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He looked like a very ordinary chap, turning up one day at a project working with homeless people. He wanted to help out as a volunteer helping desperate people move into their own homes and find suitable jobs. In particular, he had some IT expertise, and would like to help people improve their computer skills. The Project staff were a bit worried that he might be overstating his gifts, but they let him sign on as a volunteer. Sure enough, he did seem to know what he was doing with computers. After a few weeks, he said he thought he could improve the efficiency of the project's computer system. So the project asked for his credentials. It turned out he was a programmer for one of the world's major computer operating systems, a world expert in his field. The project workers had trouble believing it and were astonished. The staff had got to know him well, and knew him as just a very ordinary person. It was so difficult for them to see him as one of the top computer programmers in the world. It is so easy to admire brilliant people when we see them from afar, less easy when they are people we know, people just like us.

In the Gospels, we find Jesus facing a similar problem. His words and deeds cause wonderment as he travels around with his disciples, teaching and healing. He gains a reputation as someone special, a rabbi who taught with the authority of God himself, and who worked amazing miracles. But when he went home, it becomes a different story.

Imagine you are someone living in Nazareth, the same age as Jesus. You knew him when the two of you used to play out in the street when you were small children. You can remember him going crying to his mum when he fell over and grazed his knee. You sat next to him at school. He was certainly clever, but he didn't stand out. You learned the faith with him, and together you became adult members of the synagogue. You talked with him about girls and marriage, and about having your own family one day. You shared meals with his family. When you needed a bit of work doing, it was to his carpenter's shop that you went. He was a tradesman just like you.

Then suddenly without a word he disappeared. You were hurt, no doubt

about it. You thought he might have said something to his friends about where he was off to and what he was doing. But you put it all out of your mind and went somewhere else for your carpentry. But now, he is back again. He goes to the synagogue as he always did, but now he has the nerve to stand up and preach to you as if he is some kind of religious expert. People are talking about him as if he is someone special. You are puzzled, hurt and slightly angry. You are glad when he leaves.

This story tells us about Jesus, the man, the one who grew up in a particular place, with his family and friends, his school friends and his customers, living a very ordinary life. It gives us an understanding of Jesus' humanity. We are reminded that Jesus really was a man, with a home and a family, a trade and someone who had next door neighbours. But eventually Jesus left his home in Nazareth and moved on saying and doing amazing things for the people he encountered. However, we are left in no doubt as to where his origins lay.

As we read the Gospels, we are told that during his three years of ministry beginning at the age of thirty, Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead, quietened the stormy seas and fed five thousand people with two fish and five loaves. When Jesus spoke, the voice of God was heard.

Down the centuries the best minds in the Church have tried to explain the humanity and divinity of Jesus Christ. Rivers of ink have been used to stretch our minds. But quite simply the Gospel does it for us in all the amazing stories we read.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

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A Message from Pilsley Post Office & Village Shop



In these difficult times, especially with our maturing local residents having to self isolate, 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.

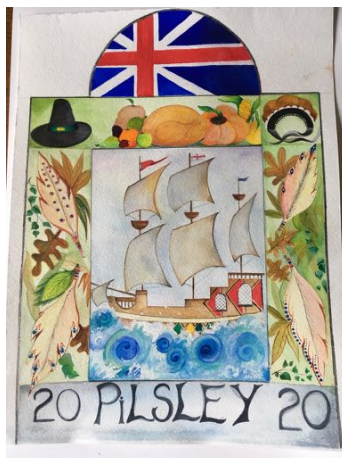
Let's show that the Pilsley and Edensor community can support each other!

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 WELL DRESSING 2020

Further on in the magazine is an article about celebrating the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower. This was to have been the theme of this year's Pilsley Well Dressing in July, cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our picture was drawn for us by Nicky Tilson and would have made a really eye-catching well dressing. Here is a photograph of her drawing.



Smile.....

This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house and told my dog. We laughed a lot.

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 planned to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of St. Peter's have had to be cancelled.

We hope very much that we will be able to hold these events next year.

Watch this space!

FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S

25TH JULY - WEDDING

Harry Jepson & Isobel Rutherford



A grain of sand at a time

This autumn, do you feel overwhelmed with all the things that you need to get done? Then think of your life as an hourglass. There are thousands of grains of sand in the top of the hourglass; and they all pass slowly and evenly through the narrow neck in the middle.

We are like that hourglass. When we start in the morning, there are

hundreds of tasks which we feel that we must accomplish that day. But if we do not take them one at a time and let them pass through the day slowly and evenly, as do the grains of sand passing through the narrow neck of the hourglass, then we are bound to break our own fragile physical and mental structure. Do not attempt more than God designed you to do.

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.

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 July Draw 2020

1st prize £30 no. 10 Zoe Penrose
2nd prize £20 no. 54 Julie Carter

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>

A Date for your Diary - September

15th Beeley Heritage Group Meeting - 7pm Beeley Village Hall
Paul Barras talking about Newholme

Beeley Heritage Open Days

September 19th and 20th Heritage Open Days. Victorian rural life and the Ragged Victorians are booked to come. Look on their website: <http://www.raggedvictorians.co.uk/> and facebook pages <https://en-gb.facebook.com/Ragged.Victorians/> .

Socially distanced teas and cakes in village hall. There is a socially distanced history tour at Spencer's yard on the Moorend in Beeley. Car parking on Pig Lane.

An observation out of the coronavirus crisis...

“When you wear a tight mask around your face, a hat, a face shield, a gown, two pairs of gloves, and something to protect your shoes, it is a totally different (nursing) thing; and, as nurses, you have to stay in that side room or unit for 12-and-a-half hours. It is really draining physically. You...can't even go to the loo because your patients are terribly sick. They are on maximum (life support), so you can't take your eyes off that monitor.” – *ITU nurse on the reality of nursing in PPE*



Bulky waste collections restarting

We now have the resources to re-start bulky waste collections, which were paused during the coronavirus lockdown.

From Monday 10 August we will start collecting 30 postponed orders - and new bookings will be available from 13 August.

Bulky waste refers to items that are too large to be taken away with the normal refuse collection. This can mean items such as furniture, white goods, fridges and freezers.

Large items of waste can be collected from your property and charges apply.

You can order and pay online by going to DDDC website.

Residents' garden waste service questions answered

With garden waste collections now operating to schedule across the Derbyshire Dales during the continuing coronavirus pandemic, local residents are being reminded there will be a charge for the service from April next year.

More than half of all UK councils now charge residents for garden waste collections, including 39 of the 50 councils most similar to Derbyshire Dales District Council. It will cost a discounted £35 for Dales households that subscribe to the garden waste service before the end of

January 2021, generating funds to offset the increased cost of the District Council's new waste and recycling contract, which starts next month.

The cost of the contract rises by £1-million a year after Dales residents made it clear they wanted the District Council to maintain current service levels, which are the best in Derbyshire.

It means fortnightly collections of dry recycling and residual household waste continue as the new contract kicks in, together with weekly food waste collections.

A cheaper deal could have been struck by making household waste collections less frequent - but in resident surveys local people rejected this idea.

Councillors voted by an overwhelming majority at a special council meeting at the end of last year for Serco to continue to deliver the waste and recycling contract for the district and also agreed to approve the new charge for collecting garden waste.

Subscriptions open from September this year and the cost will rise to £50 from February 2021 when the discount period ends. Free garden waste collections will continue for all 34,000 households across the Dales until April next year.

A comprehensive list of frequently asked questions online at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/gardenwasteFAQs

Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on Wednesday 5th August 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 12th February were signed as a true record

Report from the Chair: Canon Dave said that in the strange times in which we are living with COVID-19, we are doing the best we can at St Peter's, although it is frustrating not to be allowed to offer the pastoral support of home visits, home communion etc that he normally does. The first church service since the outbreak of the virus took place last Sunday, after consultation with Archdeacon Carol Coslett, who signed the necessary risk assessment. Attendance will be limited to 30 pre-booked places. Canon Dave said how strange the service seemed to him, however, those who had attended reassured him how much it had been appreciated and enjoyed by those present. He will continue with his weekly message at least until the end of August.

Canon Dave had conducted the funeral service for Stan Lidicott at the Crematorium, with limited attendance. There will be a memorial service for Stan at St. Peter's and burial of his ashes when circumstances allow.

Canon Dave had conducted the wedding of Harry Jepson and Izzy Rutherford on 25th July, with numbers being limited to 30 guests. Canon Dave said that this was one of the nicest weddings he had conducted in his time at St. Peter's.

The responsibility for care of graves was brought up after an unpleasant encounter on Sunday. The upkeep of graves is the responsibility of the family of the deceased.

Lynne wished to put on record the thanks of the meeting to Canon Dave and Margaret for all their hard work in cleaning the church in readiness for starting services again.

Financial Report: The PCC had received Canon Mark's half yearly accounts in advance of the meeting. He said that on the whole, it is a positive picture, and he wanted to thank everyone who has continued their regular giving during lockdown when we have had no services, and also to others who have made individual donations. Canon Dave said that he will express the PCC's gratitude in his weekly message.

A generous bequest was received from the estate of Lady Elizabeth.

Acceptance of End of Year Accounts: The year end accounts had been discussed at the February PCC meeting, and it was proposed by Cynthia Gordon and seconded by David Jackson that they be formally accepted. The meeting agreed.

Safeguarding: Canon Dave said he had met the new Diocesan Safeguarding Officer.

Schedule of Works: Toilets - The Architect had reported that planning permission had been given by Peak Park with the condition that they write the brief for the archaeological excavation. The contractor will appoint the archaeologist who will then work to this brief. Once we have the formal permission, this can be sent to the Registrar and the Faculty can progress further.

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Clock dial: - a Faculty application has been submitted and is ongoing.

Conservation of Memorial Brass in the Sanctuary: Liz had emailed Martin Stuchfield, the conservator. It is likely that he will not be able to visit St. Peter's until next year.

Update on Grants: Sarah Porter had applied for various grants although none had so far been successful. However, a donation of £415 had been received from the Derbyshire Community Foundation from a talk by Canon Dave at Lord Burlington's High Sheriff event at Chatsworth.

Fundraising: Sadly, the events planned for the 150th Celebration of St. Peter's had been cancelled due to COVID-19. However, Lynne said that all the speakers had been very understanding and were willing to come again when circumstances allow and Lynne will begin to plan dates when this becomes possible.

Canon Dave said it was such a shame that the Salmon and Strawberry lunch event at Cynthia and Duncan's was not able to take place in July as planned, and Canon Mark was extremely grateful for the generous donation from them received by the PCC in lieu of proceeds.

AOB: Mowing - Richard Finney plans to retire at the end of this season and Canon Dave will obtain quotes from André Birkett, Ian Woodhead and the person who looks after the churchyard at Beeley.

Gladys Hopkins' bequest - Canon Dave said that the bequest from Gladys's estate has still not been received although all other beneficiaries had received their bequests. Canon Dave will contact one of the executors about this matter.

Harvest Festival - The Harvest service at St. Peter's will be held on Sunday 20th September with donations of tinned food and toiletries to be donated for the Padley Centre. No fresh produce to be donated. As it is likely the numbers in the congregation will still be limited to 30 people, donations may be left at the vicarage.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which should have been held at the end of March and which was postponed due to COVID-19, remains postponed until further notice.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 21st October, 7 - 8 pm in St. Peter's Church

The Meeting closed at 8pm with prayers followed by the Grace.

Bishop of Bristol to take up national safeguarding role

The Bishop of Bristol, Bishop Viv Faull has been appointed a deputy lead bishop for safeguarding. Her focus will be on liaison with diocesan bishops on behalf of the National Safeguarding Steering Group (NSSG) and with the wider Anglican

Communion, and to speak on safeguarding in the House of Lords.

She will work closely with the lead safeguarding bishop, the Bishop of Huddersfield, Jonathan Gibbs and the other deputy lead Bishop Debbie Sellin, who took up their roles earlier this year.

Gorse – cheerful and perfumed, but prickly!

by Kirsty Steele, a retired teacher and active church organist.

The old saying 'Kissing is out of season when the gorse is not in bloom' is based on the fact that it is a rare time of year when a flower or two cannot be found. The bush itself, growing on heaths and moors, is well-known for its vicious spikes. This is its answer to the problem of producing leaves that will withstand wind, rain and hungry animals.

The golden yellow flowers are at their absolute best in spring when the bushes, growing often to a height of seven to ten feet, seem to glow in the countryside. They attract bees and other pollen-seeking insects and many of us enjoy the rich coconut-like perfume as well as the joyful colour. The sharp foliage gives protection to several species of bird as they nest deep in these bulging bushes, and larger animals such as sheep and cows, if grazing nearby, will take advantage of gorse as a very effective windbreak.

In the past, gorse, also known as 'furze' or 'whin', was used as fuel as it burns very readily when dry. This has caused many serious moorland fires in recent years, but gorse is fortunately a resilient species and quickly sends up new shoots from the burnt stumps that remain. It is also apparently somewhat susceptible to frost, but will recover quickly with new growth.

A member of the pea family, its seeds are set in brown, somewhat unattractive pods, which on a hot summer's day can be heard popping, or they may be provoked into doing so when held in a hot hand. However, what might surprise us even more is that in the past, in country districts, it was used for drying washing, as the thorns would allow nothing to escape, even in the strongest of winds!



A cup of joy!

A tea shop is a wondrous place
Where I for one just love to be!
A place to rest from life's harsh
pace
And sit and drink a cup of tea!

Indeed, it's time to take a rest!
From all life's pressures, take a
break!
And just today it might be best
To have a slice of home-made cake!

Nigel Beeton says: "One facility that has now reopened after lockdown is the tea shop. Oh, how I've missed tea shops!"

Bring back hedgerows

We need our hedgerows back – urgently. They are part of ‘nature’s toolbox’ to help us reduce our carbon emissions.

That was the recent message from the CPRE countryside charity which points out that there were twice as many hedges in England before the Second World War. Since then thousands of kilometres of hedges have been ripped up to make way for new housing and motorways, and to merge and enlarge fields.

The 2007 UK Countryside Survey found that there were 600,000 kilometres of managed and unmanaged hedgerows in the UK, with the vast majority of them in England.

This was a significant decline on the same survey from 1984, when there

were about 680,000 kilometres of hedges across Great Britain. That is a reduction of 80,000 kilometres, or 50,000 miles. To put that another way, we have ripped out about 57,000 times the entire length of Britain (874 miles).

No wonder, then, that the CPRE’s report, Greener, better, faster: countryside solutions to the climate emergency and for a green recovery, calls for millions of pounds to be spent on new hedges. It says: “By planting more trees and hedgerow, restoring peatlands and moving toward a more sustainable way of farming, we can use nature’s toolbox to capture greenhouse gases from the air, while revitalising our natural environment.”

Music and memory

Have you ever heard a certain song or tune that immediately takes you back to your youth? It can be a very poignant moment.

When researchers at the University of Westminster examined the choices of 80 different guests on the BBC radio show *Desert Island Discs*, they found that most guests had chosen music which dated back to when they

had been between 10 to 30 years old. This time span was identified as a ‘self-defining period’ in their lives.

The research concluded: “The music we know and love between the ages of 10 to 30 will play a significant role throughout our lives, connecting us as individuals to other people, places and times that become central to our identity.”

What songs trigger the big memories for you?

Abbey's 'black Jesus' stirs up a storm

The Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, is a former communications director for the CofE. Here he offers a personal reflection on a new painting in St Albans Cathedral

A large-scale painting of the Last Supper depicting Jesus as a black man has sparked controversy and heated debate in the UK and around the world.

I reckon that's no bad thing. In fact, it could be really positive.

St Albans Cathedral, 20 miles north of central London in leafy Hertfordshire, has installed the painting – on show until 31st October – to “stand with the Black Lives Matter movement to be allies for change – building a strong, just and fair community where the dignity of every human being is honoured and celebrated, where black voices are heard, and where black lives matter.”

The installation is a striking piece of art and it's provoking strong reactions – just as good art should do.

People are responding with a wide range of opinions. Many have welcomed the artwork, but others are outraged, accusing the Abbey of pandering to a 'political correctness' agenda. Some have described it as seeking to be 'trendy' and riding on

the bandwagon of a popular movement.

The Cathedral is a special place to me. I was ordained as a priest there, have served as a day chaplain at the historic building, and I minister at a parish church in the city.

Built on the site of an ancient shrine to Saint Alban, Britain's first Christian martyr, the Cathedral has been welcoming visitors for hundreds of years. It stands today as a thriving centre of worship, of community and of hospitality for thousands of pilgrims who visit the Cathedral each year.

The painting's artist, Lorna May Wadsworth, said: “I cast Jamaican-born Tafari Hinds as my Jesus to make people question the western myth that He had fair hair and blue eyes.

“I also knew that, from a previous portrait of Tafari, there is something in his countenance that people find deeply empathetic and moving, which is the overriding quality I wanted my Christ to embody.”

Not everyone shares the artist's perspective. A Facebook post from the Abbey promoting the installation drew 400 comments within an hour, as people from around the world hotly argued the case for and against the artwork.

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One person responded: "The church has not changed the colour of Jesus, they have decided to put on show a piece of art that happens to depict Jesus as black. Let's hope it just gives people a chance to question things they have always just accepted as being right."

Other comments were more critical, with a typical response, "More shameless pandering to Black Lives Matter, bringing trendy identity politics into what is supposed to be the traditional church."

People may object strongly to Lorna May Wadsworth's artwork, or they

may welcome it. Either way, it provokes an important debate about the role of race in our society and how we have depicted Christ in western culture.

The Abbey has stirred up a storm, but maybe that's the only way for ingrained attitudes to be challenged, and new perspectives formed.



Mental health and Covid-19

It is important to be as kind and patient as possible with other people this autumn. Covid-19 has turned many millions of lives upside-down, and the resulting distress, anxiety, fear, grief and economic meltdown means that now widespread mental illness is inevitable. So says the new president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Dr Adrian James warns of 'multiple layers' to the fallout from the pandemic, both for people with pre-existing mental health conditions

and also for those who have never suffered before. NHS front-line staff will need support, while those who have had a serious case of Covid-19 may suffer anything from post-traumatic stress disorder to a full-blown psychosis.

Dr James says: "There will be very significant mental illness consequences of Covid, and we need to be ready."

Meanwhile, up to one in five Britons may have contemplated self-harming during lockdown, according to some separate research by University College London.

Celebrating 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower

*The voyage of the Mayflower changed
US history...*

If we find it difficult to cross the Atlantic just now, it was even worse 400 ago years this month. On 6th September 1620, 102 determined Puritans climbed on board the Mayflower and set sail from Plymouth. They had 30 crew to steer them across 3000 miles of open, perilous ocean.

Those Puritans, or 'Pilgrim fathers', could never have dreamed that their journey would become one of the most influential in world history. Their courage and purpose for the voyage would help shape the very history and culture of the USA.

The Pilgrim fathers themselves were in search of religious freedom and a new life. Years before they had rejected the Church of England, due to its Roman Catholic past, and in 1608 they had moved to Holland, where they could worship freely. But life was very hard there, and so the New World beckoned to them.

They had originally intended to use two ships, but the Speedwell sprang a leak shortly after sailing, and so they crowded as many as possible into the Mayflower. After a long and difficult 10 weeks at sea, they reached

America, but could not reach their intended destination, Virginia, because of heavy seas. They finally landed in Provincetown Harbor, Cape Cod, Massachusetts on 11th November.

That presented the next great challenge: the bitter, harsh winter of Massachusetts. Half of the Pilgrims perished that first winter, of hunger and cold. Without the help of the local Indigenous peoples to teach them food-gathering and other survival skills, all of the colony would probably have perished.

After months of hard work, by the 'Fall' of 1621 the tiny colony had its first harvest. They celebrated this great achievement with their new Indigenous friends. It became Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims had been convinced that God wanted them to go to the New World. They wrote: "We verily believe and trust the Lord is with us, and that He will graciously prosper our endeavours according to the simplicity of our hearts therein."

The Mayflower was one of the earliest pilgrim vessels, and so became a cultural icon in the history of the United States. This year, until coronavirus put a stop to things, many celebrations in the USA, England and the Netherlands had been planned.



What's in your hand?

Canon Paul Hardingham considers our personal resources – in light of the pandemic

September is usually the time when we get back to our normal routines after the summer break. With the current coronavirus pandemic, it's very different this year! However, it is still a good time to consider how God can use us to make a real difference in our workplace, school, family, friends and community. He equips us with everything we need to make His love known.

When God gave Moses the job of bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, He asked the question, 'What is in your hand?' (Exodus 4:2). Moses was holding his staff, which represented his livelihood (what he was good at); his resources (his flock represented his wealth) and his security (which God was asking him to lay down). God asks the same question of us: What has God given you? Our gifts, temperament, experience,

relationships, mind, education can be used in the work God has given us to do. How will we use them to make a difference in the places where He calls us to serve Him?

John Ortberg, in his book *It All Goes Back in the Box*, speaks of Johnny, a 19-year-old with Downs syndrome. He worked at a supermarket checkout putting people's items into bags. To encourage his customers, he decided to put a *thought for the day* into the bags. Every night his dad would help him to prepare the slips of paper and he would put the thoughts into the bags saying, 'I hope it helps you have a good day. Thanks for coming here.' A month later the store manager noticed that Johnny's line at the checkout was three times longer than anyone else's! People wanted Johnny's thought for the day. He wasn't just filling bags with groceries, he was filling lives with hope!

What has God given you that will help and encourage others?

Book Review....

Tumbling Sky – Psalm Devotions for Weary Souls

By Matt Searles, 10Publishing, £3.99

Gentle and wise, this devotional is balm for bruised souls. It will comfort and enable you to see the love of God afresh.

Honest and wholly Christ-centred, these Psalm devotions shine the light of God's truth and grace into some of the darkest corners of our emotions. They help us to see the joy we can have even in the midst of pain, giving rich comfort, refreshment and hope to the suffering believer.



Happy Birthday, Glastonbury Festival

Glastonbury Festival. The name conjures up images of world-famous bands and singers making loud music before enthusiastic crowds who are up to their knees in mud.

The statistics for the famous Pyramid stage are impressive: standing 25m tall, it has 292 audio speakers and 8.5 km of cables for video and audio. It has 354 microphones and 3743 lightbulbs. The festival uses about 27 megawatts of power, enough to power the city of Bath.

It all began 50 years ago this month, on 19th September 1970, when a farmer, Michael Eavis, opened his farm, Worthy Farm near Pilton in Somerset, for a festival. He called it the Pilton Pop, Blues & Folk Festival and about 1,500 people turned up. It was a success, soon had changed its name, and by 1981 it had become an annual event.

Glastonbury was born out of the hippie ethic and free festival movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s. It is now the world's largest greenfield festival, attracting about 135,000 each year.

Here are some highlights:

By 1985 the festival had grown too large for Worthy Farm, but neighbouring Cockmill Farm was purchased.

1989 saw impromptu, unofficial sound systems spring up around the festival site. They would play loud, electronic acid house music 'round the clock'.

1994 saw Channel 4's '4 Goes to Glastonbury' bring televised coverage of the festival.

1996 - release of Glastonbury the Movie.

1997 major sponsorship arrived from The Guardian and the BBC, but also heavy rain which turned the entire site into a muddy bog.

1998 brought more severe floods and storms, but that year attendance broke the 100,000 mark.

1999 was a hot dry year, much to the relief of organisers and festival goers.

2000 saw an estimated 250,000 people attend the festival (only 100,000 tickets were sold) due to gate-crashers.

In 2003 the issue of 150,000 tickets sold out within one day.

By 2005, the enclosed area of the festival was over 900 acres. 150,000 people attended more than 385 live performances, but heavy thunderstorms saw several stages struck by lightning, and flash floods of four feet deep.

2007 brought so much torrential rain that everything was covered in mud. When cars took more than nine hours to exit the saturated fields, violence erupted.

2008 saw biodegradable tent pegs and biotractors running on waste vegetable oil.

In 2010 Michael Eavis joined headline artist Stevie Wonder to sing 'Happy Birthday', for the festival's 40th year. The weather was kind: three days of abundant sunshine made it the first rain-free festival since 2002, and the hottest since the festival began.

The 2015 festival made good use of the hundreds of pairs of wellington boots discarded by festival goers – they were donated to the migrant camp at Calais.

In 2017 the BBC renewed its exclusive national rights to broadcast the event until 2022.

March 2020, the 50th anniversary of the festival had to be cancelled due to coronavirus. The next Glastonbury Festival is planned for June 2021.

8th September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In both eastern and western Churches, Mary has always been held as pre-eminent among all the saints. The unique, extraordinary privilege of being the mother of the One who was both God and Man, makes her worthy of special honour. Thomas Aquinas believed she was due hyperdulia, or a veneration that exceeds that of other saints, but is at the same time infinitely below the adoration, or latria, due to God alone.

The gospels of Matthew and Luke give Mary most mention. Luke even tells the story of Jesus' infancy from Mary's point of view. Her Song, or Magnificat appears in Luke 1:46-55.

The virginal conception of Christ is clearly stated in the gospels. But after Jesus' birth, Mary fades quietly into the background. During Jesus' public life, she is mentioned only occasionally, as at the wedding at Cana. She reappears at the foot of the Cross (John's Gospel), and is given into John's care. In the early chapters of Acts, Mary is with the Apostles, and received the Holy Spirit along with them on Whitsunday. But her role was not the active one of teaching and preaching.

Mary's significance grew with the centuries. By the fifth century she was called Theotokos, The Mother of God, and from the seventh century onwards, she was given four festivals: the Presentation in the Temple (2nd February), the Annunciation (25th March), the Assumption (15th August) and her Nativity (8th September).

Marian devotion has played an enormous role in the church down the years. Mary has been the object of countless prayers, accredited with performing many miracles, and the subject of thousands of artistic endeavours. She has had hundreds of chapels or parish churches named after her. During the Reformation many images of Mary were destroyed. The Second Vatican Council 1962 made an extended statement on her, stressing her complete dependence on her Son, and regarding her as a model of the Church.

Principal Marian shrines of today include Lourdes (France), Fatima (Portugal), Walsingham (England), Loreto (Italy), Czesochowa (Poland) and Guadalupe (Mexico).

MU's 'Thank You Key Workers' Appeal

The Mothers' Union wants to help families of key workers by offering them a range of free day trips/ experiences and short breaks. It is appealing to MU supporters to help make this possible.

As a spokeswoman for MU explains: "There has been an outpouring of compassion and care during the crisis, from our hospital workers to our delivery drivers, carers to cleaners and our refuse collectors to bus drivers. But because of their personal sacrifices, quality family time has not always been possible.

"Therefore, we are extending our existing Away from it all Programme

(AFIA) to say a special 'thank you' to key workers in these unprecedented times.

"Any donation will help provide a range of day trips/experiences and short breaks for families of key workers, especially for those who have been kept apart or who are on low incomes - families who would generally be unable to have experiences like this."

If you would like to send a donation, go to:

Say thank you to a keyworkers family today - Donate now



Pandemic amid millions of locusts

The six African countries where Send a Cow works face devastation, not only by the pandemic, but also the huge swarms of locusts which have destroyed thousands of acres of crops.

In response, Send a Cow staff have supported struggling communities by teaching them how to prevent the spread of the virus, as well as good hygiene.

Send a Cow is also providing radio broadcasts with information, and

emergency food supplies and seeds, so that the farmers do not miss the next critical planting window.

Now Send a Cow is asking supporters in the UK if they could commit to a personal challenge like a run, cycle ride or climb, to raise funds, or maybe even simply donating on behalf of their business or family. One couple ran and cycled for 260 miles, raising £2000. "Whatever we can each do is greatly appreciated," says Send a Cow. If you can help, go to: <https://sendacow.org>

Big Conversation’ launched on clergy care and wellbeing

Churches and clergy across the country are to join in a nationwide discussion, the ‘Big Conversation’, aimed at improving the care and wellbeing of ministers.

It follows the recent welcome of the *Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing at General Synod*. Now General Synod has asked that the whole church reflect on the questions it poses over the next two years. Hence, the ‘Big Conversation’.

The Covenant commits all parts of the Church, as well as individual clergy, to sharing responsibility for

the welfare of ministers and their households.

Recommendations include promoting awareness of stress and the dangers of burnout as part of training for ordained ministry. Also, there will be new resources for licensing and induction services that highlight the care and wellbeing of clergy. The Group also recommended more pastoral supervision for clergy through coaching or mentoring.

The Revd Canon Simon Butler, who headed the Working Group, said: “The care and wellbeing of the clergy is crucial to the health of the Church at worship, in mission, and in pastoral care.”

Louis Pasteur – ‘father’ of microbiology

Pasteurisation has saved many millions of lives...

A tiny invisible thing that brings disease and death where have we heard that before?! But Louis Pasteur, who died 125 years ago this month, on 28th September 1895, was not interested in a virus from China, but in tiny living organisms that brought disease and death in other ways.

Pasteur made some outstanding breakthroughs. He discovered the principles of vaccination, and then created the first vaccines for anthrax and rabies. His medical discoveries

provided support for the germ theory of disease and nullified the theory of spontaneous generation.

But Louis Pasteur is best known for his invention of the technique of treating milk and wine to stop bacterial contamination, a process that was named after him: pasteurisation. In doing so, he saved the French beer, wine and silk industries.

All in all, this gifted French biologist, microbiologist, and chemist well deserves his title as the ‘father of microbiology,’ and to be seen as one of the three main founders of bacteriology.

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 and <http://www.cis.org.uk>

How can a Christian be a scientist?

I used to ask this question as a student. I wondered what it was like to have a career in science, and how being a Christian might make a difference. Eventually I met a good number of successful scientists who were sincere Christians, and I learned that science and faith are a great combination. Dr Francis Collins, former Director of the project to decode the whole of human DNA, wrote that it is “possible for the scientist-believer to be intellectually fulfilled and spiritually alive, both worshipping God and using the tools of science to uncover some of the awesome mysteries of His creation.” So, what do people like this make of the opportunities and challenges of a life in science?

Although our beliefs may affect what we notice about the world and how we interpret our data, they don’t affect the outcome of the experiments themselves. If a Muslim and a Christian drop the same ball from the same height under identical conditions, it will fall at the same speed. This means that a scientist can be respected by her colleagues for doing good work, regardless of what

she believes and what her colleagues think of her worldview.

Science is an exercise in observing and measuring things, and coming up with general principles about the way things are. The world has been declared by God to be ‘very good’ (see chapter one and two of Genesis), and exploring it is a way to express our gratitude to Him. Scientific discoveries can also bring a sense of awe and wonder that feeds into our worship.

Some people don’t want to get involved in certain lines of research because of ethical concerns. On the other hand, there are many issues that make Christians want to get stuck into new research that will help care for people and the rest of creation, such as medical research, ecology or developing appropriate technologies.

Organisations such as Christians in Science and the Faraday Institute gather together scientists who are also people of faith, and others who are interested in the subject. They come from a wide range of backgrounds, and express their beliefs in a variety of different ways. What they have in common is the conviction that you don’t have to choose between science and God. As the young people in our churches prepare to return to their studies, online if not in person, let’s encourage them that science (along with many other fields) is a great way to serve God.

'I do like to be beside the seaside!'

For centuries, many doctors have sent patients to the seaside to recuperate, believing that a bit of seaside air was good for them. Now the government agrees: a day by the coast does indeed have a therapeutic effect on you.

A recent study by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has found that people who spend time by the sea reported increased happiness and better general health. They were also more physically active during their visit,

compared with visits to other types of environment.

Rebecca Pow, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, said spending time by the sea "has a welcome impact on our wellbeing. This makes it all that more important that we take care of our environment." In England, we make 271 million recreational visits to the sea each year, and more than 22million of us live within five miles of the coast.



Dogs can mean better-behaved children

Is your child naughty? Consider getting a dog.

A recent study has found that children who grow up with a dog are far more likely to be willing to share and help others.

Researchers at the University of Western Australia in Perth have found that young children who live with a dog and who frequently interact with family members who interact with the pet dog are far less likely to be naughty or uncooperative.

Small children who are taken for a dog walk with their parents and siblings at least once a week even show a 30 per cent drop in being naughty and disruptive, and a 40 per cent drop in falling-out with friends.

"Dogs help children learn about responsibility and unconditional loyalty. But they can also help with language development and verbal skills, while promoting trust and empathy." Say the researchers. Their study was published in the journal *Paediatric Research*.



Churches and young people in lockdown

Recent research by the Allchurches Trust has found that lockdown had one good result: it was “a major driver for churches to embrace digital opportunities and engage with families online.”

The research found that in recent months, more than half of churches (55 per cent) have been able to engage children and young people through regular online worship; 46 per cent have run family focused online activities for children and parents; and 31 per cent have run online activities and challenges for young people. Similar numbers have reached out by phone and e-mail.

A spokesman for the Trust said: “What’s heartening are the many

examples of churches that have quickly adapted to launch online activities.....when physical youth work was not an option.” The churches have been “creative in meeting the needs of the families and young people they work with” and “reaching others they may not previously have been able to engage.”

Around £1.4million pounds has now been given to more than 140 projects across the UK and Ireland since Allchurches Trust’s Growing Lives programme launched in May 2019. It is aimed at enabling churches and Christian charities to help young people reach their potential. More at: <https://www.allchurches.co.uk>

Now even more plastic

Coronavirus has caused innumerable problems, not least that of further pollution...

There is growing concern in the Government, among campaigners, and among scientists over how coronavirus has sparked an increase in single-use plastics.

Not only are millions of disposable masks and gloves now ‘out there’, but there has been also a huge increase in disposable cutlery, sachets and containers.

One study by UCL estimates that in the UK alone, if every person used a single-use face mask every day for a year, it would create an additional 66,000 tonnes of contaminated waste, and 57,000 tonnes of plastic packaging.

Two environment ministers, Lord Goldsmith and Rebecca Pow, have said: “We are actively thinking across the Government and NHS whether we can safely reuse PPE and we are aware of other countries who have

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27th September: Vincent de Paul – patron of all charitable societies

Very few people stand out as being incredibly good, but Vincent de Paul was one of them. His life touched thousands of people, who were helped and inspired by his love and kindness.

Vincent de Paul was born in 1581 to a Gascon peasant family at Ranquine. Educated by the Franciscans and then at Toulouse University, he was ordained a priest very young, at only 19. He became a court chaplain, and then tutor to the children of the Gondi family. In 1617 he was made parish priest of Chatillon-les-Dombes.

From here, Vincent de Paul ministered both to the rich and fashionable, and also to the poor and oppressed. He helped prisoners in the galleys, and even convicts at Bordeaux.

In 1625 Vincent de Paul founded a congregation of priests who renounced all church preferment and instead devoted themselves to the

faithful in smaller towns and villages. In 1633 they were given the Paris priory church of Saint-Lazare, and that same year Vincent founded the Sisters of Charity, the first congregation of 'unenclosed' women, whose lives were entirely devoted to the poor and sick, and even providing some hospital care. Rich women helped by raising funds for various projects, which were an immense success.

Even in his lifetime, Vincent became a legend. Clergy and laity, rich and poor, outcasts and convicts all were warmed and enriched by his charisma and selfless devotion. Vincent was simply consumed by the love of God and of his neighbour. His good works seemed innumerable – ranging from helping war-victims in Lorraine, and sending missionaries to Poland, Ireland and Scotland, to advising Anne of Austria at Court during the regency.

No wonder that after his death at nearly 80, the Pope named him as patron of all charitable societies. Even today, the Vincent de Paul Society is working with the poor and oppressed.

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begun looking at the potential to decontaminate and reuse it.”

Scientists warn that it could take up to 500 years for polypropylene face

masks to degrade. Meanwhile, according to some estimates, 129 billion masks and 65 billion plastic gloves are being used each month worldwide.

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

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 9th September and

Wednesday 14th October 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**
- If you have any queries regarding your prescription please ring the surgery between 10am and 2pm if possible, this keeps the phone lines free to allow patients to get through regarding medical problems.**

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

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Sudoku ☞

Has lockdown damaged your eyesight?

Are you suffering from 'coronavis'? It is perfectly possible.

Lockdown led to many of us staring at our television or computer screens for long periods of time. And that could have strained our eyes, warns the College of Optometrists.

By this summer one in five adults in Britain had reported a deterioration in their eyesight. Symptoms include blurred vision, difficulty in focussing, and red or painful eyes.

As one optometrist explained: "Working from home, video calls with friends and family, watching more TV, time spent looking at your phone – all that screen time adds up. The good news is that this is unlikely to cause any permanent harm to your vision."

Nevertheless, the College urges people to get their eyes checked if they feel on-going discomfort. They also advise that when you are looking at a screen, you rest your eyes every 20 minutes, blink regularly, use eye drops, position your screen below eye level and increase the size of the text.

If biblical headlines were written by today's media.....

On Red Sea crossing:
WETLANDS TRAMPLED IN LABOUR STRIKE
Pursuing Environmentalists Killed

On David vs. Goliath:
HATE CRIME KILLS BELOVED CHAMPION
Psychologist Questions Influence of Rock

Readings for September

Sunday 6th: Trinity Thirteen (Holy Communion)

Ezekiel 33: 7-11 *Reader: Mike Woodcock*

Matthew 18: 15-20

Sunday 13th: Trinity Fourteen (Holy Communion)

Genesis 50: 15-21 *Reader: Duke of Devonshire*

Matthew 18: 21-35

Sunday 20th: Harvest Thanksgiving (Matins)

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 *Reader: Tom Cornell*

Luke 12: 16-30

Sunday 27th: St Michael and All Angels (Holy Communion)

Revelation 12: 7-12 *Reader: Bob Carter*

John 1: 47-51

Please Note: For the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Peter's on 20th September tinned food and toiletries would be so much appreciated. This will then be taken to the Padley Centre in Derby.

A few more 'If biblical headlines were written by today's media'

On healing of the Gadarene demoniac:
MADMAN'S FRIEND CAUSES STAMPEDE
Local Farmer's Investment Lost

On the birth of Christ:
HOTELS FULL, ANIMALS LEFT HOMELESS
Animal Rights Activists Enraged by Insensitive Couple

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