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Charles Blondin (1824-1897) was the most famous acrobat of all time. He performed the seemingly impossible task of crossing the Niagara Falls on a tightrope. The crowd held their breath as he did what had never been done before – the most death-defying performance ever witnessed. When he reached the other side, he asked the crowd whether they believed he could do it again. Yes, they believed he could! But what about if he was blindfolded, and wheeled a wheelbarrow across, and twisted an umbrella at the same time? Oh yes, they believed he could! And what if he carried a man on his back? Who believed he could do that as well? Many people in the crowd expressed their total confidence in Blondin. Then he asked for a volunteer – that was a different story!

How many of those who said they believed he could do it would have taken up his challenge, even after seeing him cross once? Many believed he could do it, but very few would have put their faith to the test. What would we do? I wonder who had to have the greater faith, Blondin or the man on his back? I suppose the difference was that Blondin had faith in himself, while the man on his back had to put his faith in Blondin; he was totally dependent on Blondin to get him across, and could do nothing but trust him.

There is a story in St. John's Gospel Chapter 11: verses 38-54 where Jesus went to the grave of his friend Lazarus who had been dead for four days. What did Martha and Mary the sisters of Lazarus think Jesus was going to do? To pay his respects? To weep? Martha and Mary both believed that Jesus could have prevented the death of their brother, if he had arrived in time. Martha had declared her faith in Jesus as the Son of God, the one who could bring life out of death. I wonder how she felt as Jesus approached her brother's tomb?

Then Jesus spoke. 'Take away the stone,' he ordered. You can almost hear the intake of breath as he said those words. Silence descended; no one moved. Then Martha, in a very down to earth statement, voiced what everyone was thinking, what they all feared to experience. 'There will be a bad smell, Lord. He has been buried for four days!' Jesus then reminded Martha of what he

had told her, and what she had affirmed. Jesus gave thanks to God that the people gathered at the tomb would see God's glory. Then came the word of command: 'Lazarus, come out!' and out of the grave came no bad smell, but the living man Lazarus. Imagine the sight – the man walking out of the grave, from death into life. It must have been an awesome sight. Some may have thought it was a ghost, or a vision. The trappings of death had been removed, Lazarus was alive and well. He stood before everyone, the evidence and proof of the power of God, the testament to God's glory. No one could explain it away. The moment of truth was there before their very eyes.

On the day that Lazarus was raised from the dead, what more did anyone need to believe in Jesus? What more could they ask? For many that day it was enough, but that didn't mean that they all wanted to follow Jesus. Some wouldn't make a commitment.

Perhaps the majority of those who watched Blondin cross the gap between earth and sky believed he could do it again; they would raise their hands and give him their vote of confidence. They had faith in him; but the test of their faith was whether they were personally willing to be carried by him across the gap.

As we continue to journey through this season of Lent dare we risk the stone being rolled away from the tomb which holds our own fears and doubts? Are we willing to carry on walking with Jesus to the cross, but then on to the victory of Easter?

It reminds me of the saying, 'If Jesus is not Lord of all, he is not Lord at all.' Faith means staking everything on Jesus Christ, allowing him to carry us across the gap – and with no safety net either!

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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

Lent 2020

The Lent group discussions this year will continue last year's theme of 'At Home in Lent' - *An exploration of Lent through 46 objects*

For more information contact the vicar or the wardens. Everyone is welcome



Dates for your Diary - March

- 10 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
Grandma's Toys - Christine Belton
 Tea & Raffle - Di and Jenny
- 16 BEELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
- 17 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP MEETING** - 7pm Beeley Village Hall
- 18 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms
 Hearing Dogs for the Deaf



Saturday 21st March - 7.30pm
Cavendish Hall, Beeley
Join Canon Dave Perkins for
An Evening of Entertainment with guitar & vocals
Tickets: £10 refreshments available
Tickets available from: Gloria Sherwood, Fiona Swain, Canon Dave & Sarah Porter 01629 732365 or 07866 695132
Proceeds to St. Anne's Church, Beeley



Remember the date!

Edensor Open Gardens & Fete Saturday 20th June 2020 11am-4pm

FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

BAPTISM ~ SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Sophie Elizabeth Sharp

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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 1st 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 28th 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 1st 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 5th 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 15th 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 17th 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



PILSLEY COFE SCHOOL

Pilsley Church of England Primary School would like to invite all members of the local community to join us for a special service of celebration to commemorate 75 years since VE Day. The service will take place on **Thursday 7th May at 2pm** in St. Peter's church, Edensor.'

BASLOW CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

The Baslow Choir Spring Concert, in memory of Robert Wright, will be held in St. Lawrence's Church, Eyam on April 4th at 7.30pm. We will be featuring *Stainer's Crucifixion*, extracts from *Stabat Mater* by Karl Jenkins, *This Joyful Eastertide*, *Ave Verum* by Elgar, the Easter Hymn, *O Rejoice that the Lord has Arisen*, from *Cavalleria Rusticana* by Mascagni. We will be accompanied by Andrew Cummings on the organ and Carol Barnes on piano. Our guest soprano is Hannah Johnson.

Be sure to order your tickets early, as it promises to be a good night. Tickets are £10, which includes a glass of wine in the interval and £5 for children. Tickets will be available from the Spar shop in Baslow, online from wegottickets.com, by email from tickets@baslowchoir.co.uk, on the door, from choir members or ring 01433 631586.

St. Anne's & St. Peter's Churchyards

A reminder to everyone who tend graves or cremation plots in our churchyards, please would you make sure that any old plants or Christmas wreaths are removed before the mowing season begins.

If your Christmas wreath was on a plastic or wire frame then it cannot be recycled unless the frames are removed - **ONLY THE FOLIAGE SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE GREEN WASTE BIN** - everything else should be placed in the household refuse bin.

May we also remind everyone that only fresh flowers are allowed in the churchyard.

Easy Fundraising

If you already SHOP ONLINE, or if you haven't yet done so, then why not use Easy Fundraising and help raise money for St. Peter's Church? There is no extra cost to you and a percentage from your purchase will come back to the church.



To Register

- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Click on **Register**
- Choose **Saint Peter's Church - Chatsworth Park** as your charity and fill in the rest of the form

To Shop

- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Search for your store in the alphabetical list
- Go ahead and shop

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

The Padley Centre

We are collecting all types of 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 2nd Sunday of every month (except July & August)

March 8th 2020

The Mule

2018, USA, Cert. 15, 116 minutes. Crime, Thriller, Drama

A 90-year-old horticulturist and Korean War veteran turns drug mule for a Mexican cartel.

Introduction by Janet Byrne



CANON DAVE PERKINS

'SO THAT'S WHY...!'

**An insight into the Book of
Common Prayer,
Church Vestments
and the Seasonal Colours**

**St Peter's Church, Edensor
Sunday 01 March 2020. 1:00pm
Admission free - Donations welcomed!**



**An evening of entertainment with
Canon Dave**



with guitar and vocals



Beeley Village Hall

21st March 2020

**Doors open at 7pm - Concert starts at
7.30pm**



Ticket includes a glass of wine

£10



Tickets available from



Church, Gloria Sherwood or

Sarah Porter: 01629 732365

chatsworthchurches@gmail.com

Raising funds for St Anne's Church, Beeley

EASTER LILIES AT ST. ANNE'S

If you would like to make a contribution towards Easter Lilies at St. Annes's Church, Beeley, please give your donation to Fiona Lichfield or Fiona Swain, by Palm Sunday, 5th April.



EASTER LILIES AT ST. PETER'S



Once again we shall be having Easter Lilies in church and you are invited to 'buy' a lily by donating £4 (or more) per flower and if you wish, to sign a card in memory of a loved one. The cards will be displayed in St. Peter's over the Easter period.

Cards need to be filled in and returned with your donation by Palm Sunday, 5th April.

To order a lily contact Liz Bradshaw 01246 582421 or Margaret Nelson 01629 812257


1st March - St David's Day: time for daffodils

1st March is St David's Day, and it's time for the Welsh to wear daffodils or leeks. Shakespeare called this custom 'an honourable tradition begun upon an honourable request' - but nobody knows the reason. Why should anyone have ever 'requested' that the Welsh wear leeks or daffodils to honour their patron saint? It's a mystery!

We do know that David - or Dafydd - of Pembrokeshire was a monk and bishop of the 6th century. In the 12th

century he was made patron of Wales, and he has the honour of being the only Welsh saint to be canonised and culted in the Western Church. Tradition has it that he was austere with himself, and generous with others - living on water and vegetables (leeks, perhaps?!) and devoting himself to works of mercy. He was much loved.

In art, St David is usually depicted in Episcopal vestments, standing on a mound with a dove at his shoulder; in memory of his share at an important Synod for the Welsh Church, the Synod of Brevi.



The Devonshire Marbles

SCOTT ENGERING

gives an illustrated lecture and leads

**'An exploration into the decorative
stones from the Chatsworth estate.'**

Saturday 28 March 2020, 2:30pm

St Peter's Church, Edensor.

**Tickets £10:00 available from Pilsley Post
Office 01246 582245 or on the door.**

Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on Wednesday 12th February 2020.

Eight members of the PCC were present and one apology was received.

Canon Dave opened the meeting with prayers.

Minutes from the last meeting on Wednesday 27th November were signed as a true record.

Report from the Chair: Canon Dave said that the Advent Carol Service, the Service of Lessons & Carols and Christmas Day service had been well attended. The service for Candlemas, with the baptism of baby Sophie Sharp, had been a very special occasion. There will be a Lent Group again this year and the usual services during Holy Week. The Sheep Service will take place on Sunday 3rd May - 10.45am.

Richard Finney, who mows the churchyard, is retiring at the end of this year. Quotes will be sought from a couple of people who do gardening locally. John Bowns offered to keep the edges of the paths trimmed two or three times throughout the year, which the PCC accepted gratefully.

Financial Report: The Draft accounts for the last financial year had been sent to the PCC prior to the meeting with a request for any queries to be sent to the Treasurer before the meeting, there were none and the accounts will now be sent to the Auditor for examination.

Mark had also sent out a list of questions for the PCC to think about and these were discussed. The PCC felt that a contactless payment machine would be a good way to encourage giving by the younger members of the congregation and Liz Bradshaw was asked to look into this on the Parish Resource website.

On the question of what level of free cash reserves the PCC want available for a rainy day Mark advised on 3 months of outgoings - £17,000. Cynthia proposed that we accept this figure as a reserve for emergencies and this was seconded by John Bowns with full agreement from the other members present.

Approval of purchase of new accounting system: The Treasurer explained that there was a need to move from the current system of accounting as his old laptop no longer supported the new Microsoft systems and all his other machines are Apple. The company who operate the software, which is two separate packages which costs us £170 per annum for both, will not operate on Apple. They do, however, have HMRC compliant online versions of both packages which are £15 per month per package totalling £360 per year, and these could be used on his Apple machine. The PCC agreed that this was the best way forward and this was proposed by David Jackson and seconded by Christine Robinson.

Safeguarding: New Safeguarding procedures now mean that ALL PCC members must have at least the basic C0 training. Canon Dave will ask our Safeguarding Officer, Sarah Porter, to email PCC members with details on how to access the online training website.

Schedule of Works report: The Faculty application for the new toilets has reached the Public Notice stage; two notices and sets of plans are available for viewing - one on Book Table and the other on the noticeboard in the north porch. These will remain in place until 6th March. David Jackson will contact Richard Brook about the sample boards we requested for the fittings and funding grants will be applied for.

Re-gilding the clock dial: Two quotes had been received from Smith's of Derby, one for a completely new dial at a cost of £16,500 + VAT and one for the restoration of the

dial *in situ* by their engineers working from roped access at a cost of £7,990 + VAT. Both options were discussed and the PCC decided that the restoration of the present dial would be the best way forward, as it would preserve the history and integrity of the clock. This was proposed by Liz Bradshaw and seconded by Cynthia Gordon with agreement from the rest of the PCC. It was suggested that Liz Bradshaw contact Smith's to ask what the life expectancy of the restored dial might be.

Conservation of brass plaque in the sanctuary: Liz Bradshaw had spoken to Martin Stuchfield, President & Hon Conservation Officer, Monumetal Brass Society Consultant, about the memorial plaque in the sanctuary to John Beton. Photographs of the plaque had been sent to Martin, who thought that as it was on the wall it was not in immediate danger; however, he was concerned about the screws attaching it to the wall, which appear to be of stainless steel. Martin, who lives in Suffolk, will make a visit to St. Peter's later in the year when he is in this area. An email will be sent to him saying that the PCC would like to accept this offer.

Update on grants: Canon Dave will speak to Sarah Porter about applying for grants.

Professional Cleaning of the Church floor: David Jackson had received a quote for the cleaning of the church floor at a cost of £2,016.63 +VAT. This was discussed and the PCC felt that we should speak to the architect before any decision was taken. David will contact Richard Brook.

Fundraising: In her absence Nadine had written to say that the proposed play would take place next spring.

Lynne updated us on her planned events for '150 years of St. Peter's'. Posters and flyers for the two events in March were available for distribution by the PCC.

Raffle prizes needed for all the events.

Cynthia and Duncan Gordon will host a 'Salmon & Strawberries' lunch on Sunday 26th July, with a maximum of 30 people at £15 per person. The PCC thought this was an excellent idea and thanked Cynthia.

Date of next meeting - APCM 29th March after the service.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm followed by the Grace.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

St. Peter's Church, Edensor

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect two churchwardens and an assistant churchwarden will be held on **Sunday 29th March**, following the morning service. All residents of the ecclesiastical parish of Edensor and on the local government electoral roll or those on the church electoral roll are entitled to vote (check with Christine Robinson that your name is on the church electoral roll).

The Annual Parochial Church meeting will follow this meeting and only those on the church electoral roll may vote at this meeting. However, it is open to anyone else to attend.

There are nomination forms at the back of the church for the positions of 2 councillors and 2 Deanery Synod representatives on the PCC. The PCC meets approximately 4 times a year so please consider putting yourself forward or nominating someone for this rewarding work.

Church of England launches energy rating tool for churches - as Synod considers new 'net zero'

The Church of England is launching an energy rating system similar to those used for household appliances. The aim is to help monitor the carbon footprint of its almost 40,000 buildings, as General Synod has recently voted on a major new proposal to reach 'net zero' CO2 emissions.

The hope is for all parts of the Church of England, from parishes to national bodies, to aim for ambitious year-on-year reductions in emissions to reach 'net zero' by 2045 at the latest.

In a first step, parishes are being offered a new rating tool, which calculates their energy consumption. It will take into account factors including the type of power they use, whether they are on 'green' tariffs, the size of the building and usage.

The Bishop of Salisbury, Nicholas Holtam, the Church of England's lead bishop for Environmental Affairs, said: "The Church of England has buildings in every architectural style and material from the past 1,500 years, posing some unique challenges when it comes to energy efficiency.

"However, churches are not museums; they are living buildings which serve their communities every day of the week, and being greener isn't about doing less, it's about equipping parishes to get smarter about energy consumption.

"Christians are called to safeguard God's creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. Faced with the reality of catastrophic climate change, which will affect the world's most vulnerable people the soonest, radical and immediate action is our only option."

A paper sent to Synod members before February's General Synod also outlined the potential impacts of climate change directly affecting the Church. It warned parishes that, as impacts start to accelerate, more churches will need to be prepared to play missional roles in their communities, including offering sanctuary in extreme weather events, as was seen at the church of St Cuthbert, Fishlake, following flooding of the River Don last year.

To make you smile.....

The cost of the Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Nature is wonderful. A million years ago she didn't know we were going to wear spectacles yet look at the way she placed our ears.

Major expansion of science education planned for ministry training

Grants to provide opportunities to learn about cutting-edge science for people training for the priesthood in the Church of England are to be made available as part of a £3.4 million project aimed at transforming the relationship between science and faith.

Theological colleges and courses will be encouraged to bid for funds to help integrate discussion on science-related subjects into existing theological studies in the latest phase of the Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science (ECLAS) project.

Organisers hope that up to half of all people training for ordained ministry will eventually benefit from sessions where they have an opportunity to

discuss topics such as Artificial Intelligence and the questions it raises for society. This will be funded by the project, run by the Universities of Durham and York in partnership with the Church of England.

Under the plans, the project will also provide more conferences for senior church leaders and clergy on areas of scientific interest.

The Bishop of Kingston, Richard Cheetham, said: "This project has transformative potential. I can see it contributing to the shaping of a future generation of church leaders who enjoy science and are unafraid of complexity, fully prepared to engage in conversation with the pressing questions raised by cutting edge research."

Why women over 50 should slim down

Most women who are over 50 would be wise to lose some weight, and thereby reduce their chance of developing breast cancer.

So says some recent Harvard research, which found that those who lost the most weight also cut

their risk of breast cancer by up to a quarter.

Two in three women in Britain are overweight or obese. One in eight women in the UK will develop breast cancer. Being overweight is a driving factor, as after the menopause, oestrogen drops, but fat cells keep the hormone raised, which can cause tumours to grow.

A senior moment

I made a list. I checked it twice. I left it at home.

When Spring comes

By the Rev Tony Horsfall of Charis Training. More details at: www.Charistraining.co.uk.

'See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.'
Song of Songs 2:11-12

March is the month that I associate with the coming of Spring, my favourite time of the year, and such a relief after the darkness and gloom of Winter. This verse beautifully describes the joy that most of us feel as the days begin to brighten, and Nature starts to awaken once again.

These words also speak to us about a new season in life, one that is filled with hope and expectation. Sometimes we experience the darkness of winter in our lives – maybe in the form of depression, bereavement, chronic illness, family difficulties, financial problems and so on. These long winter months of the soul may seem to last forever. Our

joy disappears, our energy dissipates, our mood is low. A thick black cloud hangs over us and it seems as if the sun will never shine again.

Then we have this reminder that no season lasts for ever. The cold grip of Winter gradually thaws and gives way to warmer days. The sun does shine again, and the temperature rises. Birds sing and flowers blossom. The sap rises. Love is in the air.

And in the spiritual realm the same happens. Eventually we will enter a new season of the soul. Joy returns and life gets back to something like normality. No darkness lasts for ever. We experience our own awakening, a kind of mini resurrection. We start to feel alive again, to see possibilities and to dream again.

In the depths of Winter, we can look ahead to the certainty of Spring. Faith enables us to believe that the winter of the soul will soon be past as well. In the darkness we choose to hope in God.

New Christian heritage network will “reach thousands with a gospel message”

Church-based, actively Christian groups have teamed up to create a new network of Christian heritage tour operators.

The network includes operators of tours, exhibitions and resources in London, Norwich, Oxford, Cambridge, Harwich/Essex, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Lincolnshire-Nottinghamshire.

Visit:

www.christianheritagenetwork.org.uk

The bonus years

by Tony Horsfall, who has just celebrated a significant birthday....

'Our days may come to 70 years, or 80, if our strength endures.' Psalm 90:10

I have known this verse most of my life, but only this month has it become reality for me. Yes, I have transitioned into my 70s and am now a septuagenarian. It is a strange feeling as I realise that I am now in my bonus years. With 25,550 days of my life already gone, each new day is to be welcomed as a gift and enjoyed to the full.

Life expectancy in the UK is currently 79.2 years for men and 82.9 years for women, so hopefully there are still a few years ahead of me. However, we cannot take our health for granted, nor that of our loved ones. This is the period when the fact of our mortality – and that of those around us – will become increasingly real.

Psalm 90 was written by Moses who lived to the grand old age of 120, and who stayed in remarkable health – his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone (Deuteronomy 34:7). Growing old is not too bad when you have good health and adequate resources, but for many of us that may not be the case. Indeed, Moses – with a touch of realism (or pessimism?) – also says about our years that 'the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away' (v10).

All the more reason, then to remember that God, the One who is from everlasting to everlasting, can be our dwelling-place (v1). He can be our refuge, and our fortress, the One in whom we place our trust.

Whatever our later years may bring, we can dwell safely in the shelter of the Most High and rest securely in the shadow of the Almighty (Psalm 91:1-2).

Depressed doggie?

Is your pet depressed? Seriously. It seems that more and more pets are developing mental health problems, according to some research by Compare the Market. Certainly insurance claims for pets being treated for mental health problems have gone up by 50 per cent. In the past year alone,

insurers have paid out more than £750,000 for dogs with depression, cats with anxiety and similar ailments.

In fact, treating your pet for a mental health complaint has become so commonplace that even eight of the 10 cheapest pet insurers now offer such cover.

Family and Freedom

The Revd Canon David Winter considers the Royal Family.

The ructions in the Royal Family in January, widely reported (whether a fact or guess work) remind us that while they are 'royal' they are also a 'family'. God sets the lonely in families, the Bible says. But He also sets the awkward, the odd and the rebellious in them. Families are not associations of the identical, but places where difference is recognised and honoured.

Prince Harry is not Prince William, but neither is he Prince Charles, his father. Perhaps he is a bit more like the independent Diana, his mother.

Recognising difference, and respecting it, lies at the heart of family life, and always has. We may wish our children were replicas of ourselves, but they are not. My late wife was a nurse, and I was a journalist and broadcaster. We had three children. Today one of them manages a posh shop in Covent Garden, one is a musician travelling the world with a well-known folk-rock band, and another is a vicar. Long live the difference!

Families are wonderful. But they seem to work best when the individual members are set free to be themselves. We are not all the same, thank God!

Look for good pasture – spend time with good people

There are some people who inspire you to be all you can as a Christian. When you meet one of these, it is a good idea to stay near them, and learn all you can from them. We are affected by the people whom we spend time with – pray that you will meet people who will lift you up, and not drag you down, in your Christian walk. The Bible says: 'He who walks with wise men will be wise.' (Proverbs 13:20)

Many Christians admit that their present Christian faith was built on the wonderful example of Christians

they met during their teenage years. They were inspired and encouraged and moulded by these older Christians. What a wonderful gift they were given! Good spiritual nourishment is vital for building a strong, vibrant faith.

Seeing God bless someone else can increase your own desire to reach higher, and also be blessed in that way. When you see a 'successful' Christian, don't be envious, and want to sabotage them. Instead, be inspired and ask God to use you in some fruitful way. But remember – Jesus said that HE is the vine, and we are only the branches. No branch is ever going to flourish unless it stays deeply attached to the vine.

200 years of astronomy

by Tim Lenton

The Royal Astronomical Society was founded 200 years ago, on 10th March 1820.

Originally called the Astronomical Society of London, it had been opposed by Sir Joseph Banks, president of the Royal Society, who persuaded the Duke of Somerset to withdraw his agreement to be the first president. But it survived with William Herschel as president, though he never actually took the chair at a meeting.

The idea was simply to promote astronomy. At the outset there were very few professional astronomers, but this soon changed. A Royal Charter was signed by William IV in 1831, and the name of the Society

was altered. Since then every monarch has been a patron.

The Society was closed to women at first, and women were not admitted to fellowship until 1916, although Caroline Herschel was awarded a gold medal as early as 1828 and elected an honorary member, with Mary Somerville, in 1835.

Currently the Society, with more than 4000 members, has three main functions: maintaining a library, organising scientific meetings – geophysics is now part of its remit – and publishing journals.

A prominent 21st century fellow is Professor David Wilkinson, a theoretical astrophysicist and lecturer in theology, who is working on the dialogue between science and religion.

Are you a late bloomer?

Are you crossing life's milestones later than your grandparents and even parents did? Not to worry – you are not alone.

The office for National Statistics has recently revealed that for many of us, life's milestones are happening later. We are marrying, buying our first homes, becoming parents, divorcing, becoming grandparents, and retiring later than ever.

The average age for women to give birth in 1999 was 29 years; in 2018 it was 31.

The average age for a man to divorce in 1998 was 40.4; in 2018 it was 46.9. The average age for retirement in women in 1999 was 60.8; in 2019 it was 64.3.

If you are older, here's a great bit of news: men and women aged 65-74 are happier than any other age group. (Those aged 40-50 are least happy.)

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.

A Bucket of Tadpoles: Springtime, Curiosity, and the Theology of Science

When I was nearly three, I knocked a bucket of tadpoles all over the patio. Those unfortunate creatures must have been collected to educate my brother and I on where frogs came from, but a toddler can't just stand by and watch. Can I see up close? Or maybe I was 'helpfully' moving it to another place. I just remember doing something I shouldn't have done, and tadpoles on the ground. I was sad that I wouldn't get to see those creatures grow up.

I might have been great at destroying things when I was a child (my family would probably say I still am), but I absolutely love watching living things up close. The more I learn, the more my sense of wonder grows. For a tadpole to become a frog, large sections of its gut, salivary glands and muscles must die, as well as the gills. The cells in those tissues are programmed to curl up and disintegrate, and are then swallowed up by a specialised kind of white blood cell. Legs grow from small sacs of cells on the tadpole's body, and

one of my textbooks says that 'The nervous system is also remodelled' - which I suspect is a bit of an understatement.

This knowledge removes a little of the mystery of how a tadpole turns into a frog, but there is plenty more to discover. These few details also reveal the cleverness of the process. Metamorphosis is surprisingly common in the animal kingdom. How is that an efficient way to grow up, or is efficiency not the most important thing for an animal?

Scientists are essentially grown-ups who are still very much in touch with their inner two-year-old. They refuse to stop asking questions, even when finding an answer becomes decidedly more awkward than opening a textbook.

Many scientists are people of faith, and this also drives their questioning. They believe that God created a world that was very good, that the purpose of all Creation is to praise Him, that we are made in God's image, and that we are tasked with looking after Creation. So Christians, of all people, should be enjoying and investigating our surroundings. These are the bones of a theology of science which serves some of us very well, and keeps us looking into things like buckets of frogs - that is, until a two year-old comes and knocks them over.

Remembering the martyrdom of Oscar Romero

by Tim Lenton.

Oscar Romero, the Archbishop of San Salvador, was shot dead by a gunman as he celebrated Mass in a hospital chapel 40 years ago, on 24th March 1980.

The Archbishop was widely known for speaking out against poverty, social injustice, torture and assassinations during a struggle between left-wing and right-wing forces. No-one was ever convicted of the shooting, though the Truth Commission for El Salvador suggested that extreme right-wing politician Roberto D'Aubuisson might have given the order.

Romero was regarded as a hero by supporters of liberation theology, though his biographer said he adhered to traditional Catholic

teachings. Seen as a social conservative at his appointment in 1977, he was deeply affected by the murder of his fellow priest Rutilio Grande a few weeks later.

In 2010, the UN proclaimed 24th March 'International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims' in recognition of Romero's defence of human rights. He is recognised by other Christian denominations, including the Church of England, through the liturgical calendar.

Romero is one of the ten 20th-century martyrs depicted in statues above the Great West Door of Westminster Abbey in London. He was canonised by Pope Francis in October 2018.



Run yourself to fitness

The London Marathon will be run next month (April). Here is some good news for anyone training for it: running a marathon for the first time can reverse key markers of your ageing by up to four years. Research at University College London and Barts Health NHS Trust found that people who trained for six months had major improvements in their blood pressure and arterial stiffness.

While marathons are great, they are not for everyone, and one doctor stressed that anyone can benefit from taking more exercise. "Keeping active reduces your risk of having a heart attack or stroke and cuts your chances of an early death. Setting yourself a goal, such as training for a marathon, is a great way to stay motivated."

The soaring cost and changing tastes in funerals

Never mind living, soon it will be too expensive to die! The cost of funerals has reached record highs, with families now spending an average of £9,493 on a funeral. That is an increase of more than three per cent in just the past year. Only if you are really strict, and shop around, can you still find a very basic funeral for just under £4,500.

But it seems that more and more of us want extras. And they can be quirky! Seven out of ten funeral directors have reported requests ranging from a Disney-themed service, to an all-pink wedding-style

ceremony. They have been asked to release balloons at the end of the service, or even doves. As for appropriate music, whereas once 'Abide with Me' was the favourite, these days it can be 'Another One Bites the Dust' by Queen.

As for getting your loved one to their final resting place, nowadays you needn't rely on the hearse; use a motorcycle and sidecar instead. Or, most spectacular of all, you can even choose to place the ashes of your loved one into a large firework, and blast them off, high up into the sky!

The research was done by the Competition and Markets Authority.

What's in your child's lunchbox?

Ten years ago, too many children's lunch boxes contained processed ham sandwiches and packets of crisps. Sadly, today, little has changed.

A recent study at Leeds University has found that the majority of lunchboxes still fall well below nutritional standards. Only one in five include any vegetables or salad. Less than one per cent have sandwiches

with plant-based fillings, such as hummus. There is also a drop in various minerals and vitamins such as A, C and zinc. Even the bread is less healthy: as tortillas and wraps are gaining in popularity.

But as one public health information officer points out, "given the choice of unhealthy food and drinks that are often marketed as 'family packs' or 'good for lunch boxes', it is hardly surprising that busy parents go for these options."

To make you smile.....

Teacher: "What is the difference between results and consequences?"

Bright pupil: "Results are what you expect; consequences are what you get."

Wet..... *Physics Professor:* "What happens when the human body is immersed in warm water?"

Student: "The telephone rings."

Eat seasonally

Eco-warriors who lead protest marches may have good intent, but what are they doing at home? Are they block-paving their gardens or eating avocados, for example?

Alan Titchmarsh, writing in his recent column in *Gardeners' World*, points out: "We cannot berate members of the Royal family and global superstars for flying hither and yon in private jets if we buy strawberries in January, for they, too, will have necessitated the burning of fossil fuel to reach our table."

Titchmarsh says that if we really want to make a difference, we should eat seasonally. "I yearn for a return to ... English apples and pears in

autumn and winter, strawberries and raspberries in summer, and asparagus from April to June.

And while he would not deprive anyone of "a slice of lemon for their G&T," he does worry "about the growing consumption of avocados, which is causing the destruction of Mexican rainforests to make way for avocado plantations."

So instead of avocados this month, why not consider some artichoke, beetroot, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage (both Savoy and white), carrots, chicory, cauliflowers, endives, fennel, or spinach, to name but a few of the vegetables in season in March?

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

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Smile....

It is much more dignified to say we're moving in cycles rather than running around in circles, although it comes to about the same thing.

Garden trends for 2020

What plans do you have for your garden this year? Probably you will slow down on the digging, and maybe try making some mud pies by your new bee hotel instead. These are among the predictions of The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).

The RHS reports a growing desire among gardeners to keep their soil healthy by adopting a 'no dig' philosophy, which limits damage to soil structure and wildlife.

As for mud pies, the RHS hopes that more parents will tempt their children into the garden to enjoy themselves with simple fun, and also to enjoy the benefits of soil bacteria on their immune system.

And bee hotels? They are just one of many ways in which we can take positive steps towards helping nature. Gardens need to be a bit less tidy, with seed heads left for the birds to eat, fallen logs left for the hedgehogs and beetles to sleep in, and piles of dead grass and weeds for our woodlice and other small crawlies. Gardens also need simple ponds, and plants for pollinators. Clipped shrubs, manicured lawns and pesticides do not help nature at all.

As Guy Barter, RHS chief horticulturalist says: "There's a rising tide of concern about the environment.... In the garden at least we can have some control. Now we are all wildlife gardeners, helping songbirds, helping beetles and woodlice."

Do you need a dachshund?

Never mind Labradors and French bulldogs – the latest 'must have' dog is rapidly becoming the dachshund.

The number of dachshund puppies registered in the UK has risen by 112 per cent in just the last five years. In 2013, 4,887 dachshund puppies were registered with the Kennel Club. By 2018, this had risen to 10,377.

As a Kennel Club spokesman said: "It isn't surprising, especially as trends towards smaller homes and busy

lifestyles grow. The breed has become 'Insta-famous', with thousands of social media fans. Many celebrities own one, and there is no doubt these dogs have the cute factor."

But he went on to warn: "Although dachshunds are fun, friendly characters, they are also strong-willed and take time and commitment. We urge people to make sure they understand their preferred breed and its characteristics before making a decision to buy a dog."



Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

Appointment Times: Clinicians will endeavour to keep to time; however, they also need to afford the patient the appropriate consultation time, which may lead to them overrunning. Therefore, it is imperative that patients arrive on time for their appointments as it will have a rolling knock-on effect if you are late.

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

Telephone Numbers:

Reception: 01246 582216

Surgery Fax: 01246 583867

Dispensary: 01246 582366

District Nursing Team - 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 11th March,
Wednesday 8th April & Wednesday 13th
May

Easter Bank Holidays – the surgery will be closed on Good Friday the 10th of April and Bank Holiday Monday the 13th 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 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

3	5	9	6	4	1	8	7	2
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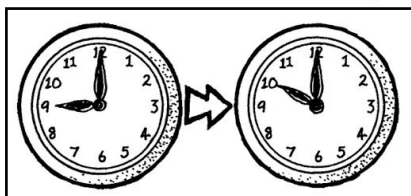
February
solution



March
Sudoku

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Don't forget to put your clocks
forward 1 hour on 29th March

The man who invented self-raising flour

by Tim Lenton.

Henry Jones, a baker from Bristol, was granted a patent for his invention of self-raising flour 175 years ago, on 17th March 1845.

Jones was born in Monmouth, Wales, but he established a bakery in Broadmead, Bristol. His formula for making self-raising flour – essentially a process of baking without yeast – was granted a patent in 1845, and by the end of 1846 it was a runaway success, and he was soon supplying patent flour and biscuits to Queen Victoria.

He was granted a patent in the USA in 1849, and in 1852 the first gold

medal for the new flour was issued to a Chicago firm using the Bristol formula, but his greatest opponent was the British Admiralty. Jones pointed out in detail and at length the benefits to seamen of using the new flour instead of the hard biscuits they were used to, and he received a great deal of support from individual captains and many prominent people.

But it was not until 1855, when his flour was used in the Crimean War – partly at the request of Florence Nightingale – and was so effective in saving lives and improving food supplies, that it got the grudging acceptance of the Admiralty.

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

St. Peter's Church 100 Club January Draw 2020

1st prize £30 no. 67 Vacant number

2nd prize £20 no. 89 Trevor Grimshaw

Funds to church this month - £50

The 100 Club raised £678.49 in 2019 for the Restoration Fund and received an additional £750 from the Business Banking Switch. Therefore, the total raised in 2019 for the Restoration Fund was £1,428.49.

Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 club.
Ann Hall



Fancy a Social Dog Walk?

Where? : Stanton Moor
Meet in Birchover Stone
Quarry car park

When? : The 2nd Saturday
of every month starting
on January 11th at 9:30am

Why? : For good company and
a lovely walk with other dog owners

Non dog walkers also very welcome

Very Easy walk 45—60 minutes

Email Helen Milton : helen.milton@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Please note : Dog walkers are responsible for keeping their
dogs under close control, cleaning up after their dog
and following the countryside code.



Attention Parents. (Smile.....)

There will be a conference on how to help your teen avoid pre-marital sex. The featured speaker will be Molly Kelly, a nationally known speaker on abstinence and mother of eight.

SERVICES & ROTAS FOR MARCH 2020

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES*</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
1	9.30am Holy Communion	Fiona Swain*	3 rd - 7 th Jane Hornsby
8	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	
15	9.30am Holy Communion+	Barbara Hawksworth*	18 th - 21 st Fiona L
22	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	
29	9.30am Holy Communion	Fiona Lichfield*	
* NB Brasses only during Lent + Mothering Sunday			
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
1	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
8	10.45am Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
15	10.45am Matins	John Bowns/Mike Pindar	
22	10.45am Holy Communion (Mothering Sunday)	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
29	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Liz Bradshaw	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
1	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	No flowers - Lent
8	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Wardle	“ “
15	John & Gill Caws	Mike Pindar/Jennie Ball	“ “
22	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Nelson	“ “
29	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	“ “
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>
1	Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11	John Bowns <i>Lent One</i>	A young person
8	Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17	Mike Woodcock <i>Lent Two</i>	Fiona Swain
15	Exodus 17: 1 - 7 John 4: 5 - 42	Tom Cornell <i>Lent Three</i>	Sarah Porter
22	Colossians 3: 12-17 John 19: 25-27	Bob Carter <i>Lent Four (Mothering Sunday)</i>	Rupert Turner
29	Ezekiel 37: 1-14 John 11: 1-45	Christine Robinson <i>Lent Five</i>	Fiona Lichfield

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