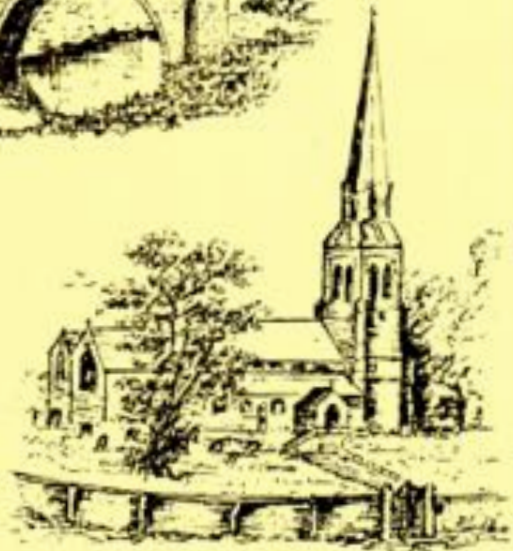


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# The Bridge



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A new year always brings a sense of hope, doesn't it? The previous year with all its tragedies, problems, disappointments, failures and sadness is now behind us, and a clean slate lies ahead. The old has passed away; the new has come. With whistles, parties, and probably more to eat and drink than we should have, we usher in the new year. Yet, beneath the gaiety and laughter there is still the feeling that everything is still the same, nothing has really changed. If anything, passing from the season of lights, glitter and carols to the season of dark, cold, bleak midwinter, only makes the emptiness worse.

We know there has been plenty in the news to make anyone depressed and down hearted – the ruthless terror of the Islamic State, global warming, racism, homelessness, the plague of illicit drugs, rampant gun violence, etc.....

Some of us may be feeling personal pains or anxieties this new year. Wrestling with important decisions or a task to be done. Some have had to deal with losing a loved one. Some wonder if they can make it in the coming year without the presence of one who meant so much. Some of us are feeling very lonely, in spite of people all around us. Some of us fear growing older, or fear what the future may hold. Some wonder if dreams will ever be realized, or whether the new year will be even more frustrating than the last.

When we feel this way, the temptation is to stay with the familiar and the comfortable, to crawl back into bed and pull up the covers, or to sneak into the manger with Jesus, where it's warm, safe and secure. The temptation is to stay where we are, in the deep ruts of sameness, boredom, or lethargy.

But Epiphany, which the Church celebrates on the 5<sup>th</sup> January, with its emphasis on a light shining in the darkness, reminds us that life goes on, that new roads will take us, if we choose to let them, into new adventures, new challenges, new opportunities to be the persons God wants us to be. Epiphany reminds us that life continues on, even as one year ends and another begins.

The Wise Men who bring their gifts to the Christ Child, illustrate this movement. But first, a brief word about who these Wise Men were.

They were probably astrologers from the East, perhaps from Persia or Babylon, present day Iran and Iraq. They believed that human destiny was written in the stars, and though they were learned men of their day, we would consider many of their notions superstitious today. However, I bet if I asked how many of you know your own astrological sign, over 90% of you would know. Nonetheless, the Wise Men agreed upon one thing – they believed that human events were influenced by a power beyond this world.

The Wise Men are adventurous, obedient to their calling, and seek no honour for themselves. They humble themselves before the Christ Child and offer him gifts of great value. They fit the image of servants more than royalty or those with superior wisdom and so are exemplary role models for us.

These men, after they have offered their gifts, realize the danger in returning to King Herod and leave for their country by another route. They don't hang around to bask in the beauty of the baby Jesus. They don't stay where it is comfortable or secure. They set out from there by another road, a new road, a different road than the one they had been travelling upon. They move on in their journey of life, and so must we. For us, the manger is only one stopping place on our journey of faith. The tranquility of the manger may move us deeply but it should never transfix us. The rest of Christ's journey, and our journey remains to be travelled.

Each of us has a new road ahead of us in the new year. It's another road, a different road than any we have travelled before. As we set off down that road, not knowing what we may find, not knowing exactly where we are going, we can all be comforted by knowing that for sure, the light of Christ goes with us, leading us, guiding us and showing us the way. God will be with us on our journeys. Whoever we are, whatever our circumstances we are being called to get up off our hands and knees and continue on the journey, giving God our praise, and sharing the good news with others along the way.

Happy New Year and Every Blessing,  
Canon Dave



## **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.*

## Dates for your Diary - January

- 14 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall  
Speaker: David Spencer
- 15 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** 7pm Baslow Church Rooms  
Speaker: Bakewell Pharmacy      Competition: A decorative pill box  
Teas: Kath Watts & Melanie Harris      Flowers: Jo Wood  
Vote of Thanks: Mary Read
- 20 BEELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING -** 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
- 21 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** 7pm Beeley Village Hall  
Gerry Kreibick talking about the History of Journalism in the Matlock area

### **Wedding Flowers 2019**



Thank you to everyone  
who has helped to make  
2019 another successful year.

Total contribution to St Peter's ~  
Church £2021.

Margaret Nelson

- **Garden waste** collections will be suspended from Saturday 21 December to Saturday 4 January inclusive
- **Food waste** will be collected **weekly**

### **Christmas & New Year Bin Collection days**

Usual day	Christmas/New Year collection days
<b>Monday</b>	Monday 23 December Monday 30 December
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tuesday 24 December Tuesday 31 December
<b>Wednesday</b>	Saturday 21 December Thursday 2 January
<b>Thursday</b>	Friday 27 December Friday 3 January
<b>Friday</b>	Saturday 28 December Saturday 4 January

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22<sup>nd</sup> November - Annie Hall

BAPTISM

23<sup>rd</sup> November ~ Charles Arthur Yates

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## 'THE BRIDGE'

**Your magazine subscription is now due - from January 2020 the price of the magazine will be £1 per copy - £12 per year.** 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.

### Edensor Village Day

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November in the Edensor Tea Cottage, charity donations from the proceeds of Edensor Open Gardens & Village Day were presented in memory of our neighbours who had died in the previous 12 months.

Dr. Louise Jordon received a cheque for £2,200 on behalf of Helen's Trust, in memory of Gladys Hopkins, presented by Jack Smith.



*Jack Smith presenting the cheque to Dr. Louise Jordon*

Canon Dave Perkins received a cheque for £2,200 for St. Peter's Church, in memory of Lady Elizabeth Cavendish, presented by the Duchess of Devonshire.



*The Duchess of Devonshire presenting the cheque to Canon Dave Perkins*

After the presentations The Duchess performed a countdown with the villagers and 'pressed the red button' to switch on the lights on the Christmas tree.

Many houses in the village, the church Christmas tree and church path were also lit up to synchronise with this switch on.

A huge thank you to everyone who made these presentations possible by their help and hard work on Edensor Day

# 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.

We have a series of exciting events planned throughout the year ~  
Events confirmed so far:-

- **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm**

Scott Engering to talk about St Peter's' architectural features, and the minerals used in St Peter's, Derby Cathedral and Bolsover Castle.

- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 7pm**

'Becoming Mary' Jane Collier's enactment of Mary Queen of Scots

- **Weekday afternoon in May**

Margaret Nelson flower arranging demonstration

- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm**

Janet Gough OBE, Apsidal Heritage - Historic churches of England - including St Peter's.

- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 7pm**

James Mackay: Illustrated talk on his working with animals + live owl

Several more events are being planned, including illustrated talks by Canon Dave and Christine Robinson, another Murder Mystery Play and a Quiz Evening followed by a Pea & Pie supper.

**Lots more information to follow – watch this space!**

We do hope that many of you will be able to join us for these talks.

## **Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

*Nine members of the PCC were present and one apology was received from Mark Titterton*  
Canon Dave opened the meeting with prayers.

Minutes from the previous meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> November were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: - Automation of clock winding, this has now been completed and the mechanism is working well. Clive Robinson has bought the wood to box in the winding mechanism and this will be done in due course. Canon Dave thanked Christine for paying for this work to be done.

Canon Dave told the meeting that no date has yet been given for the new system regarding marriage registers, nor the training to facilitate this.

Liz reported that after some investigation she found that the figures shown for the parish magazine didn't give a true picture of the finances, as the money paid for subscriptions and advertising was split between two financial years and in fact the magazine made a small profit overall. This will improve with the price of the magazine being increased to £1 per copy.

Clive Thrower had met the Bell Consultant and we are awaiting his report.

Report from the Choir: Canon Dave said how pleased he was with the attendance at the service on Remembrance Sunday. It was heartening to see the children/young adults from the uniformed organisation present and how well they had been prepared by the Leaders; they had also made poppy decorations for the windows and porch.

The Travelling People concert had been a really enjoyable event and had raised £1,500 for church funds.

Dave continues to take home Communion to a number of our congregation who are no longer able to attend church.

There will be a service of Thanksgiving for Annie Hall at Derby Cathedral on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Canon Dave said how much the congregation had enjoyed hearing the Archdeacon preach on 'Stir Up Sunday', and had said how much she had enjoyed the Book of Common Prayer service.

The Advent Service of Light will be at 6pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Dave has ordered 60 copies of the booklet 'Follow the Star' to hand out to members of the congregation, this is a book of readings and prayers linked to the season of Advent.

Margaret Perkins is going to restock the bookstall and the PCC wished to pass on their thanks to her for taking charge of this.

Financial Report: The accounts had been sent out prior to the meeting. The Bishop had sent out a letter to all PCCs thanking them for their commitment to, and support of the Common Fund. Next year the amount St. Peter's will be required to pay will rise to £33,755.

There were one or two minor queries in the accounts but as the Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting these will be answered at the next one.

There are not as many weddings booked for 2020 so income from these will be down.

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Toilets: David Jackson reported that a very helpful meeting had been held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November between the churchwardens, Dave, Mike Pindar and Richard Brook, the Architect. The outcome of this meeting was that the contractors were narrowed down to two, with the recommendation to the PCC that MSM be offered the work, as they are a well established firm with an excellent track record. As all queries from the previous meetings had been answered the PCC agreed to go ahead with this and the churchwardens would begin the Faculty Application. It was proposed by David Jackson and seconded by David Hartington that the architect should be asked to contact MSM with this decision and the meeting was unanimous in its agreement.

Quote for the Clock Dial: The report from Smith's of Derby on the clock dial showed up several major problems and they felt that *"Due to the current condition of the dial, we do not believe that it could be removed safely in one section, and if removed would not be in a suitable condition to be able to effectively repair. Therefore we would propose that the dial is replaced completely with a new dial replicating the original....."* Phil Thompson from Smith's is working on a quote for a replacement dial, which had not been received in time for the meeting. Liz will email Phil to receive this as soon as possible so that it could be sent out to the PCC, she will also ask if there is any immediate danger of the dial coming away from the wall.

Update on Grants: Canon Dave thanked David Hartington for his work in the past looking into grant applications; he has now spoken to Sarah Porter who is willing to help the churchwardens with applications in the future.

Fundraising and Events: A donation of £30 had been received from the Marie Stuart Society, this was after a tour of the church taken by Lynne Clark.

Murder Mystery Evening - 'Who Killed the Secret Agent?' Nadine will organise this, which will take place in October 2020.

Quiz - The meeting agreed that a quiz with a Pea & Pie supper would be popular for the winter months, this will be taken forward for more planning.

A Celebration of St. Peter's (Lynne Clark's Year of Events) Lynne discussed the plans, which speakers had already been booked and those yet to be confirmed.

Pilsley Carol Singing - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This year there will be carol singing round the Christmas tree on the village green from 6.30pm with mulled wine and mince pies in the school from 6pm.

St. Peter's Service of Lessons and Carols - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

Any other business: Lynne Clark said that during her tour of the church with the Marie Stuart Society the brass plaque in the Sanctuary was pointed out to her as being in need of restoration and cleaning. Liz said she would contact Nigel Sherratt, the DAC Secretary, for the names of conservators who would be able to undertake this work.

Correspondence: Christine had received a booklet listing all the courses to be run by the Diocese in 2020. This will be passed round the PCC for them to read.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 7.30pm at The Vicarage.

The meeting closed at 9pm, followed by The Grace.



## 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)

January 12<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dr. Strangelove

1964, UK/US, Cert. A, 95 minutes. Comedy

An insane general triggers a path to nuclear holocaust that a War Room full of politicians and generals frantically tries to stop.

*Introduction by David Webb*

## **New or Old**

*Canon David Winter considers the allure of the 'new'*

It's a new year so let's talk about 'old' and 'new.' Which do you prefer? Presumably the young men and women dancing in the freezing water of a fountain in Trafalgar Square think it's exciting. Give it a few weeks and they'll find it's no different from last year or the one before. Its only virtue is that it's 'new!'

We all like some new things; from a new carpet for the living room to a new baby in the family. But 'newness' doesn't last long. A man who had bought a new car (it cost him £40,000) was told, as he got in to drive out of the dealer's forecourt, that as soon as it got on to the road its value would drop by ten thousand pounds. It was no longer 'new', but 'used' and 'second-hand.'

We are also a bit ambivalent about 'old'. The antiques fan searches for that two-hundred-year-old cup that will one day make him a fortune. But tastes change and lovely things are eventually dubbed 'old-fashioned.' We all say we respect 'old age' until eventually we get there and find that we can't see, can't hear, can't walk and can't remember. (I speak from experience!)

In fact, 'old' and 'new' are simply descriptions. What is new now will one day be old. It's simply the way the world is. The Bible honours age and asks us to learn from the past. But it ends with the promise of God: 'See, I am making everything new!' Everything! That is what we mean by 'the Kingdom of Heaven.'

## **How older people can boost brain power**

If you are a pensioner, and you spend two hours a day learning new skills, you can reverse any cognitive decline by the equivalent of up to 30 years.

That is the conclusion of researchers at the University of California Riverside. They found that pensioners who practised a new language, or attended drawing

classes, boosted their memory and reasoning. The good effect on 58 to 86-year-olds could be seen within six weeks.

Furthermore, it was found that the older people could also maintain their new abilities while learning multiple new skills. As one scientist explained: "The message is older adults can learn multiple new skills at the same time, and doing so may improve their cognitive functioning."

## **Facing both ways**

*By Tony Horsfall of Charis Training.*

*More details at: [www.charistraining.co.uk](http://www.charistraining.co.uk).*

January gets its name from the Roman god Janus, the god of beginnings and transitions, of gates and doorways. Traditionally Janus had two faces, one looking to the past and one to the future. It reminds us that as we start a new year we can look back to the past with gratitude and to the future with expectation.

In his hymn, 'How good is the God we adore', Joseph Hart (1712-1768) speaks about God as our faithful, unchangeable friend and finishes with this beautiful thought: 'We'll praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that's to come.' This seems to be a good posture to take as we enter 2020.

First, we can look back on the year that is gone and give thanks for all the blessings that we have experienced. Thankfulness is really a

choice. None of us will have had a perfect year, and many of us will have had some dark days indeed, but if we look carefully enough, we will see that there were also many wonderful days and golden moments. Let's choose to focus on those and to acknowledge the work of God in our lives. For what are you grateful as you look back to 2019?

Second, we can put our faith in God for all that is to come. None of us know the future. We will have our hopes and our dreams, and have made our plans for the year ahead, but no-one can guarantee they will come to pass. There will be surprises for sure, both good (we never expected that!) and bad (I didn't see that coming!). How wonderful then to have a God who knows the future and in whose hands we are safe, no matter what comes to pass. Let's choose to place our trust in Him as 2020 unfolds. What are you most looking forward to as you peer ahead of you this year?

## **What are you supposed to be doing?**

*Is there something that God may be asking of you?*

Gladys Aylward was just a simple woman who did what she believed God called her to do. The old movie, 'The Inn of the Sixth Happiness' tells her life story. In

1920 she sailed to China, where eventually she opened a home for orphaned children, who'd been left to starve or wander the streets. She'd read the words in Isaiah: '...if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will

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## When we found Antarctica

*Tim Lenton on how the last continent was discovered.*

It was 200 years ago, on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of January 1820, that Antarctica was discovered. A Russian expedition sighted the Fimbul Ice Shelf, but not land. Three days later a captain in the British Royal Navy sighted the Trinity Peninsula.

Neither of these achievements is totally beyond dispute, mainly because of the difficulty of distinguishing between snow-covered land, islands, icebergs and ice shelves.

Russian Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen, using English books and charts stemming from his hero James Cook, who first circumnavigated the continent, led a Russian expedition which had considerable success but was largely

ignored on his return. He definitely came within 20 miles of the Antarctic mainland and should have been able to see it.

Three days later Briton Edward Bransfield, searching waters south of the South Shetlands with William Smith, had the first confirmed sighting of the Antarctic land mass – snow-topped mountains – and in November the same year American Nathaniel Palmer, part of a sealing fleet, also claimed a sighting. Another sealer, John Davis, from Connecticut but born in Surrey, was probably the first to land on the Antarctic, in 1821.

The same year, von Bellingshausen came south again and became the second sailor after Cook to circumnavigate the continent. Russia remained unimpressed.

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become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs.' (Isaiah 58:10,11)

When the Japanese invaded China, Gladys was forced to flee. She ended up on the island of Formosa with more than 100 children to care for. Despite hardship and danger, she devoted herself to looking after them. Years later, when she was honoured for her work, she said: "I

did not choose this. I was led into it by God. I'm not really more interested in children than I am in other people. But God gave me to understand that this is what He wanted me to do – so I did it!"

So, have you discovered yet what God has called you to do? Are you making plans towards it – this year?

## 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.*

## Science and Miracles

We live in a world where we can expect the sun to rise tomorrow and the milk to pour out of the bottle when we tilt it over our cereal. But for God, the properties of matter and the biological processes that we know and read about in text-books are simply the usual ways He works. If He chooses to do something unexpected to demonstrate something about His character, His relationship with us, and His purposes, then He will.

A group of 14 UK-based science Professors wrote to the Times in 1984, saying that “We gladly accept the Virgin Birth, the gospel miracles, and the Resurrection of Christ as historical events. We know that we are representative of many other scientists who are also Christians standing in the historical tradition of the churches.” For the non-believer, I would suggest a thought experiment: if God exists, why should He be bound by the same laws of physics as us?

Professor Christine Done is an Astrophysicist at the University of Durham. In the book *True Scientists, True Faith*’ (Monarch, 2014) she

writes: “Even when I was an atheist I used to get cross at discussions...on how all Jesus’s miracles could be physically explained. To me, once you have believed in a God, a supernatural being, then it’s obvious that supernatural stuff could happen, since any God who can make the physical universe and its laws can presumably suspend those laws in any time and way He chooses.”

There are also miracles which appear to be a case of wonderful timing. The wind blew all night and the Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry land, for example. The biblical writers don’t seem especially interested in distinguishing between wonders that seem to break the usual rules of how things happen and those that don’t.

Many in Jesus’ audiences were not won over by His wonders. Most of the people in the crowds who ate the food He produced out of nowhere were quite happy to turn on Him when the religious authorities decided He was dangerous. We can only make sense of something unexpected, such as an answer to prayer for healing, in the context of a growing relationship with God. The exciting task for a Christian is to explain what this interaction looks like, and to demonstrate what ‘your kingdom come’ looks like in our communities. God works through us in words, works *and* wonders.

## **Bridge Over Troubled Water**

*Tim Lenton recalls a much-loved song.*

The album *Bridge Over Troubled Water* by Simon and Garfunkel was released 50 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1970. It topped the charts in ten countries and sold 25 million records. It was their fifth and final studio album.

The song itself, one of their most widely known, was influenced by gospel music, especially the Swan Silvertones' version of *Mary Don't You Weep*, which includes the line "I'll be your bridge over deep water, if you trust in my name" – a debt acknowledged by Simon.

Art Garfunkel initially refused to sing lead on the song, but was eventually

persuaded, with Paul Simon transposing the key to suit him. Simon wanted a gospel piano sound, and so hired session musician Larry Knechtel. The song was initially two verses long, but he thought it was too short and asked Knechtel to play a third verse, to which he wrote more lyrics.

Despite the many accolades that followed, the duo split up later in 1970, with Garfunkel concentrating on his film career.

Simon and Garfunkel are both Jewish, and many of the later songs written by Simon have Christian overtones – this stunning song is no exception.

## **Holocaust Memorial Day – 75 years since Auschwitz**

This year Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) marks 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. It also marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Genocide in Bosnia.

Both dates are worth remembering. And it is also a time to thank God for all the various people who did whatever they could at the time to defend the innocent. Sir Nicholas Winton, who rescued 669 children from Nazi-occupied Europe

explained it this way: 'Don't be content in your life just to do no wrong, be prepared every day to try and do some good.'

The HMD theme for 2020 is: 'Stand Together'. As HMD explains: 'Genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately fractured societies by marginalising certain groups. Now more than ever, we need to stand together with others in our communities in order to stop division and the spread of hatred in our society.'

## Holocaust Memorial Day

*The Rev Paul Hardingham on the problem of evil.*

Holocaust Memorial Day on 27<sup>th</sup> January marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp. One of the disturbing questions that arises from the horrors of the Holocaust is 'where was God when the six million died?'

In his moving memoir, 'Night,' Eli Wiesel tells the story of an execution that the prisoners were forced to witness. Two men and a boy were made to stand on chairs with nooses around their necks. At the guards' signal, the chairs were kicked from beneath their feet. The men died instantly as the fall broke their necks, but the boy flailed about, gasping for breath. Wiesel heard someone cry out, 'For God's sake, where is God?' In that moment, he heard a voice inside: 'Where is He? This is where: hanging here from this gallows'.

As we think of this boy dying on the gallows, we are reminded of another Jew, who suffered and died on a cross. As the crowd gathered around the cross, it was Jesus who posed the same question: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' (Matt 27:46).

Jesus became a human being, because God wanted to identify with His lost and suffering world. He willingly took upon Himself God's judgment for the sin of the world, as God turned away from the Son he loved: 'God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God' (2 Cor. 5:21).

So where was God when the six million died? The truth is that God is present in our suffering, to identify and suffer with us and to provide help, hope and meaning to those who suffer. Whatever we go through this New Year, let's not forget this truth!

### **Where are the mothers for the PTA?**

Working mothers are now too busy to join Parent Teacher Associations, and in any case, people are now less 'community-minded' than they used to be.

So says a leading headmistress who is president of the Girls' Schools Association (GSA).

Over the past two decades there has been a steady decline in attendance at PTA meetings as more women are pursuing high-flying careers.

Not that she is criticising the mothers: "We are all working so hard....if women have to do demanding jobs and also do the chores, there is not as much time to devote to the PTA. We are becoming much more atomised and less community-orientated."

## **Blotting my copy book**

*By Tony Horsfall of Charis Training.*

*More details at: [www.charistraining.co.uk](http://www.charistraining.co.uk).*

Do you remember the start of term at school, when you were given new exercise books to write in? I loved the feel of those books that were still unworn and unspoilt. I would try to write my name and the subject on the front page with my very best handwriting.

This wasn't easy, as we used to write with pen and ink and the nibs were very temperamental. It was easy to put too much ink on the nib, then when you started writing it would make a big blotch on the clean page. Another book spoilt on the first page! Needless to say, it got worse as the term progressed and the once pristine book became messier and more dog-eared.

I have a similar feeling every time we come to the start of a new year. January seems to be filled with promise of change and doing better.

It's a lot like the clean slate of a new exercise book. Surely, we won't make the same mistakes as we did last year? Full of good intentions we start again, but guess what? It isn't long before we have made the same mistakes again and blotted our copy book once more.

Although 20/20 vision describes perfect eyesight, not many of us have it. And although the year 2020 will begin with the hope of doing better than we did in 2019 the reality is that before the month is out, we will have failed again. We are imperfect people and we make mistakes

Two things give me hope, however. First that God is able and willing to for forgive us, so that our sins can be washed away, and we can be clean again. Second, that He is also able and willing to help us change, to give us the power we need to overcome our besetting sins. We cannot change ourselves, but God can. And no matter how often we fail, He is infinitely patient with us.

## **Try running with straight arms**

If you go jogging, try this with your arms. It will feel strange and may look bizarre, but running with your arms straight will not slow you down.

Research at Harvard University had found something expected: that when you walk with your arms straight, it is

11 per cent more oxygen efficient than if you walk with bent arms. But then the research found something unexpected: that although it feels awkward, there is still no loss of energy if people decide to run with straight arms. It just looks odd and feels odd. Try it and see what you think.



## Remember the Millennium Bug?

*Tim Lenton looks back 20 years...*

Just over 20 years ago, there was widespread panic – or at least deep concern – over what might happen when the calendar switched over to the year 2000 on 1<sup>st</sup> January, and the effect on computers of the so-called Y2K ‘Millennium Bug’.

The problem was that computers so long ago were laughably short of memory, and to save space, years in dates had all been recklessly programmed with two figures – for example 80, instead of the full 1980. So, when they reached 2000, no-one knew what would happen. Would the computers think they were back at 00, the beginning of time, or in some

other dimension where time had no meaning?

Possible consequences ranged from the Second Coming to explosions in nuclear plants and aircraft falling out of the sky. Many experts predicted disaster of one kind or another. Churches were not immune. But in the end more or less nothing happened. Some put this down to the preventative work done by computer technicians – at a price – while others thought it was never going to happen anyway.

The cost of countering the Y2K Bug threat cost Britain nearly £400 million. There were problems, but nothing huge – except the sigh of relief.

## Dark

Here’s a New Year’s question for you: is it ever really dark in your house?

Environmentalists are increasingly concerned at the amount of artificial light to which we are all exposed. Last year National Geographic reported that the excess light “we dump into our environments is endangering ecosystems by harming animals whose life cycles depend on dark.” The magazine went on to warn: “We’re endangering ourselves by altering the biochemical rhythms

that normally ebb and flow with natural light levels.”

Light and dark are key to our circadian rhythm (body clock). But light pollution disrupts the production of melatonin, the hormone that regulates our sleep patterns. And poor sleep has been linked to everything from lower productivity, to sickness, obesity, impaired memory and worse mental health.

## **Silence can be golden – as long as the transmitters don't cut out!**

*David Winter recalls trying to broadcast a Quaker service...*

Political parties often describe themselves as 'broad churches', by which they mean that they are able to accommodate widely differing views. The title was first applied to the Church of England, where some churches are so 'Catholic' that they would make the Pope himself feel like a Protestant, and some where the noisiest and most exuberant 'Pentecostal' worshippers would feel at home.

This 'broadness' is widely demonstrated in the Church of England calendar, where holy men and women are celebrated on the thirteenth of the month i.e. the calendar nominates George Fox for our remembrance. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century he founded the 'Society of Friends.'

They built their worship on simplicity and silence – hardly 'Anglican!' They have remained a distinctive group in world religion. Dedicated to pacifism and suspicious of dogma.

I remember in my BBC days when we set out to broadcast a Quaker service for the first time. On Saturday evening I took an anxious phone call from the producer. He was trying to organise a rehearsal in order to time the programme but discovered it was impossible. 'We remain silent', they explained, 'until a member feels called to pray or say something.' The largest part of the service would be silent – but he and I knew that after two minutes of silence the BBC transmitters automatically cut out!

We did find a solution – a ticking clock placed near a microphone. It was, we could say, an unusual but absolutely genuine act of worship – mostly silence. Quite a change really.

### **Looking for clergy in need of financial support**

**The Clergy Support Trust**, formerly Sons & Friends of the Clergy, helps Anglican clergy and their families in times of need with various grants.

This year, they are seeking to double the number of clergy and families whom they reach, offering assistance

with financial support grants, health grants, emergency grants, wellbeing grants, and debt support.

If you are, or know of, an Anglican clergy person (serving or retired) or their spouse who would benefit from some help, please go to:  
[www.clergysupport.org.uk](http://www.clergysupport.org.uk) , or email [grants@clergysupport.org.uk](mailto:grants@clergysupport.org.uk) or telephone 0800 3895192.

## Methodist President calls for all to take responsibility for homelessness

We live in one world where the homeless are our collective responsibility, the Revd Dr Barbara Glasson said in a recent visit to Whitechapel Mission in London. The mission serves about 300 breakfasts each day to the homeless.

Whitechapel Mission, in the heart of the East End of London, recently celebrated its 143<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. Open every day, the Mission served 108,398 breakfasts in the last year, with the help of 5,200 volunteers.

Dr Barbara Glasson said: “We are really proud of the mission which is very much part of our Methodist heritage and our family.”

Tony Miller, Centre Manager for the past 40 years said, “The Mission opens its doors each day at 6am prompt for guests who can take a shower, choose some fresh clothes to wear, feel the warmth of the

welcome and eat a hearty breakfast. Once the guests are warm, clean and fed they can access other facilities including mobile phone charging, and get help with combating addiction, receive dentistry and other health care provision, and debt counselling.”

This year 5,698 people have used the Mission’s services which also include support in getting housed and back to work.

Speaking about causes of homelessness, Dr Glasson said, “The vulnerabilities that lead to homelessness are well known to us. Relationship breakdown, debt, addictions, mental ill-health. These are the things that disrupt human well-being and lead to chaotic lives and cyclical and destructive patterns of behaviour.”

Dr Glasson said: “There are not two Britains, North and South are part of the same country; there are not two Londons, rich and poor, there are not two societies, there is only one world.”

### Cup of tea? Which one?

Traditional tea drinkers are becoming something of a dying breed, as ‘generation Z’ is opting more for herbal equivalents and coffee.

In the year to May 2019, Britons drank 330 million fewer cups of black

tea than they drank in 2018. So says a study by Unilever, which owns PG Tips. PG Tips recently lost its position as Britain’s best-selling tea brand to Twinings, which has a range of herbal teas as well as traditional ones.



## **Former asylum seeker ordained as Kirk minister**

*Here is a good news story from the Church of Scotland...*

A former asylum seeker who escaped the clutches of Islamic extremists has recently been ordained as a Church of Scotland minister.

Raheel Arif was inducted into Denny Old Parish Church, linked with Haggs Parish Church, and will become its first full-time spiritual leader for five and a half years.

The 47-year-old said he was very excited about taking up the “wonderful and priceless ministry” in the Falkirk Council district.

Mr Arif and his wife Humaira and their children, Rhea and Roshaan, fled to Scotland from Pakistan in September, 2011 after extremists threatened their lives because of their faith.

At the time he was the vice-principal of a secondary school in Peshawar, partly run by the state, and the only Christian out of a staff of 52. Jealousy and suspicion was rife, and then a plot was mounted against him, to have him arrested for blasphemy. Fortunately, it failed.

Mr Arif took his wife and children to Grangemouth to visit his cousin Rev

Aftab Gohar, minister of Abbotsgrange Parish Church, in the summer of 2011 to lie low until things got back to normal.

But when they returned to Peshawar two months later it quickly became clear that his persecutors would never leave them in peace, and so they decided to return to Scotland and seek asylum.

Mr Arif, who grew up in a Christian family and was very active in his local church in Pakistan and involved in mission work, said: “We were living a good life in Peshawar, but extremists kept threatening us. It was a terrifying, horrible situation and I was very scared. At first the threats were only directed at me and I thought things would calm down in time.

“But when people came to my house and threatened my family, I knew that we had to leave. I had heard the stories of how non-Muslims were killed by extremists – butchered with their bodies put in sacks and thrown in fields.”

Mr Arif said the family applied for asylum the day they arrived in Glasgow and 18 months later they were granted refugee status and leave to remain for five years which has been extended to indefinite leave to remain.

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He enrolled in Highland Theological College in Dingwall in 2015 to study theology as a distance learning student and graduated last year. Mr Arif, who has a Masters degree in botany and a Bachelor's degree in education, carried out his 15 month probation at Zetland Parish Church in Grangemouth under the tutelage of Rev Alison Meikle.

"I have been on an amazing journey and my ordination is affirmation for that call and God's plan for my life," he said. "When we came to Scotland the circumstances were very difficult, but God's hand and grace was upon us which further increased my faith and trust in Him.

## **Caring for God's World**

*The Rev Paul Hardingham considers conservation...*

The National Trust was founded in January 1895, 125 years ago, to *'promote the permanent preservation for the benefit of the nation of lands and tenements (including buildings) of beauty or historic interest and as regards lands for their natural aspect features, animal and plant life.'* This concern for our world raises an important question at the start of this New Year: *Why should we care for our planet?*

The first reason is that God told us to care for His creation, as good stewards, not abusing it for selfish ends: *'Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'* (Genesis 1.28).

Secondly, the material world matters to God, for He made it 'very good' (Genesis 1:31) and sustains it all the time: *'in Him all things hold together'* (Colossians 1:17). To neglect or spoil the environment is damaging what is precious to God.

Thirdly, at the end of time the cosmos will be re-created as the *'new heavens and new earth'* (Revelation 21:1). This will establish the fullness of life that God intended for His whole creation; when He will dwell with His people and all creation will worship Him.

There are lots of simple ways in which we set about caring for our world this year eg. walking to church, switching the TV off stand-by, insulating our homes, driving a smaller car or cutting down on eating meat. The hope of a renewed Creation doesn't mean abandoning such simple actions today. *'If I knew Jesus would return tomorrow, I would plant a tree today.'* (Martin Luther).

## Enjoy each day as it comes

Is your diary for 2020 already filling up? That is fine, but also bear in mind what has been called 'the sacrament of the present moment.'

That is what the 17th century French Jesuit and spiritual writer Pere Jean-Pierre de Caussade called it. He wrote: The present moment holds infinite riches, but you will only enjoy them to the extent of your faith and love. The will of God is manifest in each moment, an immense ocean which the heart only fathoms in so

far as it overflows with faith, trust and love."

So this year, try and live your life a day at a time. You can't change the past, yesterday is history; and you can't live in the future, tomorrow is mystery. The present is really all you have.

When Jesus spoke about God, He always spoke about Him being where we are, in the here and now. He is our Father, our vine, our Shepherd, and His Spirit wants to walk with us each day.

## Old words, new meanings

In the 1990s a stream was a small river, the web was what spiders built in your shed, a net was something you used to catch things, the cloud brought rain, and tweeting was what birds did.

Not anymore. In recent years these words from the 'natural world' have been so overtaken by technology that now they are used more in technology than in their original, natural state.

For example, the word 'web' is now used only seven per cent with regard to nature, and the word 'cloud' is down to 77 per cent for nature. The research was commissioned by the National Trust, who are concerned that 'as a nation, we are losing our connection with nature.'

As one academic in the study explained: "Language represents what is important to a culture or society. Nature language being replaced or used less frequently suggests nature potentially becoming less important or being replaced by other things."

**Did you know** that it was 65 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 1955, that the world's first atomic clock was unveiled by scientists at the National Physical Laboratory in the UK. It measured time by counting the vibrations of cesium-133 atoms. It was accurate to one second every 300 years.

## Could your dog be about to injure you?

Does your dog pull you down the road? You are not alone - a growing number of people are admitting that walking their dog has become an endless tug-of-war over control of the lead. Meanwhile more and more of us are admitting to having DRIs – dog-related injuries.

Among the most painful is dog-walker's elbow (or wrist, or shoulder), a repetitive strain injury similar to tennis elbow, caused by a pulling dog. It was first described in 1981 by an American doctor who noticed the symptoms while

walking his dog. The proper name is epicondylitis of the elbow, and it is thought to be from overloading the tendon attachments at the elbow from persistent repetitive gripping to control the leash.

An animal behaviouralist at Blue Cross Animal Rehoming Centre in Burford said that often the dogs “have not had any basic training from owners, have not had their needs met, or have simply learned that pulling gets them where they want to go.”



## Drugs and your children

Could your nine-year-old be running drugs for a county line gang? It is perfectly possible, as drug gangs are increasingly targeting middle-class so-called ‘clean skins’ to run drugs for them.

A child criminal exploitation expert at Barnardo's (Britain's biggest children's charity) explains that increased police scrutiny is forcing gangs to recruit fresh youngsters. “The youngest are nine or 10”, she says. “If they are out on the street after school, they are being targeted.”

Researchers at Barnardo's has found an alarming 30 per cent increase in gangs using ‘clean skins’ – middle-class children with no criminal record.

Anne Longfield, the Children's Commissioner, says that 27,000 children in England are now in gangs. The National Crime Agency reported 2,000 county line gangs operating in England and Wales, turning over £500million from drugs. Barnardo's is calling for schools, social services, police and parents to be more closely linked.

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

[www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk)

**Flu Vaccination:** Flu clinic appointments are available from the 30<sup>th</sup> of September onwards, please contact the surgery to check your eligibility and book an appointment.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> January;

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February &

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

**New Year Closures:** the surgery will be **Closed 1<sup>st</sup> January, re-open 2<sup>nd</sup> January.**

### **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 November Draw 2019

1st prize £30 no. 27 Mary Read

2nd prize £20 no. 40 Caroline Brew

### 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

### Your dog and the postman

Here's a New Year Resolution for your dog: don't eat the postman (or woman).

The Royal Mail's recent request, that dog owners distract their pets by feeding them before the postman comes, follows a surge of dog attacks on postmen and women, averaging out at 47 a week for the past year. In all, nearly 25,000 separate attacks took place, some of them leaving life-changing injuries.

As 35 per cent of attacks happen at the front door or in the garden, dog owners are also being asked to keep their pets shut away while the post is being delivered.

### Noah Smile....

When Noah sailed the waters blue,  
he had his troubles same as you.  
For 40 days he drove the Ark  
before he found a place to park...

It was 80 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 1940 that food rationing began in Britain (bacon, butter and sugar).  
*I wonder how many of our readers remember it?*

## **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

### **The Turning of the Year**

Day turns to night  
Without much bother  
The midnight chimes  
Like any other;  
But on this night  
We sing and cheer,  
And wish ourselves  
“Happy New Year!”

And it is right  
To mark the chimes  
Looking back  
To former times;  
And making plans  
With near and dear  
And praying for  
A good New Year.

*By Nigel Beeton*

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<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
<b>5</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Fiona Swain	All - post Christmas clean
<b>12</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “	9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Rupert & Liz
<b>19</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Liz Turner	
<b>26</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> Fiona L
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
<b>5</b>	10.45am	Holy Communion	John Bowns/Mike Pindar	
<b>12</b>	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
<b>19</b>	10.45am	Matins	Mrs Jackson/Liz Bradshaw	
<b>26</b>	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	
<b>5</b>	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	Christmas flowers	
<b>12</b>	Ann & Tony Hubbuck	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Gloria Sherwood	
<b>19</b>	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Cynthia Gordon	
<b>26</b>	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Janet Cosgrove	
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Isaiah 60: 1-6</b> <b>Matthew 2: 1-12</b>	Tom Cornell <i>Feast of the Epiphany</i>	Phoebe Porter <i>Family Service</i>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Isaiah 42: 1-9</b> <b>Matthew 3: 13-17</b>	Bob Carter <i>The Baptism of Christ</i>	Fiona Swain	
<b>19</b>	<b>Isaiah 49: 1-7</b> <b>John 1: 29-42</b>	Christine Robinson <i>Epiphany Two</i>	Sarah Porter	
<b>26</b>	<b>Isaiah 9: 1-4</b> <b>Matthew 4: 12-23</b>	Roger Wardle <i>Epiphany Three</i>	Rupert Turner	

Smile..... This is the year of the American presidential election; with that in mind:  
 “What makes you think the baby is going to be a great politician?”, asked the young mother anxiously.  
 “I’ll tell you,” answered the young father confidently. “He can say more things that sound well and mean nothing at all than any youngster I ever saw.”

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