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# The Bridge



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The road that leads from the Jordan to Jerusalem lies through the desert. In fact you are never far from the wilderness when you are in the Holy Land. From the top of the Mount of Olives you look west over Jerusalem itself, with its vines and fig trees and other signs of fertile life. However, if you look east down to the Dead Sea, there is desert, wilderness. From there on eastwards it's all dry, except for the occasional storm that sends flash floods down the wadis to the Dead Sea. When you are in Jerusalem, the wilderness is just over the next hill. The wilderness has been used in Christian writing as an image for the dark side of the spiritual journey.

If you come to serve the Lord, get ready for temptation. If you want to go from the Jordan to Jerusalem, get your desert boots on. Christian writers of all sorts, throughout the centuries, have insisted that it is a part, a necessary part it seems, of the Christian pilgrimage that at some stage, perhaps at several stages, we shall be called to travel through the wilderness.

The wilderness comes in many shapes and sizes. Before I travelled to the Holy Land for the first time many years ago, I used to think of deserts as simply miles and miles of flat sands, punctuated by the odd oasis; but the wilderness that surrounds the Promised Land comes in many forms. There are huge crags, gullies and crevasses, great rocky outcrops and hidden valleys. Walk a mile or two off the road and you could get lost quite easily.

The wilderness of the spiritual journey is much like that. For some, it is simply a sense that everything has gone very dry. We find no delight in saying our prayers or reading the Bible. Going to church has become boring. Receiving Holy Communion seems a pointless ritual. The story of the cross and resurrection has lost its power to gladden the heart. This is a common experience for many Christians at some stage on their pilgrimage.

On 26<sup>th</sup> February (Ash Wednesday) we begin the season of Lent. During this time we are reminded once again how Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted. How he spent 40 days and forty nights on his own. The place where real choices had to be made.

During this season we too have choices to make. We can look at our lives and see what might need changing. In your life there might be a bit of chaos, a dry part long in need of irrigation, a bit where the wind blows dust in your eyes, where you feel you are probably lost but you are too tired to work out why.

The time in the wilderness is the time when we should be honest about the wilderness within ourselves; when we should look again at the chaos we have been trying to ignore, find water to pour on the thirsty ground, clear the dust from our eyes, and see the way clear ahead once more.

Many of us have a room in the house where we dump things we don't know what to do with, while knowing in our heart of hearts we shall have to sort it out some day. The problem, as we all know, is that if we don't sort it out, things spill out from time to time, and sooner or later the cupboard door may burst open altogether.

Lent then is a good time to be more integrated, more in tune with ourselves. A time to reflect on what is important in our lives. It is also a good time to open our ears and hear the pains of the world. When we are trundling along quite content with our lot, it is easy to ignore the cries for help that come from the rest of the world.

As we learn to listen to the sounds of the wilderness, we learn to listen too, to the pain of the world. God does not want cheerful, shallow, flippant and easy going pilgrims to arrive in Jerusalem with their hands in their pockets, casually whistling a favourite hymn tune. He wants them to arrive in his presence bringing with them the needs of the world, so that the tears of the desert may be presented in his temple before the throne of grace.

Jesus has trodden the pilgrim path ahead of us. He was in the wilderness tempted as we are, yet without sin. He is able to sympathise with all our weaknesses. He is waiting to meet us in a new way, a way marked with the sign of the cross.

During the season of Lent let us find God in new, fresh and exciting ways.

Every Blessing

Canon Dave

## Dates for your Diary - February

- 11 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm** Beeley Village Hall  
A Beeley WI Banner - *Craftwork led by our own Janet Fairley*  
*Tea & Raffle - Jackie & Chris*
- 18 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP 7pm** Beeley Village Hall  
Ian Else talking about Beeley before the Great War
- 19 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting - 7pm** Baslow Church Rooms  
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

### **St. Peter's Church, Edensor**

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

After the morning service there will be a 'Cobs & Cake' lunch followed by a talk on the BCP, Church Vestments and the Seasonal Colours of the Church Year, by Canon Dave Perkins (1-2pm) *No admission charge but generous donations welcome.*

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March - 7.30pm**

#### **Cavendish Hall, Beeley**

Join **Canon Dave Perkins** for  
An Evening of Entertainment with  
guitar & vocals

**Tickets: £10 refreshments  
available**

*More information to follow.....*

*Proceeds to St. Anne's Church, Beeley*

## **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

Canon Dave and Margaret Perkins are leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 9<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020. *Please ring 01246 386385 for details.*

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### **ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR**

#### **FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY CREMATION**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 ~ Arabella Leah Hampson aged 43years

#### **ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY**

#### **FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY BURIAL**

8<sup>th</sup> January ~ Dorothy Lavender Damarell aged 89years

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## **'THE BRIDGE'**

*Reminder*

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Please give the money to the person who delivers your copy of the magazine.

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 £7.32) bringing the total due to £19.32)

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

### ***Beeley in Bloom (early notice)*** ***Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June***

Celebrating VE day, including the Heritage Living History Group and the Derbyshire Local Defence Volunteers (Home Guard).

Between 14 -16 gardens are usually open in the village.

The Chesterfield Art Club will be showing their work and scrumptious teas and cakes will be served in the Village Hall. There will be a number of stalls, including plants, and the weekend will finish with the legendary Beeley Brook Duck Race.

Over the past 5 years we have upgraded the hall. Renovations include a new roof and insulation (roof funded by Chatsworth Estates, insulation raised by Beeley in Bloom and other fund raising). Last year the proceeds paid for an electric upgrade and LED lighting. We are now raising funds to pay for new heating and our target is to raise the £15,000 required.

Please support us on an enjoyable weekend. We look forward to giving you a warm welcome.

*Cavendish Village Hall Committee*

## Let's Celebrate ~ 150 years of St. Peter's



This year, 2020, celebrates 150 years of the present St. Peter's Church, when the final payments for the work of re-building were made. Do come and join us in these celebratory events and help us to raise much-needed funds whilst having a lovely time! All events are in the church unless otherwise stated.

### •Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1pm

*Canon Dave Perkins:* a presentation on the Book of Common Prayer, church vestments and seasonal colours. Gain a greater insight into the meanings of things we see and hear in our regular services. This will follow a 'cobs & cake' lunch after our morning service. Donations welcomed! (Free 'tickets' will be issued for catering purposes).

### •Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm

*Scott Engering:* 'The Devonshire Marbles - an exploration of the decorative stones from the Chatsworth Estate.' Scott gained his honours degree in Geology from Nottingham University and also studied photography at Sheffield College. Learn more about the minerals used in St Peter's, Chatsworth House and other Cavendish memorials. Tickets £10:00

### •Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 7pm

*Jane Collier:* 'An audience with Mary, Queen of Scots'. Jane Collier of the Marie Stuart Society and re-enactor with Discover Buxton, will give you an intimate view of this gifted, charming, fun loving and intensely loyal Queen, her visits to Chatsworth, still a time of hope for her, and her descent into despair during her 19 years of illegal imprisonment before the inevitable tragic end.' Tickets £12:00

### •Thursday 14 May 2:30pm

*Margaret Nelson:* 'N'Oasis' - a green approach to flower arranging.' Margaret frequently delights St. Peter's congregation and wedding couples with her beautiful arrangements. Witness her ideas of how to create these in an eco-friendly way - without oasis! Tickets £10:00

### •Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm

*Janet Gough OBE, (Apsidal Heritage.)* 'How to pick a favourite church.' Janet, formerly the Director of Cathedrals and Churches for the Church of England, chooses some favourite churches to illustrate the incredible history and architecture of church buildings bound up with the story England over the last 1400 years. The talk relates to Janet's book 'Director's Choice, Churches of the Church of England', which features St Peter's, Edensor and will be on sale. Tickets £12:50

### •Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm

*Christine Robinson:* The history of Ice Cream. So many varieties of ice cream today... but where did it all start? How was it made and stored pre-electric freezer days? Discover ice cream's fascinating history! Tickets £10:00

### •Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 7pm

*James Mackay:* Acting Animals. A zoologist and former CEO of the UK's National Federation of Zoos, James trains animals for TV and films but how did he get involved in this? What are the 'dos and don'ts'? Find out through this lecture and live demonstration. Tickets £12:50

## 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](http://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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)
- Search for your store in the alphabetical list
- Go ahead and shop

Choose from over 2000 of the UK's best-known retailers including names such as Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis and HMV and when you shop using the links on the easyfundraising site up to 15% from every purchase you make is donated to St. Peter's Church.

## The Padley Centre

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

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

These donations of food and clothing are always very welcome 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month (except July & August)

February 9<sup>th</sup> 2020

### Green Book

2019, USA, Cert. 12A, 130 minutes. Biography, Comedy, Drama

A working-class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s American South.

*Introduction by Janet Byrne*

## Psalm 23 Garden coming to RHS Chelsea

The Bible Society has announced that “We’re absolutely thrilled to be working with award-winning garden designer Sarah Eberle, to bring Psalm 23 to life at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in May 2020!”

The Psalm 23 Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2020, designed by Sarah Eberle, will offer visitors the chance “to stop, reflect, and feel refreshed”.

The Bible Society said: “This powerful psalm, with its visual imagery of green pastures, still waters and the valley of the shadow of death, just cries out to be turned into a garden.

“We hope you’ll love it. And after the Chelsea Flower Show, the garden will find a permanent home at the Winchester Hospice in Hampshire, where it will be a blessing to patients and families.”

The Bible Society says it is also hoping that people will “join us in creating community gardens across the country inspired by the Psalm 23 Garden. You can do this outside your office, in your school grounds, or in your churchyard. Let’s get gardening!”

You can follow the project on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and join us on the road to Chelsea.

### Junior Yoga with Rachel Gay



Mondays 3.45pm - 4:30pm  
Rowsley Village Hall  
For ages 8 to 11 years

Yoga play for children, through Games,  
Storytelling, Mindfulness & Relaxation

**Calmer, Kinder, Cooler Kids**



These classes are £4/session.  
Block booking essential as there are only 14 places.  
Contact Rachel Gay on 07970 174250

Yoga can help your child to learn skills and techniques that can help them deal with the pressures of modern life in their everyday lives.



## **Church of England appoints National Environment Officer**

Jo Chamberlain has been appointed as the National Environment Officer for the Church of England, taking forward the strategy developed by the Environment Working Group. This is a new post reflecting the Archbishops' Council's focus on the environment as a theological and mission priority.

Jo joins the Mission and Public Affairs team from Christian Aid and the Diocese of Sheffield where she volunteers as their Environment Adviser. She will work closely with the Environment Consultant, David Shreeve, and link with the Cathedrals and Church Buildings team where Open and Sustainable Churches Officer, Catherine Ross, forms the third part of a new environment staff 'hub'.

## **Never underestimate a tortoise**

They may be asleep at the moment, but tortoises are not the stay-at-home couch potatoes that you may think they are. In fact, so many have been leaving their homes to go on walk-about, that now the RSPCA is advising that they be microchipped. The charity rescued almost 1,000 tortoises last year.

Experts advise that once Spring and Summer comes, tortoises will be able to climb, dig, and push their slow but determined way through barriers. They should be microchipped and kept in a secure enclosure.

"Tortoises are actually quite active and can move at quite a pace when they want to."



## **Hedges**

A hedge around your property is good for you. A recent study has found that the humble hedge, when in full leaf, can cut air pollution around it by up to half.

A recent study by the University of Guildford measured traffic pollutants on either side of a

hedge in a park on the road to Guildford. The survey found that the level of particulate pollutions – those tiny particles of soot and other matter that cause illness – was cut by half after the hedge reached full leaf in April.

So – if your home is along a busy road, grow a hedge!

## **Nelson Mandela – freed 30 years ago**

*by Tim Lenton*

Nelson Mandela, who led the movement to end South African apartheid, was released from prison 30 years ago this month, on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1990. He became President of South Africa in 1994.

Mandela had been involved with the African National Congress since 1944, advocating non-violent resistance. But after the Sharpeville massacre of peaceful demonstrators in 1960, he helped organise a paramilitary branch of the ANC.

He was arrested for treason in 1961 but was acquitted. He was arrested again in 1962 for illegally leaving the country, then again in 1964 on

charges of sabotage. The same year he was sentenced to life in prison.

When FW de Klerk became President in 1989, as part of the shift away from apartheid he lifted the ban on the ANC, and then ordered Mandela's release. In 1993, Mandela and de Klerk were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mandela was raised as a Methodist and had strong Christian convictions, which he rarely aired in public for fear of alienating those who did not believe. In 1999 he said: "Without the church, without religious institutions, I would never have been here today ... Religion was one of the motivating factors in everything we did."

## **Flea circus?**

Here's some news to make you itch: it seems that fleas are infesting British homes. The national flea population is believed to be on the rise.

A spokeswoman for the British Pest Control Association said: "Our industry is being more conscious of the chemicals used, so there is a chance that new products are not as effective." In other words, current

health and safety rules probably mean that we are producing less toxic stuff with which to kill the fleas.

Around 95 per cent of flea eggs, larvae and pupae live in your house, and not on your pet. People think that if they have a flea infestation, it means they are dirty, but that is not necessarily so: fleas are just as happy living in a perfectly clean home. Their only demand is for a warm-blooded host to be around, like your cat or dog.

## Where is love?

Tony Horsfall of Charis Training ([www.charistraining.co.uk](http://www.charistraining.co.uk)) considers everyone's need for love.

In this month, when we celebrate St Valentine's Day, this poignant question is one many people will be asking, especially the young and hopeful. Perhaps you remember these words from the beautiful song in Lionel Bart's musical, *Oliver*? The young street boy *Oliver Twist* sings plaintively of his longing to find 'someone who I can mean something to'.

The need to find love is a fundamental requirement of human flourishing, and it is there within us all, young and old alike. But where do we find such love? The natural thing is to assume that it can be found in another person, the person of our dreams. Romantic love seems to offer the answer to our longing, but reality is often different. Once the shine has worn off a relationship, we see the other person as they really are –

another fragile human being also searching for love. So, for many the search begins again, an endless looking for the elusive partner who will love us without condition.

Oliver comes near to answering his own question when he sings, '*Does it come from skies above?*' The only love that can satisfy the deep longing of the human heart does in fact come '*from above*'. It comes from heaven, and it comes to us from God in the form of a person, Jesus Christ. He was the embodiment of the love of God, and through His life and death demonstrated the enormity of the love that God has for each of us. Here is a love like no other – reliable, sure, unchanging, healing, accepting.

Human love is a wonderful blessing, but divine love alone can meet our need. In God alone we find the perfect Someone, the one who we can mean something to.

## Best to impress (Smile...)

An older man, not in the best physical condition, went along to his local gym. Carefully dressed in his new exercise clothes, he approached a trainer in the gym. "I want to impress a beautiful young girl as soon as possible. Which machine should I use?"

The trainer took one look at him and smiled: "I would highly recommend the ATM machine outside!"

*Even if marriages are made in heaven, man has to be responsible for the maintenance. -Anon*

## Getting married soon?

*The Revd Jonathan Woodhouse CB (former Chaplain-General of the British Army) considers the challenges of marriage.*

If you look up 'marriage' in the Penguin Book of Modern Humorous Quotations, you will find that Marriage sits between The Mafia and Martyrdom! Be that as it may, here are some thoughts for all those who are in love and getting married soon.

Your wedding day is not an arrival. It is the start of an adventurous and demanding journey together. You don't know what you will meet on that road, but you will meet it together.

Your marriage vows are not only a contract signed by two people; they are a covenant made before God. You are promising to stay together in *'good times and when things get tough, in times of prosperity and in times of poverty, when we are healthy and when we are sick, while we are young and when we are old.'* They are powerful words. But you can know that the presence of God in Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit, will sustain you on this journey.

Your journey should be built on love. It should be the heartbeat of your marriage. Colossians 3 urges us to have compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. It also says: *'Over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.'*

And we know from St Paul (in I Corinthians) that *'Love is not self-*

*seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.'*

Such love is not sloppy or sentimental. It requires selfless commitment, for you will not be immune from the tests which marriage will bring. But with time and patience, you will succeed. There is a saying – 'Marriages are made in heaven, but they come in kits and you have to put them together yourself.' That takes time, plenty of time. There will be many adjustments to make, throughout your married life.

For your marriage to work, you will need both tenderness, and toughness. *Tenderness* is the affection and joy of being together. *Toughness* is the ability to manage the difficult and testing moments; getting right the balance of home, friends and work.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 says: *'Though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. But a threefold cord is not easily broken.'* And Christian marriage is like a threefold cord. The love you have for each other, entwined together with your faith in God, will give your marriage the strength to be tough & tender, happy and holy.

May God's Love encircle you. May God's Love protect you. May God's Love bind you together in harmony, loyalty and love. God grant it to you!



## Love, actually?

*"Hello, I am a millionaire and part-time army officer, and spend my time at my numerous houses and yachts throughout the world. Even though we have never met, I am in love with you. I would like to meet you, and share my paradise with you, but first I need you to send me £500 to pay the air fare.*

*"I have also just sent you a present of jewellery worth thousands. All you have to do is to send me the customs tax on it. I also feel so sad because my beloved cat is ill, and I need to pay a vet bill of \$1000. I will send you her photo, as I can see from your online pages that you love animals. God bless you."*

Spot anything fishy? Well of course you do. But lots of people get taken in, and they can lose thousands of pounds in scams like this.

Dating websites offer you contact with lots of people who are looking for someone special. But - they also offer you contact with lots of people who are looking to defraud or damage you.

So, if you are using a dating website to look for romance this month, here are some guidelines to keep yourself safe:

1. Use only a reputable, well-known dating website. It should have a section which spells out how they deal with fraud, and also a clear policy on how they ensure clients' safety. This is vital: we all can be vulnerable when meeting complete strangers that at first look very attractive.
2. If you have 'met' someone online who interests you, still keep to the safety provided by the dating website. DO NOT message or email them off of the site. Meet them first, and even then, keep your contact details private for the first few meetings. If they are genuine, they will understand and agree with your caution.
3. NEVER send money to someone whom you do not know. Ignore their stories about dying mothers needing medicine, cruel landlords about to evict them, and pets suffering for lack of a vet. In fact, someone wanting to borrow money early on in a relationship is a sure sign that something IS very wrong!
4. Learn to spot the signs of fraud. In the above letter the person claims to be wealthy, and in the army: which will explain long periods when he does not keep in touch. He is rich but wants your money! In fact, he has looked online, found out what you like, and is using it to manipulate you into doing something for him.
5. Google yourself. Find out just how much personal information about you is out there. It may come as a shock!
6. Be VERY careful about sending a photo or video of yourself to anyone that you do not know. If you feel a relationship is developing with an online contact, do not keep it to yourself. Talk about this person to friends whom you trust, and make sure they know if you go to meet this person. Be careful. Leave a trail where you are going so that they can come after you, if need be – it is a jungle out there!

## When education for ALL children arrived

by Tim Lenton

150 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> February 1870, the Elementary Education Act – commonly known as Forster's Education Act – was introduced in England and Wales. It provided a framework for the education of all children between five and 12.

Many people objected to the concept of universal education, including the upper classes, who wanted to keep educational privileges for themselves, and employers who feared losing cheap labour. But there was also a feeling that the newly enfranchised classes should be better educated.

The churches in general had doubts about the Act, worrying that they

would lose their influence on young people. The Earl of Shaftesbury, 20 years earlier, had feared national education would be “a death warrant to the teaching of the evangelical religion”.

Before 1870, elementary education was provided largely by the Church of England's National Society and the nonconformist British and Foreign School Society. In fact, in the 15 years after the Act, the number of Church of England schools rose from 6,382 to 11,864, and in the 21<sup>st</sup> century church schools are still flourishing.

After the Act, however, the state did become increasingly involved with further reforms: and after 1880 attendance was made compulsory for children until they were 12.

*Nigel Beeton writes: We have an extra day in February, and it is right at the end, just as winter gives way to spring. What a blessing!*

### The Leap Year

The calendar, one year in four  
Gives February a little more  
An extra day! We must be sure!  
To wisely use these hours  
The weather, not as bitter cold;  
The garden weeds have gained no  
hold;  
The early bulbs start to unfold  
We welcome crocus flowers!

The sun bestows a little warmth  
The winds turn from the bitter  
north  
It is the time to sally forth  
From winter sanctuary!  
'Tis early spring, season sublime  
So hearken to my little rhyme -  
Enjoy the little extra time  
You have in February!

*By Nigel Beeton*

## I believe, help my unbelief

*What do we do when we doubt our faith? By Tony Horsfall of Charis Training ( [www.charistraining.co.uk](http://www.charistraining.co.uk) )*

I was in a discussion recently as to whether or not a Christian can have doubts. The father in Mark's story (9:17-27) speaks for many people. He knew that Jesus *could* heal his son, but just wasn't quite sure *if* He would.

Doubt comes in many forms. It may be intellectual, a form of wrestling with the truth of certain key Christian beliefs like the Virgin Birth or the inerrancy of the Bible. It may be philosophical, a pondering of the problem of evil and why God allows bad things to happen to good people. Sometimes it is spiritual, and doubting whether or not we are saved. Occasionally it is emotional, wondering if we are loveable, if we have any worth or value in God's sight.

Such doubts are painful and debilitating, but true faith does not

exclude the possibility of doubt. Indeed, we could say that faith would not be faith if there was not an element of doubt!

Often doubt is a way by which we discover the truth in a deeper way as we wrestle honestly with the questions we have. For many it is a way by which faith grows and matures, leading us to a greater understanding of the mystery of God and the reality that with our finite minds we can never understand everything about God or the way in which He works.

Doubt is not the same as unbelief, which is a stubborn refusal to believe what the Bible says to be true. Doubt is more a normal part of faith development and is not to be feared, especially if we bring our questions to God.

The great Methodist minister Dr William Sangster was asked if he ever doubted. "Yes," he replied, "of course I have doubts. But I also doubt my doubts!"

### **Why Elijah did that... (Smile.....)**

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces and laid it upon the altar. And then, Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and

pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times over. "Now," said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand, "I know! I know!" she said, "To make the gravy!"

## **Church Action on Poverty Sunday – 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

*by Canon David Winter*

Church Action on Poverty Sunday takes place later this month. Many of us want to help the poor, but the challenges are huge.

‘Good News for the poor’ - that was what Jesus promised – and the crowd flocked to hear it. But He didn’t promise to abolish poverty. ‘The poor you always have with you’, He said, and everything we have seen since has proved that He was right.

Two thousand years, many political promises and different regimes, and we still have poor people, often living alongside the conspicuously rich. ‘Good news for the poor’? Not, it appears, in any political or social revolution. Sadly, we have yet to abolish poverty.

But followers of Jesus have been in the forefront of those who have tried to mitigate its consequences. Churches and various individual Christians have been prime movers in the amazing development of Food Banks. The Bradford-based charity ‘Christians against Poverty’ has helped literally tens of thousands of people out of debt. Night shelters for the homeless, schools in the world’s poorest lands and support for drug addicts – these are on the agenda of every Church and that is good news for the poor.

There is so much more to be done, of course, if poverty is ever to be eliminated. But not being able to do it all mustn’t stop us doing what we can.

So this year, why not do something to support Church Action on Poverty?

*Details at:*

<http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/sunday/>

## **‘Tap and go’ – straight into debt**

The increasing use of contactless payments is leading young people into debt. A recent study has found that one in five Londoners below the age of 45 are struggling to pay their debts, because of the ease of making ‘tap and go’ payments.

Now more than one in 10 young people are thinking of stopping their

contactless and online payments, and moving back to cash, as a better way to control their spending.

The study was carried out at the University of London. It comes after data from the Insolvency Service showed that the number of young people going bankrupt has increased 10-fold over the past three years.



## **25<sup>th</sup> February – Shrove Tuesday: Who's for pancakes?**

*by David Winter*

Why do we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, as we call it today? And what is Shrove Tuesday? And why do thousands of people feel it rewarding to race along a street somewhere tossing pancakes from their frying pans as they go?

Well, the answer to the first question is that it is the day before Lent begins and for well over a thousand years that has meant it was the last chance to enjoy meat, fat and other tasty dishes until Easter Day. The 'Lent Fast' was widely and strictly observed. The food in the larder wouldn't keep for six weeks so it had to be eaten. With all these rich foods no wonder the French call it 'Fatty Tuesday' – Mardi Gras.

So, what have pancake races got to do with all this solemnity? 'Shrove' is an old word for 'forgiven' and in those days to prepare for the rigours

of Lent people would want to confess and seek forgiveness – not quite what you want at a party. The answer is quite simply enjoying yourself while you can! So, on Shrove Tuesday this year let's have some fun and make it last as long as possible.

The most convincing (and amusing) of the explanations of pancake races is of outwitting the Sexton who rang the curfew bell that marked the start of Lent. He was reluctant to do it while the race was unfinished. So, the revelry caused by dropped pancakes, postponed the inevitable.

Since the Reformation it has not been so rigorously observed in Britain, but still people will resolve to 'give up something for Lent'. Six weeks is about right as a duration and Sunday has always been exempt but make the most of those pancakes. They may well not reappear until April 12th!



## **Love in a bag**

*Smile.....*

I asked my nephew whether he bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day, and he said he had bought her a belt and a bag. When I commented that I was sure she would appreciate them, he agreed: "Yes, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now."

## **26<sup>th</sup> February - Ash Wednesday: My memory of the Passover in Jerusalem**

*by David Winter*

At the end of this month Ash Wednesday introduces the Christian preparation for Easter, which normally coincides with Passover, the major Jewish celebration of the year. It's near Easter because Jesus was crucified at Passover, having just shared this very meal with his disciples.

Passover celebrates and recalls the Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt. Led by Moses they crossed the Red Sea and 40 days later entered the 'Promised Land.' They shared the Passover meal at their last night in Egypt and have kept it for nearly the past three thousand years or so that have followed.

Many years ago, when I was in Jerusalem to produce a radio

programme, I was invited to join a Jewish family for their Passover meal. It was a great occasion, very like our Christmas, a family event with deep religious significance for those who seek it.

At the meal in Jerusalem we ate modest lentils and unleavened bread – Matzos as we now call it. We also drank plenty of wine but not from the cup at the end of the table. That is 'Elijah's cup', only to be drunk from when the prophet comes to announce the arrival of the Messiah. At the last supper Jesus instructed His disciples to drink from that cup after supper, which may have shocked them at the time. The Messiah had come!



## **Reflections for Lent 2020**

By Steven Croft, Christopher Herbert and John Pritchard, CHP,  
£4.99 (*Book review*)

Reflections for Lent is designed to enhance your spiritual journey through the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (26 February - 11 April 2020). Covering Monday to Saturday each week, it offers reflections on readings from the Common Worship Lectionary,

written by some of today's leading spiritual and theological writers.

It is ideal for individuals and groups seeking Lectionary-based reflections for use during Lent and Holy Week, or for anyone wishing to try Reflections for Daily Prayer before committing to a year's worth of material. It also features a simple form of morning and night prayer and a guide to Lent by David Hoyle.

## God in the Sciences

*This series is written by Dr Ruth M. Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.*

### Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Every person who ever lived was once a sperm and an egg. Those two cells fused together, and in nine months they turned into a living, breathing, human being. Each of us emerged from this same embryonic development process, which is highly complex and organised, but variable enough to turn out a unique individual every time.

If you like order – such as neat piles of stationery, or tidy colour-coded files – you will enjoy this story. One of the most important stages of an embryo's development is when each section of the body, from head to rump, takes on its identity. Each part is told what shape to take, and which limbs or internal organs to grow: legs or arms, lungs or kidneys, and so on.

The most beautiful part of this body-patterning process is that it brings the dimensions of time and space together in such a neat way. The DNA instructions for the procedure, known as genes, are organised in the order in which they are needed during development

which is also the order in which they appear on the body. No other sets of genes are known to be arranged in such a tidy pattern.

So, as the embryo develops, the tissues near the head end activate the first sets of genes. Those active genes then make all the proteins needed for that part of the body to grow and develop in the right way. The tissues just below the head then switch on the second set of genes, and so on. A wave of activation passes down the embryo, specifying each section of the trunk in turn.

The Wisconsin-based developmental biologist Jeff Hardin often quotes Psalm 139 to express the wonder of embryonic development. The Psalmist did not understand how this process happened, but he knew that it was a marvellous thing. *“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb... your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.”*

The story of the tidy genes brings out the hidden beauty in the very early stages of embryonic development. The more biologists get to find out about how we came to be born, the more we can say, *“I am fearfully and wonderfully made”!*

## Remembering Anne Frank and her diary

by Tim Lenton

Anne Frank, the Dutch Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim, died 75 years ago, in February 1945, in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp at the age of 15 – probably from typhus. She is known for writing *The Diary of a Young Girl*, an account of how she and seven others were hidden in a secret annex to escape the Nazis.

The group had been arrested the previous August, and only Anne's father Otto survived the war. At first it was believed they had been betrayed, but it is now thought possible that they were discovered by accident.

*The Diary*, which Anne – who was born in Germany – started writing at

the age of 13, is the story of how ordinary people risked their lives to help those in need, but it says little about the unclear relationship the Dutch had with Nazi Germany. Up to 80% of the Dutch Jewish population were killed during the war – the second highest percentage after Poland.

The diary, which had been kept safe by Otto's secretary, Miep Gies, was published in English in 1952 and has since been translated into more than 60 languages. The Anne Frank House, a museum in Amsterdam, opened in May 1960. Asteroid 5535 Annefrank was named in Anne's honour in 1995.

## Keeping love going

Here is some good news: the divorce rate has fallen to the lowest level for nearly 50 years. It seems that the many children of divorce have in their turn decided to stick at their marriage, and thus avoid the trauma of splitting up.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) data shows that divorce has decreased to the lowest level since 1971. That means that couples who

married five years ago have experienced 50 per cent fewer divorces than couples who married in the late Eighties.

Family lawyers believe the reduction in divorce is due to the children of divorce wanting to protect their own children from the financial pressures and emotional devastation that a split family can bring.

## Remembering Eric Liddell – Olympic gold medallist and prisoner of war

by Tim Lenton

Eric Liddell, the Scottish athlete who became a 400-metre Olympic gold medallist in 1924, died 75 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1945, in a Japanese internment camp in China. He was 43 and had a brain tumour.

Because of his Christian convictions he had withdrawn from the 100-metre heats in the 1924 Paris Olympics because they took place on a Sunday. He entered the 400-metre heats instead – and won.

He also got bronze in the 200 metres, where he finished ahead of his Jewish team-mate Harold Abrahams, the 100-metre gold

medallist. Their story is told in the classic 1981 film, *Chariots of Fire*. Born in China to missionary parents, Liddell went to boarding school for 12 years at Eltham College, South London, where he continues to be recognised as inspirational. He was always an outstanding sportsman but never failed to put God first. He returned to China after studying Pure Science at Edinburgh University and married a Canadian missionary, Florence Mackenzie.

While in internment camp, despite his tumour and weakness, he gave hope to others, being seen as a great unifying force. He helped to ease tensions through his selflessness and was admired for the way he forgave his captors.

## Calling all writers

Do you enjoy writing? Do you want to share your thoughts, experiences and passion across the Diocese of Derby?

We are looking for volunteer writers for the following:

### Together Magazine

- Main feature articles about people or events in your community.
- Short news items and photos from your parish
- Faith stories or poems/stories for the "From the Pews" section.
- Reviewing books.

### Our Diocese

- Short stories around faith or local community events for the monthly "Our Diocese" publication.

### Derby Telegraph 'Faith Files'

- To appear on the rota to write a short piece to be published in the Derby Telegraph each Saturday.

We are also looking for sales and administration volunteers to help behind the scenes at Together Magazine.

If you are interested in any of the options above please get in touch with Andrew, Lucy or Dave in Communications Office to discuss further.

Email: [communications@derby.anglican.org](mailto:communications@derby.anglican.org) or call 01332 388680/388668.

## **Best time for stress? Middle of the day**

If you have a stressful confrontation coming up, such as a row with your partner, or at work, try and have it in the middle of the day. That is the time when your body is functioning most efficiently, and when you can best cope with stress.

Both early morning and late evening are never good times for stress,

warns one expert on the human body's circadian rhythm. Early morning is when the cardiovascular system is the most responsive and reactive to stress, which is why more serious heart attacks tend to take place in the morning. And of course, stress late at night will badly affect your ability to sleep.

## **How do you feel about sharing your faith?**

Perhaps you have been 'gossiping the gospel' for years? Maybe you even lead a small group, or are passionate about community outreach?

Or – perhaps you feel a quiver of panic at the very thought of talking about your faith. Society seems to be hostile, and so you struggle to know how to engage with people who think very differently from you.

If you struggle, then here is good news: Bible Society is keen to help

you. It has recently launched a new website called Lumino (<https://lumino.bible/>) to do just that.

Lumino aims to support Christians who want to share the good news. It explains the different types of people you are likely to encounter, and their attitudes to the Bible and Christianity. Bible Society has found from research that “an estimated 20% of the population is open to the Bible, open to faith and interested in knowing more. What an exciting opportunity...”

Did you know that:- 125 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1895, Oscar Wilde's play *The Importance of Being Earnest* was performed for the first time, at St James's Theatre in London? &

90 years ago, on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 1930, the dwarf planet Pluto was discovered by American astronomer Clyde Tombaugh. Also

60 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1960, Queen Elizabeth II issued an Order-in-Council stating that she and her family would be known as the House of Windsor, and that her descendants would use the surname Mountbatten-Windsor.

## **Anxious and lonely? Come to church!**

Young people who go to church are less likely to struggle with anxiety than those who do not go to church (22% compared to 33%.) Fewer church goers are also lonely and isolated (16% compared to 31 %)

In a survey almost one third of all young people reported feeling sad or

depressed; this was compared with 18 per cent among young practising Christians.

The survey is published in The Connected Generation, commissioned by the Barna Group in partnership with World Vision. The full report can be seen at [theconnectedgeneration.com](http://theconnectedgeneration.com).

## **Romance is not everything!**

Almost two thirds (60 per cent) of the single adults in the UK have deliberately chosen their single lifestyle, with more women (66 per cent) than men (53 per cent) opting for the single life. There are two good reasons, according to the findings of a recent study: a desire for independence, and a weariness

when it comes to dealing with relationship problems.

The research, carried out for Lloyds Bank, also found that love can cost you financially. According to Office for National Statistics (ONS) data, single people spend £300 less on living costs each month – or £3,600 a year.

## **Could an ambulance even find you?**

You and your friends know where you live, but could a 999 crew find you?

Paramedics warn that too many people do not make their house numbers clear. That means paramedics are wasting valuable time looking for clues as to which house

is which, while shrubs and rubbish bins often obscure the numbers.

In an emergency, even a few minutes can mean life or death. So, make sure that your house can be quickly found. Make sure that your house number is easily visible from the street. If your house has got a name, put the house number next to it as well, so that in an emergency, the ambulances can reach you in time.

## **Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow**

[www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk](http://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 - now CAP (Community Access Point)**

**01332 564 900**

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 -**

afternoons of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

February & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March &

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Bank Holidays – the surgery will be closed on Good Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of April and Bank Holiday Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of April. Please call 111 if you require medical help when the surgery is closed**

### **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](mailto:kmaslen@aol.com) Tel: 01246 582274*  
Virtual members welcome.

### **Ordering Repeat Medication**

All requests for repeat prescriptions must be:-

- In writing or with our on-line access
- Return your repeat request form to surgery by Post/Fax/Box on Dispensary Reception
- **Please 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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### St. Peter's Church 100 Club December Draw 2019

1st prize £30 no. 35 Stan Liddicot

2nd prize £20 no. 58 Ann Newman

### Funds to church this month - £50

Subscriptions for 2020 are now due, in order to be eligible for the January draw.

These are payable at £12 per number held.  
Please make out cheques to:-

### St. Peter's Church 100 Club.

Thank you for your continued support.

We would like to invite new members for 2020 to ensure a membership of 100 throughout the year.

Membership is open to everyone from the villages, the church, their families and friends.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Ann Hall

### Adam and Eve (Smile...)

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

### 'SPICE' SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> January\*

The first 'SPICE' Sunday of 2020 raised £10.25 for church funds. The next 'SPICE' Sunday will be on **12th April - Easter Sunday**. Please remind anyone who collects 5pence pieces for you to give them to you in good time. **\*Sorry I forgot to put this date in the January mag!**

The amounts raised during 2019 were:

January £42.70

April £48.75

July £25.20

October £15.15

This means that the total raised for church funds during 2019 amounted to £131.80.

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

## 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.

## 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

## Church of England Christmas advert got 170,000 views in just 48 hours

The Church of England's Christmas Advert for 2019 was viewed more than 170,000 times in the two days following its launch, with viewers tuning in via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

In the first 48 hours, the advert received over 110,000 views on Facebook, and a further 60,000 on Twitter, entirely through organic sharing by churches and individuals.

For the first time, the CofE had also created interactive stickers for churches and individuals to use as part of their social media posts and stories, which have already been seen nearly 160,000 times.

Meanwhile, almost 20,000 have been added to [AChurchNearYou.com](https://www.churchnearyou.com), the CofE's 'church finder' which helps people to find their nearest events, and discover the Christmas story.

It's all in the spelling...



- God



- ran



- alongside



- carrying



- everything



# SERVICES & ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY 2020

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
2	9.30am	Holy Communion	Fiona Lichfield	6 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> Sarah
9	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “	
16	9.30am	Holy Communion	Sarah Porter	20 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> Fiona S
23	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
2	10.45am	Holy Communion with Baptism	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
9	10.45am	Holy Communion	John Bowns/Mike Pindar	
16	10.45am	Matins	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
23	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Liz Bradshaw	
26	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday</b>		
<u>COFFEE</u>			<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
2	John & Jill Caws		M Pindar/Jennie Ball	Lynne Clark
9	Mr & Mrs Sherwood		Mr & Mrs Nelson	Diana Walters
16	Mr & Mrs Harding		Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	Christine Robinson
23	Ann & Tony Hubbuck		Mr & Mrs Jackson	Lesley Butcher
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>	
2	<b>Malachi 3: 1-5</b> <b>Luke 2: 22-40</b>	Trevor Grimshaw Candlemas	A young person	
9	<b>Isaiah 58: 1-9a</b> <b>Matthew 5: 13-20</b>	Gloria Sherwood 3rd Sunday Before Lent	Fiona Lichfield	
16	<b>Romans 8: 18-25</b> <b>Matthew 6: 25-34</b>	John Caws 2nd Sunday Before Lent	Claire Cadogan	
23	<b>Exodus 24: 12-18</b> <b>Matthew 17: 1-9</b>	Diana Walters Sunday Before Lent	Yvonne	

## Lot's wife (Smile.....)

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mummy looked back once, while she was driving,' he said, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

Items for the **MARCH** magazine should reach me **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**; email to: [liz.bradshaw@w3z.co.uk](mailto:liz.bradshaw@w3z.co.uk)

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