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All of you reading this article have your own feast day which is called a birthday. A day when you celebrate being alive. Cards, gifts, flowers, a special meal and telephone calls tell you that your family and friends are glad to know you and that you make a difference in their lives.

On Sunday 22nd November the Church celebrates the special feast day of Christ the King. We celebrate Jesus Christ, risen, ascended and glorified. We give thanks to God on this day for all he has done for us and for the difference he makes to our lives. We celebrate the Kingship of Christ. But what sort of Kingship are we celebrating? When Jesus was crucified he wasn't dressed in fine robes, his crown had no jewels, only twisted thorns. On his hands there were no rings of power, just the nails which fixed him to a wooden cross. On Good Friday there were no courtiers or servants around him, just two criminals sharing his fate. The crowd consisted of soldiers and ghoulish spectators who taunted and mocked him.

Is it just possible that in this picture we are getting a glimpse of the sort of Kingship that can meet our deepest inner needs? The needs we sometimes are unable to face ourselves and which are certainly not met by the rulers of this world. Here is a King who is prepared to suffer alongside us. This is not a King who holds himself aloof from ordinary people like you and me. This is a King who gets stuck in, who experiences betrayal, injustice, humiliation, brutal cruelty and yet, maintains his dignity and his integrity. This picture of Kingship on the cross turns traditional Kingship upside down.

On Sunday 29th November we begin a new Christian Year. The season of Advent will begin again to tell the story of Jesus coming into the world. As we journey through the year hearing the stories of the birth, life, ministry, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus, we too will be travelling on our own journeys. We will go through the wilderness times of doubt and anxiety. We will have the mountaintop experiences of excitement and good news. We will also plod along through the everyday life of ordinary times. As we travel these roads we will have a companion alongside us to give meaning and purpose to our lives.

As we celebrate Christ the King we are not called to bask in his glory, but to join with him in spending ourselves in love. His Kingship is based on the power of love rather than the love of power. Can we then recognise him in the poor, the powerless and the unloved? Can we embody in our own lives the power of his suffering love and humble compassion? The King is among us: may we both see him and be him in the most unlikely situations?

Every Blessing  
Canon Dave

## FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S

23<sup>rd</sup> September ~ Memorial service for David Hall

### Social lifeline to older people

It is not a surprise that older people are demonstrably happier when they can stay in touch with friends and family.

Now recent research by University College London (UCL) has found that people over 50 who use the internet for communicating with

loved ones, have better mental health. But they tend to feel worse when they use the internet for information, such as job-hunting.

As one researcher said, the internet “does provide some substitute for face-to face communication, and does have a positive impact on mental health.”

### Telephone Numbers

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## **A Message from Pilsley Post Office & Village Shop**



In these difficult times, especially with our maturing local residents still being careful, I am very happy to deliver any emergency grocery items/essentials to you in Pilsley and Edensor. We can arrange payment over the phone by card.

Let's show that the Pilsley and Edensor community can support each other!

Best wishes  
Sarah Titterton

Sarah is also able to collect prescriptions from Baslow surgery for residents of Pilsley and Edensor, just contact her to let her know.

### **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

## 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.



Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all the events that were planned to celebrate this milestone had to be cancelled.

However, we hope that we will be able to stage these events at some time in the not too distant future!

Watch this space!

### **Diamonds are for lockdown...**

Here's an unexpected outcome of Covid-19: it has inspired more of us to get engaged.

Engagement rings sales have risen this year, in some firms by up to 73 per cent, a survey of various jewellery firms has discovered.

When, at the beginning of lockdown, Dr Jenny Harries, the deputy chief medical officer, suggested that couples could get round the coming isolation by

moving in together, it seems that many listened to her. They decided to give it a go and 'test the strength of their relationship.'

"A lot of people have now resolved to go ahead and tie the knot," said one jeweller. "Perhaps they are thinking: 'life's too short, let's go for it'."

Another jeweller said: "Maybe if you can make it through lockdown together, you can make it through anything."

It was 60 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1960, that a British jury cleared Penguin Books of obscenity for publishing D H Lawrence's novel 'Lady Chatterley's Lover'. This event is often considered the beginning of the permissive society in Britain.

## 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.

## JUST GIVING AT ST. PETER'S

We now have a **JustGiving** page, where people can donate to St Peter's at any point, the link is <https://www.justgiving.com/edensor-stpeters>.



If you normally give to St. Peter's through an envelope in Church, you can still support our mission by giving online and following the link at Just Giving. <https://www.justgiving.com/edensor-stpeters>.

### St. Peter's Church 100 Club September Draw 2020

1st prize £30 no. 74 Pauline Mather  
2nd prize £20 no. 47 Kathy Twelves

**Funds to church this month - £50**

Ann Hall

### BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

In view of the latest government advice, especially looking at our age profile, we have decided to suspend BASH Film Society for the foreseeable future.

Joy Thrower, BASH secretary

## ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

TheGivingMachine is a unique registered charity that enables you to generate sales commissions with every online purchase. They convert these commissions into free donations for the schools, charities and other community

organisations you choose. **St Anne's, Beeley** is one of the organisations you can support. The donation is calculated without going via another website so doesn't affect your shopping experience.

Please sign up at <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk>



### Women like hugs

Women are more genetically predisposed to giving you a hug than a man is.

According to a recent study at Arizona University, about 45 per cent of a woman's desire for affection is hereditary, while the remaining 55 per cent is due to environmental factors. In comparison, men's 'skin

hunger' is due to entirely environmental factors.

The scientists found that, 'almost without exception', women tend to be more affectionate than men. "There is some speculation that affectionate behaviour is more health supportive for women than it is for men, and that it helps women to manage the effects of stress more than it does for men."

### Cost of plastic bags to increase

Hang on to your plastic bags - the single-use ones are going to double in cost from 5p to 10p in all the shops from April 2021.

The Government has said the measure is to further reduce the UK's plastic consumption.

George Eustice, the Environment Secretary, said: "We have all seen the devastating impact plastic bags have

on the oceans and on precious marine life, which is why we are taking bold and ambitious actions to tackle this issue head on."

Dr Laura Foster, head of clean seas at the Marine Conservation Society, said: "It's encouraging to see the Government take further steps in reducing our reliance on single-use plastic bags." The increased charge, she said, would remind people "of everyday, simple changes they can make to help the marine environment."



## CALTON LEES

*by Jane White*

Where else would I want to be  
As Autumn makes her mark  
Than in the tiny hamlet of Calton  
Lees  
Hidden deep within The Park.

There's a little cluster of houses  
And what was once a working farm  
While pretty cottage gardens  
Add to its rustic charm.

Strolling up The Hollow  
With the brook meandering by  
When reaching Calton Houses  
The view seems to meet the sky.

Looking over to The Moor  
And across to Beeley Hilltop  
With a cottage sitting high on Cellar  
Bank  
All adding to the backdrop.

So as times change  
As change they surely will  
I hope a piece of tranquility  
For generations will be found here  
still.

## Nurture your friendships

Lockdown has damaged our social life, so badly that many of our friendships may not be the same for up to a year after lockdown. And although Zoom is 'extremely good' at slowing down the rate of a friendship's decay, 'nothing on earth is

going to stop a relationship quietly sliding away, if you don't once in a while meet up physically."

So warns an Oxford University academic, Robin Dunbar, who is an evolutionary psychology professor. He was talking to BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme.



## **£500 Test and Trace Support Payments available to Derbyshire Dales residents**



Derbyshire Dales District Council is supporting residents to self-isolate if they or someone they've come into contact with tests positive for COVID-19.

It is now a legal requirement for those testing positive for COVID-19, or those identified by NHS Test and Trace as a contact of someone with the virus, to self-isolate for 14 days.

The Government has announced that a payment of £500 is available for those on lower incomes who cannot work from home and have lost income as a result of self-isolating.

The Test and Trace Support Payment will be administered by local councils and Derbyshire Dales District Council is working to ensure a system is quickly in place to enable people who are eligible for support to claim this funding.

A council spokesperson said: "If you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace it is not only a legal requirement that you self-isolate but it's also one of the

most important ways we can prevent the spread of COVID-19, by breaking the chain of infection.

"However, we know that for many people, particularly those on low incomes, the financial implications of not being able to work due to self-isolation can be severe.

"We therefore welcome the announcement that funding of £500 will be available to support residents to self-isolate, and payments will be backdated for people who have been notified that they have to self-isolate on or after 28 September."

Residents will need to submit supporting evidence including their ID number from NHS Test and Trace, bank details, proof of employment and evidence that they are in receipt of certain benefits.

Applications can be made from Monday 12th October by visiting [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/Test&TracePayment](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/Test&TracePayment) or by telephone on 01629 818222 (select option 2 for Benefits enquiries).



## **Unanimous support for biodiversity project**

Derbyshire Dales district councillors have voted unanimously to increase biodiversity in the road verges and open spaces the authority manages.

A full council meeting on Thursday (8 October) agreed to create a working group to investigate and pursue the potential to increase biodiversity.

The District Council's Director Community & Environmental Services, Ash Watts, stressed this would be a collaborative project using "the wealth of experience among Members" and working with local town and parish councils and other bodies such as Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

He said that as well as road verges, the project would focus on parks and open spaces in the district, creating "wildlife corridors" and educational messages and information with help from local schools.

The new working group will investigate and trial changing the management of urban road verges that already have some wildlife interest to increase both the number of species and the population of wildflowers and will carry out a trial of the creation of wildflower verges.

A key aim will be to raise awareness of these verges to residents of the Dales

and to ask for their help in identifying verges rich in wildflowers.

Matlock councillor Martin Burfoot told the meeting:

"This topic has long been close to the top of my agenda while witnessing many hectares of verges and public open space owned and managed by both county and district councils being relentlessly mown week after week, month after month through the summer. Until this year, and I can honestly say it's the only thing you can say 'thanks to the Covid pandemic and lockdown' that so many areas have been left unmown for many weeks.

"A change in public as well as officer and Member perception is needed since we're all accustomed to seeing close, mown, pristine open space and we get residents urging us to make sure that all these areas are mown like bowling greens. They are what I call landscape deserts, especially around so many of our housing developments and even school grounds."

The meeting heard that the UK has lost 97% of its wildflower meadows since the 1930s and remaining meadows are often isolated.

Road verges provide important corridors for plants and animals by linking these wild spaces, and they are also habitats for plants, invertebrates, small mammals and birds.

Over the last two decades road verges have declined in biodiversity due to changes in management, with them being mowed too regularly or at the wrong time.

## Help our wildlife before it is too late

*Could you at least help hedgehogs this winter...*

A quarter of mammals in the UK are at risk of extinction, and this decline will continue unless their habitats are restored and some species are reintroduced.

So warns the chair of Natural England, Tony Juniper, referring to a recent list of endangered animals issued by the Mammal Society, and approved by the United Nations.

UK mammals most in danger are the greater mouse-eared bat, the water vole, the hedgehog, hazel dormouse and Scottish wildcat.

The European wolf is already extinct.

Tony Juniper advises that reintroducing some mammals would help others at greater risk. For example, introducing more pine martens would help control the grey squirrels, which in turn would give our native red squirrels a better chance.

As one professor of environmental biology said: "Here in Britain we are managing to send even rodents towards extinction. Things have to change rapidly if we want our children and grandchildren to enjoy the wildlife that we take for granted."



## Spare a thought for your furry friend

Many dogs have struggled to adjust to the changes that Covid-19 has brought to their owners this year, according to the Dogs Trust.

For one thing, coronavirus has meant greatly reduced walkies for many dogs, more people

around the house all day, less quiet for rest, and little or no contact with other dogs. No wonder that the Dogs Trust has reported that 82 per cent of owners have reported an increase in barking or whining.



## 80 years on, we still need courage and endurance

*The Revd John Crew considers an historic moment in recent history.*

This year is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Britain – when the horrors of the Luftwaffe bombs were heavy over British skies. On this Remembrance Day we can only imagine the terror of living in Coventry, in Liverpool, in London during those months, 80 years ago. It must have seemed like the beginning of the end of the world.

It is a good time to stop and thank God that in the end, evil did not prevail. Hitler did not win the battle to dominate Europe. His expected 'rule of a 1000 years' lasted a mere 12 years (1933 to 1945). And we can thank God for the courage and endurance of our fathers and

grandfathers, our mothers and grandmothers, in the midst of such towering darkness and destruction.

Sadly, 80 years on, the world is still at war. Man's greed, arrogance and desire for domination have not gone away. There are still battles to be fought for our land, major problems to be solved. Coronavirus, economic uncertainty, terrorism, climate warming... the threats are different from Hitler, but our need for courage, endurance and perseverance is the same.

It is a good time to pray for our nation and ourselves, to turn to God in repentance and in faith, to 'walk more nearly' and 'follow Him more clearly'. It is a good time to be ready to serve our God and serve our neighbour in whatever ways lie open before us.

### Lord, prop us up!

There is a story of an old farmer who always prayed the same prayer at his church meeting. 'Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side'. After hearing this many times, his minister asked him one day quite what he meant.

The farmer replied: "Well, it's like this... I've got an old barn out in one of my fields. It's been there a long time, and gone through a lot of

storms. One day a few years ago I noticed that it was leaning to one side a bit. So, I went and got some poles and propped it up on its leaning side, so it wouldn't fall. Then I got to thinking about how much I was like that old barn. I've been around a long time, and seen plenty of storms in life. I was still standing, but I was also leaning a bit. So, I decided to ask the Lord to prop me up, too, on my leaning side.

## POPPY APPEAL 2020

Look out for the Poppy Appeal again this year, but not so much via street collections. Instead, the Royal British Legion will focus on contactless donations, as a safer way forward during the pandemic.

One such method will be 'point of sale donations'. This means that when you shop at your supermarket and reach the till or online, you may be invited to round up your total to the nearest pound to help the Poppy Appeal.

A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "The Poppy Appeal 2020 is very much still going ahead", but that "the safety and wellbeing of our

volunteers, staff and members is paramount.

This means that collectors who fall into the vulnerable category have been advised "not to take part in activity on behalf of the Poppy Appeal that would expose them to any additional risks while coronavirus is still present."

And yet the need is still huge: "Members of the Armed Forces Community are suffering significant hardship as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and we at the Royal British Legion will do everything we possibly can to support them."



## Is my poppy recyclable?

All of the parts of our poppies can be recycled. After [Armistice Day](#) you can recycle your poppy at any [Sainsbury's](#) supermarket from 12 - 26 November.

There are also a variety of enamel poppy pins that you can wear instead of a paper poppy and we have a range of alternatives available from our [Poppy Shop](#). You can then choose to make a donation to the appeal every year.

We are committed to reducing the impact our poppies have on the environment and are working to remove all single use plastic in the future.

*This is taken from The Royal British Legion's website:-*

[www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal)



## **We Will Remember – 80 years on**

*Canon Paul Hardingham considers how we cope with an uncertain future.*

This year we've been remembering the Battle of Britain, described by Winston Churchill in August 1940 as *'one of the decisive battles of the war... never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.'* It was a dramatic turning point in the history of the Second World War. These occasions for Remembrance this month will provide us with times of gratitude for what was achieved in the darkest moments of war.

However, this year we are very aware of our own struggles with the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. We face an unseen enemy, but the effects on our lives and society are almost as devastating as world war.

Remembering is not just about focusing on past events. It is also about making present past events, as we give thanks for all that took place. The Battle of Britain was fought by the Few and won in the skies over the Channel. In our battle with the virus, we can call to mind the victory of Jesus: *'Remember Jesus*

*Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.'* (2 Timothy 2:8). Jesus secured the victory of death by His cross and resurrection, so that we don't need to fear death, but trust in His loving purposes for our lives.

Currently we can't see clearly what the future holds for us; it may be very different from what we might expect. However, we can pray for God's will to be done and that we will play our part, just as each of those airmen did so many years ago.

*'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'*



It was 100 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 1920, that following World War I, Britain and France held ceremonies to dedicate a national monument known as the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. The British monument is at Westminster Abbey in London.

## The destruction of Coventry

*Tim Lenton looks back on a night of terror...*

German Luftwaffe bombers virtually destroyed the city of Coventry – including its medieval cathedral – 80 years ago this month, on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1940.

Coventry was targeted by ‘Operation Moonlight Sonata’ as an industrial city, but more than 4300 homes were destroyed and about two-thirds of the city's buildings were damaged. There were many direct hits on the cathedral, and flames spread quickly. More than 550 people were killed and over 850 badly injured, with nearly 400 sustaining lesser injuries.

There would have been more casualties, but many citizens left at night to sleep in nearby towns or

villages after earlier air raids. Rumours that Churchill knew of the raid in advance but declined to take precautions to prevent the Germans knowing their code had been broken, were later shown to be misguided.

Joseph Goebbels later used the term *coventriert* (‘coventried’) to describe high levels of destruction in other towns.

The cathedral was left as a ruin, still standing today as a reminder of the bombing. A new cathedral was built close alongside in the 1950s, designed by the architect Basil Spence. The Queen laid its foundation stone in 1956. It was consecrated in 1962, and Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem* was composed to mark the occasion

## Come Let Us Adore Him – a Daily Advent Devotional

*By Paul David Tripp, Crossway/  
10ofThose, £4.99 ( Book Review)*

Every time the Christmas season comes around, we look forward to putting up a tree, giving and receiving gifts, and participating in other traditions that make this wonderful time of year so special. But sometimes the most significant aspect of the season—focusing on

the coming of Jesus—grows old and familiar.

Here Paul Tripp seeks to reawaken our awe during Christmastime. Each day begins with a compelling, gospel-centred thought followed by an extended meditation for the day. Each of the 31 devotions also includes a Scripture reading and notes for parents and children, equipping us to do the one thing that matters most each December—celebrate Jesus.

## Green grow'th the Holly

A music manuscript from about 1515 and attributed to King Henry VIII has the words:

*Green grow'th the holly,  
So doth the ivy,  
Though winter blasts ne'er so high  
Green grow'th the holly.*

The next three verses take us through spring, summer and autumn, so this is clearly not a Christmas carol, unlike the familiar 'The Holly and the Ivy'. What may not be known is that holly and ivy are two of the very few native evergreens, and in past times must have been especially popular in providing greenery during winter months.

With its shiny spiky dark green leaves, holly is surely one of the most easily recognised trees in this country. Though often bushlike, holly can grow up to ten metres high with a straight trunk and pyramid shape. It is dioecious, meaning each tree is either male or female, explaining possibly why the one in your garden never has any berries!

Nowadays we associate holly with Christmas wreaths and garlands, cards and carols. Pre-Victorian times saw holly branches used as Christmas trees, with the spiky leaves representing Christ's Crown

of Thorns and the red berries as drops of blood. Holly brought into the house was regarded as protection against evil spirits and as a refuge for good 'faeries' who would guard the residents of the house in return.

It is interesting to note that where no person or animal brushes by a holly, the leaves lack all spines except the one at the tip. This includes upper leaves on mature trees. A bit like people – be nice and they won't be scratchy!

Back to 'Green grow'th the Holly'. The final verse ends:

*The God of life can never die,  
Hope! Saith the holly.*

How wise. Where would we be without hope?





## **Churches report rising food bank demand as a result of pandemic**

Nearly 100,000 households sought food aid from the Trussell Trust's network of food banks for the first time earlier this year, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Demand is surging further this autumn, as a result of the economic fallout from the virus.

The research comes after food banks run or supported by Church of England churches reported rocketing demand during lockdown with some opening food banks for the first time

while some opened new food banks after lockdown.

*Just two examples:*

Hackney Church in East London was distributing parcels with enough food for 1,000 meals a week at start of lockdown. This figure rose to 8,000 and 9,000 meals a week in June, after the church opened a second food bank. It has since served 120,000 meals.

In Co. Durham, the Shildon Alive food bank, founded by St John's Church, has seen demand surge by 500 percent during lockdown.

## **Refugee bakers feed people in need from church kitchen**

A bakery set up in a church kitchen to train refugee women in bread-making skills is now supplying its local food bank with more than 200 loaves a week following the coronavirus lockdown.

Proof Bakery in Coventry, founded two years ago in conjunction with the Church Urban Fund, is sending 250 loaves a week to Coventry Food Bank, paid for by regular customers – and increasingly donors from as far afield as Scotland and Singapore.

The bakery, specialising in sourdough but teaching a range of baking skills, meets in St Catherine's Church in Stoke Aldermoor, Coventry. So far 11 refugee women have graduated from the bakery's training programme, with three currently employed at the bakery. Two of its bakers are refugees from the conflict in Syria.

The bakery is aiming for 500 donated loaves a week for the food bank and people in need. "We are expecting demand to keep increasing as more people lose employment. And with the bakery restarting its training programme for refugees this month, there is no better time to support it."

## **Offering hope as we face a second wave – Archbishops' letter to bishops**

***The Church has a vital role to play in offering hope and comfort to the nation as we face an expected second wave of the coronavirus, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have said.***

In a joint letter to the bishops of the Church of England, Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell set out a stark assessment of the challenges facing the country amid the pandemic including hunger, homelessness, mental health pressures and domestic violence.

But, they say, the Church of England, through its presence in every community, can play a vital role in serving the nation - especially those most in need - and in bringing hope to all through the gospel.

Churches are especially well placed, through networks and partnerships across the country, to help those most in need, who are hungry and homeless, they point out.

“Most of all we need to draw close to Christ and continue to offer the hope and stability of the Gospel,” the Archbishops write.

“It is this gospel joy, even in the darkest times, that alone can help us through this crisis, bringing hope and an eternal perspective to the very pressing trials of the moment.”

The Archbishops also highlight the particular pressures faced by small businesses after months of restrictions and issue a challenge to banks to show the same mercy to those in difficulties now as banks themselves received during the financial crisis.

Referencing the parable of the unforgiving servant in Matthew 18, they add: “It will be for us and others to encourage the banks, who received such help in 2009, to be equally merciful to others as the nation was to them.

“St Matthew 18:23-35 seems highly relevant.”

## Call for the Government to #KeepTheLifeline

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) has joined more than 60 other anti-poverty charities to call on the Government to #KeepTheLifeline, and not lower the standard allowance of Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit by £20 a week in April 2021, to the level at which it was before lockdown.

A spokesman for CAP said: "We're in this together. Our social security system will be vital to keep our society steady through the challenges ahead. This is our opportunity to choose to do the right thing: keep the lifeline and keep families afloat.

"For the people we help at CAP, an extra £20 a week goes a long way. It allows them to put food on the table, top up the prepayment meter or replace school shoes that are falling apart."

Estimates are that 4.1 million people already in financial difficulty have seen a reduction in their income because of coronavirus, and that peak unemployment will hit more than 18% in areas with the highest proportion of low paid jobs.

The Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) reported in June that these temporary changes to benefits were the reason that households in the poorest fifth had not fallen further behind, despite having been hit the hardest in terms of earnings (losing £160 per month on average).

But this temporary increase is due to end in April 2021. "Dropping the lifeline will slash the incomes of roughly 16 million people overnight, cutting them adrift while the storm is still raging, and with further turmoil ahead," said CAP.

## In praise of peanut butter

One quirky change of life under Covid-19 is that for some reason, we are eating more peanut butter.

According to a recent report in The Grocer, sales of the stuff rose by 35.5 per cent in the Spring.

Peanut butter producer Kirstie Hawkins (Whole Earth brand) is delighted. "Peanut butter offers an easy way to add more nutrition to breakfast and snack choices."

Whatever the reason, sales of peanut butter, at £98.9million in the past year, are now £2million more than those for jam.

## Safe Spaces launches to offer support to survivors

A new service providing vital support for survivors of church-related abuse has recently become operational.

[Safe Spaces](#), commissioned by the Anglican and Catholic Churches in England and Wales, is to be run by Victim Support, a national charity with a track record of providing survivor support.

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England, Church in Wales or the Catholic Church of England and Wales.

Safe Spaces comprises a team of trained support advocates, who have

undergone specialist training in supporting survivors of sexual violence and who have received additional specific training in how the churches respond to abuse cases, and the particular issues affecting people who have had or still have, a relationship with the church.

The service is for those who may have experienced any form of abuse, including sexual abuse, physical abuse, financial abuse, psychological abuse (including spiritual abuse), domestic abuse, coercive and controlling behaviour.

The service will run for an initial two years, with a view to extending this. It has been paid for by the Catholic and Anglican churches involved, supported by a grant from Allchurches Trust.

## The Soldier's Prayer

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health, that I might do greater things,  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I asked for –  
But everything that I had hoped for,  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am among all men most richly blessed.

*Soldier in the American Civil War*

## 19<sup>th</sup> November: Hilda - Abbess of Whitby

Hilda played a key role in the early English Christian church, and she may even have been the first to encourage the writing of Christian poetry.

She was born a princess, into the Deiran (Northumbrian) dynasty, and her sister became Queen of the East Angles, with whom the Deiran had connections.

In those days East Anglia had close ties with the Gallic Church, and because of her sister, Hilda came under that influence. She was actually on her way to take her monastic vows near Paris when the Bishop of Lindisfarne, Aidan, called her back to Northumbria.

Back home, she went into seclusion for a time, before being sent to be abbess of a religious house in Hartlepool in 649.

Eight years later, Hilda felt moved to establish a religious community at Streasnaeshalch (later renamed Whitby). Her community was a royal establishment, a double monastery (both men and women) and became famous for its learning, with even five bishops trained there.

Whitby was also, of course, the venue for the famous Synod of Whitby in 664. With Hilda acting as hostess, the Synod met to decide upon the date of Easter. The issue at stake was greater than that, though, for the decision would sway the Church in Britain to adopt either the Celtic or Roman traditions. Although Hilda defended the Celtic church customs, she accepted with grace the decision of the Synod to accept the Roman date for Easter, and she then worked to unite the Church throughout the land.

### Lower your hostility

Keep calm, and keep kind, if you want to live longer. It seems that being sarcastic and irritable only makes heart attack victims more likely to die from a second coronary.

A recent study in the US on the personality traits of patients who had had heart attacks found that hostile

personality traits (sarcasm, cynicism, resentment, impatience, irritability) was a common factor.

One doctor at the University of Tennessee said: "We know that taking control of lifestyle habits improved the outlook for heart attack patients, and our study suggests that improving hostile behaviour could also be a positive move."

## Psalm 122 and Advent

*Canon Paul Hardingham looks forward to Advent.*

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord. Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.'* (Psalm 122:1,2). These words from Psalm 122 inspired Hubert Parry's great Coronation Anthem 'I was Glad.' As a Song of Ascent (Psalms 120-134), it was used by pilgrims going to the great festivals in Jerusalem. For the Jews this represented 'coming home' to worship at the Temple, the place of God's presence.

*Our Worship of God:*

As God's people today, we are also called to worship in praise and thanksgiving: *'That is where the tribes go up – to praise the name of the Lord'* (4). Of course, currently our coming together in church to sing our praise to God is greatly restricted. We are a *scattered* rather than a *gathered* community. However, as individuals, we can still offer God

the worship of our lives using the resource of psalms like this one.

*Our prayer to God:*

The psalm encourages the pilgrims to pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May those who love you be secure.'* (6). The peace referred to here is more than simply an absence of conflict. Peace speak of wholeness of life in every aspect. This must be our prayer as we continue to struggle with the effects of the pandemic and as we seek the prosperity of the wider community: *'I will seek your prosperity'* (9).

This month sees the beginning of Advent, the season when we affirm the hope of Jesus' return. As we pray for peace, we know that it is fulfilled in the coming of God's kingdom in Jesus. Despite living with so much uncertainty, we have the assurance of God's future purposes for our lives, churches and the world.

### The Promise of Advent

Stir up our hearts, we beseech you,  
to prepare ourselves to receive your Son.  
When He comes and knocks, may He find us not sleeping in sin,  
But awake to righteousness,  
Ceaselessly rejoicing in His love.  
May our hearts and minds be so purified,  
That we may be ready to receive His promise of eternal life.

*from The Gelasian Sacramentary, c.500 (oldest official prayer book of the Western Church)*

## 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. [www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/churches](http://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/churches) and <http://www.cis.org.uk>*

## God of the mountains, God of the valleys

*Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone ... The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment... Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?  
Job 38:4–7, 14, 16 (NIV)*

These verses from the biblical book of Job focus on the Earth, from the top of the highest mountains to the deepest valleys of the sea floor. Job used to have a very comfortable life, but lost everything: health, children, and much of his property. He can see no obvious reason for this terrible turn of events, so he demands an answer from God, asking “What have I done to you...? Why have you made me your target?”

There is no direct reply to Job's question, but instead a long conversation with his friends who assume (wrongly) that he must be being punished for doing something very bad. When God finally speaks,

He draws Job's attention to his surroundings. The sun, moon and stars, the immensity of land and sea, the creatures that inhabit them, and the processes that produce weather are a wonderful display of God's creative power. God is the origin and sustainer of all these things, and they are far beyond anything humankind could produce, fully understand or imagine – even today.

The things we do know about the processes described in Job can help us appreciate how marvellous they are. Mountains are produced by the movement of the Earth's rocky crust over great periods of time. Erosion by weathering or glaciers then grinds down those rocks to produce the mineral component of soil.

Considering the wider perspective of creation can help restore our sense of who we are, who God is, and where we fit into His purposes? God speaks to Job in the midst of his suffering, lifting his eyes to the power and creativity of his Maker. Only after this theology lesson are Job's practical needs addressed. What will life be like for us over the coming months? A constant check on our own thinking – reminding ourselves of the bigger picture of God's plans and purposes – might be just what we need to help us keep going.

*This article drew very directly on the writing of Prof Bob White in New Daylight (BRF, Sept-Dec 2020), and the input of a Bible study group based in Cambridge.*

## The unsung heroes who help us say goodbye

*The Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE, considers the work of funeral directors during the pandemic.*

No one likes to talk about death. Especially during a pandemic that's impacting everyone on the planet. And yet for some people, death is their life's work. It's their vocation.

In fact, helping bereaved families and friends say a personal goodbye to their loved ones is what motivates them, day after day.

They are the funeral directors and the staffs of our local crematoria and cemeteries. Often forgotten or out of mind, the men and women who arrange and service funerals perform a vital role.

Vicars and other ministers of religion work closely with these key workers. We see the care they take to help families arrange the funerals they want for their loved ones. We see the strict health regulations they have had to follow during this pandemic and the increased pressures on them. We see the long hours and dedication.

Yet, after one funeral, an undertaker confided to me how useless he felt while NHS staff were at the frontline of fighting coronavirus. I replied that

what he did was essential too, and massively important during these difficult days.

Another undertaker told me how he helped families cope with the restrictions on the numbers of mourners at funerals, currently set at 30. He had slowly driven his hearse past golf clubs, pubs and old people's homes where friends – unable to attend the services – had said their goodbyes.

In the funerals I have taken during the pandemic, I have been much impressed by the care and sensitivity shown by funeral directors and crematorium staff. Often, while they have been under much stress themselves.

I applaud the way that crematoria have made it easier for mourners who cannot attend funerals to view the services via the internet. This seems to have become common practice across the country. During the pandemic, this 'optional extra' has become a key part of the service.

The feedback I have had from mourners watching from just outside the chapel, or across the world, has been very positive.

Christian ministers work closely with the bereaved family and the funeral director to ensure each funeral is

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## Zoom to that stable in Bethlehem?

School nativity plays will take place differently this year. So warned the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, speaking recently at a school in south London.

He stressed that while he wanted to save the much-loved tradition, and “how special and important it is to go along to see your children performing in a nativity play”, safety was still a priority.

“We’ve got to look at ways of how we can ensure, maybe using technology, that this staple institution of every school right across the UK is able to go ahead.”



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very personal to the deceased, and an occasion they will remember long after the day has passed.

We want to bring a message of hope at funerals. I like to say that love never dies, and that the love we have for someone goes on beyond the grave.

As the funeral section on the Church of England website states: “*When someone dies, although we can’t see the*

*person we love anymore, Christians believe that through the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we will see that person again. It might be in a very different form, in a very different way, but that is the Christian hope, and that is the message everyone will hear when they come to a Church of England funeral.*”

Meanwhile, it’s the care of undertakers and all those who arrange and conduct funerals that help us say our goodbyes.

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

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

**Appointment Times:** Clinicians are still available for consultations and medical advice. Please contact the surgery and a GP or Nurse will call you back to discuss your concerns and if necessary arrange to see you in person. Many problems can be dealt with over the telephone.

**Patient Online:** Have you registered to use the online service? This allows you to book or cancel appointments on line (during normal service) 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

District Nursing Team 01332 564 900

Health Visitor: 01629 816633

### **Normal Surgery Opening Times**

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri**  
8am-6.30pm;

(closed Bank Holidays)

(Phones 8am – 6.30pm Mon - Fri).

### **Surgery Closure for training -**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 1.00pm, re-open at 8am on the Thursday morning.

### **Ordering Repeat Medication**

You can order repeat medications in the following ways:

- In writing or with our on-line access service
- Return your repeat request form to surgery by Post or Fax

Please allow **three** working days before collection and **collect between 8am and 5pm**

**Prescriptions can be collected via the side window near the back door.**

**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, either through the letterbox or at the side window.

**Test Results** – Please ring for test results after 2.30pm as we do not receive test results back from the hospital until lunchtime.

**For Urgent Calls when we are closed call 111**

**St. Anne's, Beeley (pre-booked places only)**

please phone Canon Dave Perkins 01246 386385 to reserve a place

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Sunday 3pm**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Advent Sunday - Holy Communion 9.30am**

**St. Peter's, Edensor (pre-booked places only)**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November: All Saints Day (Holy Communion) 10.45am**

Revelation 7: 9-17

Reader: Diana Walters

Matthew 5: 1-12

Stewards: Mr & Mrs Gordon

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Sunday 10.50am**

**There will be a short Service of Remembrance in Pilsley School Yard at 10.15am. We will be following Government guidelines on social distancing and there can be no singing.**

Wisdom 3: 1-9

Reader: John Bowns

Stewards: Roger Sherwood/Diana Walters

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November: 2nd Sunday Before Advent (Matins) 10.45am**

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

Reader: Duke of Devonshire

Matthew 25: 14-30

Stewards: Margaret Perkins/Liz Bradshaw

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Christ the King (Holy Communion) 10.45am**

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Reader: Mike Woodcock

Matthew 25: 31-46

Stewards: Sue & Roger Wardle

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Advent Sunday (Holy Communion) 10.45am**

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Reader: Tom Cornell

Mark 13: 24-37

Stewards: Margaret & David Jackson

**Cleaning Rota for November**

We are very grateful to those who are still able to clean the church. Would you please do the cleaning **on EITHER Thursday, Friday or Saturday**, this is to ensure your safety by keeping a 72 hour space after the Sunday service.

**1** Sue & Roger Wardle

**22** Margaret & David Jackson

**8** Mike Pindar & Jennie Ball

**29** Jackie & Trevor Grimsahw

**15** Diana Walters & Wilma Day

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