will. The Bible speaks in the book of Hebrews about the death of Jesus in these terms: 'In the care of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in

force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living (9:16-17).'

Just as Oxfam were the undeserving beneficiaries of such a wonderful legacy, so we too are the undeserving beneficiaries of the amazing benefits of what Christ has done on the cross. We receive an inheritance beyond our wildest dreams, which we could never have expected. His death triggered the clause whereby we could benefit from His suffering.

And what is that inheritance? It is the knowledge that our sins can be forgiven, that we can enter in to a living relationship with God, that our eternal future is secure. This is a legacy far more valuable than any amount of money.

Don't miss out on your amazing inheritance. Christ died for us all, and YOU are included in His will. The benefits of His death at Calvary are there for you to receive freely, and without condition. You too can be very rich!

Holding children back

Children who spend more than two hours a day looking at a screen have problems: their memory is worse than average, their language skills are more limited, and their attention span is shorter.

Such are the findings of a major study recently published by The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health. Overall cognition skills were found to be highest among the one in 20 children who still get nine to 11 hours sleep, less than two hours of recreational screen time, and at least an hour's exercise daily.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord

Preb Richard Bewes considers the New Year

During the coming New Year, let these words from Psalm 33:12 form the basis for your daily personal prayers for your country... and indeed for the political leadership in the wake of all that has been taking place in the closing weeks of the past year. Let the prayers expand further still - to take in the conflicts, dilemmas and disasters that at times seem to engulf the world.

For – as the French philosopher Jaques Ellul once observed - “It is prayer, and prayer alone that can make history.”

Try to take in the stupendous influence stemming from a Christian’s prayer! It lies out of all proportion to that residing in any other belief-system. It is the supremely God-given appointed way by which we co-operate with heaven’s will. A single family of believers can touch an entire street. One praying church can ignite the surrounding township.

In his book on ‘England covering the years 1870-1914,’ the radical historian RCK Ensor commented that no one will understand 19th century England who ignores the influence exerted by a small group of lay business people from the Anglican church of Holy

Trinity Clapham. The ‘Clapham Sect’ (as they were dubbed) were a single group of believing men and women who reached across the continents. From their alliance stemmed the formation of the East India Company, the Church Missionary Society, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and a score of other influential enterprises that touched the world. The statue of Eros in the very centre of London was set up to honour the memory of one of their most effective associates - Ashley Cooper, the seventh Earl of Shaftesbury.

Ensor comments, ‘If one asks how 19th-century English merchants earned the reputation of being the most honest in the world (a very real factor in the prominence of English trade), the answer is: Because hell and heaven seemed as certain to the Clapham group as tomorrow’s sunrise, and the Last Judgment as real as the week’s balance sheet.’ Ensor continues: ‘All the Clapham friends rose early to meet the Lord through Bible study and prayer. Perhaps here is the final secret of their achievement.’

Indeed it certainly must be – if God is ever once more to occupy centre place among us all.

Ten things God won't ask you when you die

God won't ask what kind of car you drove -

He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask the square footage of your house -

He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet -

He'll ask how many people you helped to clothe.

God won't ask which diet you were on -

He'll ask how many hungry people you helped to feed.

God won't ask what your highest salary was -

He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask what your job title was -

He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask how many friends you had on Facebook -

He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived -

He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.

God won't ask about the colour of your skin -

He'll ask about the content of your character.

God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Him -

He'll lovingly take you into his Kingdom, not leave you at the gates of Hell.

Help our hedgehogs – or lose them forever

The UK has lost half of its hedgehog population since the year 2000. The Christian conservation charity, A Rocha UK, is out to stop the decline. 'Project Hedgehog' is one result, a joint initiative between A Rocha UK and the Lea Brook Valley Project.



'Project Hedgehog' provides purpose-built, cat-proof hedgehog boxes for private gardens. There are also detailed information leaflets on how to make gardens hedgehog-friendly. 'We need to do this, for God, for nature and for people – and we need your help,' says Andy Atkins, CEO of A Rocha UK.

If you could help hedgehogs, visit:
<https://arocha.org.uk/>

The Rev Dr Jo White begins 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: When is a Nod not a Yes?

Do you ever find yourself nodding madly when listening to another person whilst at the same time completely disagreeing with what they are saying? You're really just waiting for them to pause so you can say something like, 'Yes, but ...'.

We nod for all sorts of reasons – and sometimes we are definitely not saying 'yes' or 'I agree'. Sometimes it's not even a nod but rather it's meant as a flick of the head indicating 'over there' or even 'go away'!

And then in some churches you see people, particularly around the altar, nodding away every few moments. What are they saying?

The easiest to understand is when passing or receiving something and

not wanting to be impolite and not say 'Thank you' but at the same time being involved in outer or indeed more likely inner prayer. So, the server passing across the bread, wine and the water is effectively saying with their nod, 'Here you go' and the priest or deacon is acknowledging that action with a nod of 'thank you'.

It's the same for those who have brought up the offering plate.

But often those people then do another nod – what's that all about?

Surely, they are not bowing to the altar itself?

Actually, it is more like they are rather giving reverence and respect to that particular place set aside for the bread and wine to be consecrated. It's more about acknowledging the overwhelming love of God and His presence here in this place.

Flies (smile.....)

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a folded newspaper. 'I'm hunting flies,' he muttered. 'So far I've got three males and two females.'

Intrigued, the woman asked how he could tell them apart. Her husband replied: "Easy. Three were on my tin of beer, and two were on the phone."

How far away is your church from your home?

By Dr Peter Brierley.

How far do people have to go, to go to church? A recent survey has been finding out.

The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), came from Nigeria to the UK in 1988, and has started some 850 churches since, has as its basic guide: "Start a church within 10 minutes walking distance of where people live," taken from their Nigerian experience where people invariably always walk to church. Ten minutes walking distance is roughly half a mile.

Many Church of England churches are in the centre of a village or small town, and a half-mile radius is actually quite a large area – some 500 acres or 200 hectares. However, when a survey was undertaken, most of those going to an Anglican church lived even further away – between half a mile and three miles. Nearly two miles was in fact the average for those who live in urban or suburban areas.

Does the distance vary by the age of the person going to church? Yes.

Those aged 16 to 24 tended to live closest to the church they attended, perhaps because they were less bothered which denomination they attended. Likewise, those 85 or over

were less likely to live more than three miles away.

Was the size of a church important? Interestingly both the largest and the smallest churches drew more people from over three miles than churches in between (that is, with between 26 and 200 in their congregations). The smaller churches tend to be rural churches, but the larger churches draw people from a great distance, showing the eclectic nature of their congregations.

What does distance matter? It could affect times at which a service begins and whether evening services are held. Providing suitable facilities for bikes, buggies, and walking sticks may help. In very busy areas, having someone to help with parking might be appreciated. Providing a mug of tea or cup of water may also be liked if people have come some way. In a church's publicity, it might also be helpful to include succinct travel directions by road or public transport. Even just thanking the congregation in bothering to travel when it is pouring with rain goes down well!

The survey was done by Brierley Research.

The Moving Finger writes; and,
having writ, moves on. And so I
stare and wonder – where does
the ink come from?

Celebrating Thenadays

Canon David Winter considers

Auld Lang Syne

‘Auld Lang Syne’ was sung over the New Year, especially in Scotland. It should, we are told, ‘never be forgotten’. But what is it?

The words actually mean something like ‘long time ago’ and it is the ‘acquaintances’ of long ago that we should not forget. In other words, and somewhat to contradict the usual New Year greetings, it calls us to look back. The past, it says, is precious, as are the people who have been part of it for us.

At my age people often use the word ‘nowadays’. Usually negatively – ‘nowadays there’s nothing good on the TV’ or ‘nowadays people never say thank you’. It’s a mind-set that is shaped by the memory of a golden age that probably never existed. Yet there is a truth in there somewhere. If we find ‘nowadays’ unsettling, why not remember ‘Thenadays’? Our past is who we are. Its people have shaped

our lives. There is nothing wrong sometimes in looking back and remembering. As the song says, it should be ‘brought to mind’ – the ‘old acquaintances’ of our lives.

For me, for instance, that is my father taking me as a six-year-old to watch the steam trains go by. It’s my grandparents in their Welsh village. It’s old friends and colleagues, some from as long as 70 years ago, with all the laughter and tears we shared. And it’s not just happy things like my own family but also the sad loss of loved ones and the feeling of helpless deprivation that follows. All of this is part of my ‘Thenadays’.

As we wish people a ‘Happy New Year’ it’s not a bad idea to pick up that strange Scots saying and invite them not to forget a human heritage which is ours – people, events, experience. ‘Auld Lang Syne’ is the totality of our lives as we have lived them. Looking back is often the best way of looking forward...

Traidcraft to continue – but in ‘skinny’ version

The fairtrade pioneer Traidcraft has made radical changes in order to prevent closure.

It has slashed its product lines and kept just 12 employees. It will now focus on a core range of grocery

products such as tea, coffee, and lavatory paper, and fewer handicrafts.

But it promises to still challenge the conventional market by adopting a more radical approach to labelling, and to ensuring that customers know how much money has gone to the producer of each product.

The Beatles' last concert

Tim Lenton looks back on the end of an era.

It was 50 years ago this month, on 30th January 1969, that the Beatles gave their last public performance – on the roof of Apple Studios in London.

It was their first truly live show since their final tour ended on 29th August 1966, at Candlestick Park in San Francisco. They had become less popular in the US after John Lennon's controversial remark in an interview that 'we're more popular than Jesus now'.

In the rooftop concert, which lasted about 45 minutes, Get Back was the final song, and in the recorded version Lennon can be heard saying: 'I'd like to say thank you ... I hope we passed the audition.'

It was cold and windy, with a threat of rain. Lennon borrowed Yoko Ono's fur coat, and Ringo wore his wife Maureen's red raincoat. The group also varied their classic stage placements: Lennon took the middle spot, with Harrison to his left. Keyboard player Billy Preston guested.

The police are widely criticised for breaking up the session, but in fact they were nearby and could have shut it down after the first song; instead they let it continue and gave the band ten minutes' warning that they were about to intervene after complaints from neighbouring businesses.

The Beatles broke up formally in April 1970.

Smile.....

Let Sleeping Dogs Lie

An old, tired-looking dog wandered into my house. Slowly he walked into the sitting room, and fell asleep on the rug.

An hour later he went to the door, and I let him out. The next day he was back, walked by me into the house, and again slept for an hour or so in the sitting room. This daily visit

and nap continued for several weeks. Curious, I finally pinned a note to his collar: 'Are you aware that your sweet dog comes to my house each day for a nap?'

The next day he arrived with a different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with my six children - he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"

Book Reviews

Take This Bread - A radical conversion

by Sara Miles, Canterbury Press, £12.99

The story of an unexpected and terribly inconvenient Christian conversion, told by a very unlikely convert.

Take This Bread is not only a spiritual memoir but a call to action. Raised as an atheist, Sara Miles lived an enthusiastically secular life as a restaurant cook and writer. Then one morning, for no earthly reason, she wandered into a church.

She ate a piece of bread, took a sip of wine, and found herself radically

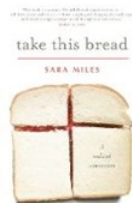
Midwife of Borneo - The True Story of a Geordie Pioneer

by Wendy Grey, SPCK, £7.99

1959. Newcastle nurse Wendy Grey leaves her comfortable life and answers a call from people in Borneo to run a clinic in a place so remote, many there have never before seen a white woman. Until her arrival, medical witchcraft has been the norm. Nevertheless, Wendy quickly gains the trust of the locals, and they begin to flock to her for treatment. And – terrifyingly – when some require emergency surgery, she must

transformed, embracing a faith she'd scorned and which would lead to feeding others in a way that she'd never imagined. Sara started a food pantry giving away literally tons of food from around the same altar where she'd first received the body of Christ, providing hundreds of hungry families with free groceries each week.

Take This Bread is rich with real-life Dickensian characters - church ladies, millionaires, schizophrenics, bishops, and gangsters - all blown into Miles' life by the relentless force of her new-found calling.



also become anaesthetist and surgeon ... or watch her patients die.

From treacherous journeys on land and water to tea parties with the governor; from tussles with snakes and scorpions to Scrabble with nuns; from struggling with illness to suddenly falling in love – this unique glimpse into contrasting sides of a lost colonial world is possible thanks to Wendy's detailed diaries, written by the light of an oil lamp in her bamboo and palm-leaf house.



Holocaust Memorial Day, 27th January

The Ven John Barton considers the horrors of genocide....

It is still hard to comprehend history's evidence that 5million-plus Jews were systematically assassinated by last century's Nazi regime. It is a never-to-be-forgotten evil.

A hundred years ago there was another genocide which people don't talk about today. During World War I, Christian Armenians were driven out of Turkey, subjected to death marches, deprived of food and water, robbed, raped and massacred. 1.5million of them died. Many more were scattered across the world - 18,000 settled in the UK.

Historically, Britain has given homes to other genocide survivors. In the 16th Century, 50,000 Huguenot Protestants arrived here, having escaped persecution in France. You may have come across some of their descendants with French-sounding names like Courtauld, Dolland, Izzard, Portal, Le Bon, Farage, Olivier.

A persistent nightmare is that genocides have been committed not just by primitive savages, but also by some of the best educated, most cultured people. Hitler and his lieutenants had above average IQs. Pol Pot attended top schools in Cambodia before he led the communist Khmer Rouge and the killing of one-quarter of their people.

In the last 60 years, 50million people died in forty-three genocides. Over 13,000 Kosovar Albanians were assassinated, and more than 1 million displaced from their homes by Yugoslav and Serb neighbours. They, too, will be remembered on Holocaust Memorial Day.

This prayer, expressing both the horror of genocide and the hope of resurrection, is formed from the opening and closing verses of Psalm 102:

*Hear my prayer, Lord;
let my cry for help come to you.
Do not hide your face from me
when I am in distress.
Turn your ear to me;
when I call, answer me quickly.
For my days vanish like smoke;
my bones burn like glowing embers.
My heart is blighted and withered like
grass;
I forget to eat my food.
In my distress I groan aloud
and am reduced to skin and bones...*

*... In the beginning you laid the
foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your
hands.
They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
Like clothing you will change them
and they will be discarded.
But you remain the same,
and your years will never end.
The children of your servants will live in
your presence;
their descendants will be established
before you.*

Oh, those noisy noisy nights!

Hospitals are no place for getting a good night's sleep. In fact, now many patients who should still be in hospital are discharging themselves early - just so they can get some sleep.

A recent study led by King's College London has found that noise pollution in our hospitals regularly exceeds international recommendations. There is a whole raft of noises to contend with: from the clunking and clicking of medical equipment to the hum of technology; from the small shrieks of

various alarms to televisions blaring and people talking.

Yet over-exposure to constant noise can take its toll on a patient, and harm their ability to rest, heal and recover. Patients in hospitals for several nights report feelings of being trapped and stressed. Even in intensive care units, noise levels the equivalent of loud music in headphones has been measured.

As one doctor admits: 'hospital noise has always been a problem, but it is getting worse and it still isn't being treated as a priority.'

Are you hiding some debts from your loved ones? Probably.

One in three of us is keeping so quiet about some debts we've run up, that we haven't even told our partners about them. So finds a recent survey by a government-backed advice body.

The Money Advice Service (MAS) says that the average hidden debt across the UK amounts to £4,164 per person, and that totally across the UK it could be as high as £96billion.

Nearly a third of all those surveyed who were in partnerships had

admitted that their partner did not know about the money they owed.

So where do we hide our debts? On our credit cards, in personal loans, in overdrafts, in informal loans from friends/family and on store cards.

As one debt adviser points out: 'Debt can be a particularly difficult topic to broach, especially if you've fallen into a spiral and don't know how to get out of it. But sharing a problem is the first step to solving it.'

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

Flu Vaccinations: Are you 65 and over, or have Asthma, Diabetes, Lung/Heart/Kidney/Liver disease? If so, please book in for your Flu Vac with one of our Nurses

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

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

Telephone Numbers:

Reception: 01246 582216
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
9th January & 13th February & 13th March from 1.00pm

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

Patient Participation Group -

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

Ordering Repeat Medication All requests for repeat prescriptions must be:-

- In writing or with our on-line access
- Return form to surgery by Post/Fax/Box on Dispensary Reception
- **Allow two working days before collection**
! To ease the parking congestion, please collect your prescription between 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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December
solution



January
Sudoku



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St. Peter's Church 100 Club November Draw 2018

1st prize £30 no.

2nd prize £20 no.

Funds to church this month - £50

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

St. Peter's Church 100 Club.

We have vacancies for new members to join in 2019 to help us achieve our target of 100 numbers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ann Hall

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.

New Year Resolution *smile.....*

I always make the same resolution and I have never once broken it: every year I resolve to give something up for Lent and then when Lent comes I give up my New Year's resolution.

For 2019, I'd like to be the ideal mother, but I'm too busy raising my kids.

If evolution is true, why do mothers still only have one pair of hands?



Pilsley C of E Primary School Toddler Group

Every Friday morning (term time)
from 9am - 10.30am

Everyone Welcome

£2 for a parent and 1 child -
50p each for additional children



SERVICES & ROTAS FOR JANUARY 2019



<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
6	9.30am Holy Communion	Fiona Swain	All - post Christmas
13	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	10 th -13 th Rupert & Liz
20	9.30am Holy Communion	Liz Turner	
27	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	24 th -27 th Fiona L
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
6	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
13	10.45am Holy Communion	RS Sherwood/ Diana Walters	
20	10.45am Matins	John Bowns/Mike Pindar	
27	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
6	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Nelson	Epiphany flowers
13	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	" "
20	John & Jill Caws	Mr & Mrs Jackson	" "
27	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	
	" "		
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
6	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Matthew 2: 1-12	Christine Robinson <i>Feast of The Epiphany</i>	Matilda Cadogan <i>Children in Service</i>
13	Isaiah 43: 1-7 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22	Roger Wardle <i>The Baptism of Christ</i>	Fiona Swain S.S.Sarah Porter
20	Isaiah 62: 1-5 John 2: 1-11	Trevor Grimshaw <i>Third Sunday of Epiphany</i>	Sarah Porter <i>No Sunday School</i>
27	1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21	Gloria Sherwood <i>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</i>	Rupert Turner <i>Children in service</i>

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Margaret