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Celebrating the beginning of a new year in 2020 was so different compared to this year. Last year people were booking holidays, planning family parties and generally, life was no different to that of previous years. How things dramatically changed with the pandemic outbreak. Holidays were cancelled, family parties postponed and all of us had to adapt to a new way of life. Masks had to be worn, we had to get used to social distancing and we were asked to sing 'happy birthday' when washing our hands. It was a shock to the system and what none of us could ever have imagined. The challenges that were set before us, and which continue to this day, are a reminder that there are some things in life where we are not in control. We have to rely on the skills and talents of amazing people who are doing their best to get us back to some sort of normality.

During 2020 there has been plenty in the news to make us depressed. As one commentator recently wrote in a newspaper: "Reality seems to crush hope at every turn: the coronavirus pandemic, the ruthless terror of the Islamic State, homelessness, gun crime and so much more." Furthermore, some of us maybe feeling personal pains or anxieties as this new year begins. When we feel this way, the temptation is to stay with the familiar and the comfortable, to crawl back into bed and pull up the covers where it is warm, safe and secure.

But on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, St. Anne's and St. Peter's will be celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany (The Visit of the Three Kings) with its emphasis on a light shining in the darkness. A reminder that life continues, that new beginnings loom on the horizon, that new roads appear up ahead, new roads that will take us, if we choose to let them, into new adventures, new challenges, new opportunities to be the people God wants us to be. Epiphany reminds us that life carries on, even as one year ends and another begins.

The Kings from the East are inquisitive, adventurous and obedient to their calling and seek no honour for themselves. They humble themselves before Jesus and offer gifts of great value. In short, they fit the image of servants

more than royalty and are exemplary role models for us. But it's what they do at the end of the story that is of particular interest.

After the Kings had offered their gifts to Jesus we are told they left for their own country by another road. They didn't linger to bask in the beauty of the baby. They didn't stay where it was comfortable and secure. They set out from the stable by another road, a new road, a different road than the one they had been travelling on. They moved on in their journey of life, and so must we. For us, the manger in Bethlehem is only one stopping place on our journey of faith. Whilst the tranquility of the manger may move us deeply, it should never transfix us. The rest of Christ's journey, and our own journey remains to be travelled.

What new roads will you travel on this year to help you live a better quality of life and help others to do the same?

Every Blessing  
Canon Dave



### FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Funeral Service followed by Interment  
Rita Clare Bonsall aged 86years

### 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.



### 'THE BRIDGE'

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If I post the magazine to you please enclose a book of stamps, or include payment for a book of stamps with your subscription (a book of second class stamps is £7.92 [from 1st January 2021] bringing the total to £19.92) and post the cheque to me, Liz Bradshaw.

Thank you for your continued support, especially during what has been, and will continue to be, very strange times.

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- Search for your store in the alphabetical list
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## 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>.

## Plants in your front garden

What's in your front garden? If it is sparse, why not consider adding some plants this year? Apparently, the presence of greenery can lower your stress levels as much as two months of mindfulness sessions. Plants can also help you to feel happier.

A recent trial study by the Royal Horticultural Society found that people who introduced ornamental plants such as juniper, azalea, clematis, lavender, daffodil bulbs and petunias had a significant lowering of the stress hormone, cortisol, and many reported that they felt 'happier'.

## ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

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### **St. Peter's Church 100 Club November Draw 2020**

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Ann Hall

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Thank you for your continued support.

We would like to invite new members for 2021 to ensure a membership of 100 throughout the year.

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

Thanking you in anticipation.

Ann Hall

# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

## Waste & Recycling Collections 2020/21



Usual day	Christmas/New Year collection days
Monday	Monday 21 December Monday 28 December
Tuesday	Tuesday 22 December Tuesday 29 December
Wednesday	Wednesday 23 December Wednesday 30 December
Thursday	Thursday 24 December Thursday 31 December
Friday	Saturday 19 December Saturday 2 January

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday collections are unchanged. The Friday collection scheduled for Christmas Day itself, will take place on **Saturday 19 December** and the Friday collection scheduled for New Year's Day will be on **Saturday 2 January**.

- Garden waste collections will be suspended from Saturday 19 December to Saturday 2 January inclusive
- Food waste will be collected weekly

Details of which containers to put out and a downloadable calendar are online at: [w:derbyshiredales.gov.uk/mycollection](http://w:derbyshiredales.gov.uk/mycollection)



Please note we are not able to collect any additional household waste. Make sure your household waste is contained in your grey bin or in four black sacks if you are on a sack collection.

Recycle your **real** Christmas tree. Place at the edge of your property on your green/recycling day between 4 and 29 January

Our administrative offices are **closed from 25 Dec to 4 Jan**. Report missed collections online at [w:derbyshiredales.gov.uk/missedbin](http://w:derbyshiredales.gov.uk/missedbin)



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### Garden Waste Subscription

Don't forget to take advantage of our Garden Waste early bird subscription offer by signing up before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 for just £35.

Find out more at: [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/subscribe-to-garden-waste](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/subscribe-to-garden-waste)

### Doing housework can help you live longer

If you spend half an hour a day tidying the house, going up and down your stairs, and doing household chores, you are reducing the risk of an early death.

So says recent guidance from the World Health Organisation, as it urges people to maintain regular moderate exercise on a daily basis, of up to at least 150 minutes a

week. It also recommends vigorous exercise of at least 75 minutes a week.

The WHO recommendation was published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine, and is part of the new global guidelines on physical activity.

WHO also warned that those who stay sedentary for 10 or more hours on a regular basis will have a "significantly heightened risk of death."



## The Padley Centre

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Padley Centre in Derby and with winter and much colder weather upon us we need to give even more thought for those less fortunate people who know what it is like to be hungry, homeless and cold. Canon Dave has been delivering these donations throughout the last few months - the Padley has a booking system for dropping goods off.

They need warm clothing for adults, including waterproofs, warm socks, gloves, hats and scarves etc. Sleeping bags are always very much appreciated, especially now, with the much colder nights during the winter months.

Food - tins of meat, fish, soup and tomatoes; dried pasta; rice; biscuits and chocolate and any other 'treats'; also toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and feminine hygiene products.

Donations can be brought along to a Sunday service if you are able to attend, or you can phone Canon Dave to arrange to drop them off at the Vicarage. Alternatively, you can phone David Jackson if you are in Baslow or Liz Bradshaw if you are in Pilsley and arrange to drop them off with them.



## Open that window

Here is an easy resolution for the New Year: open your windows at home for 'short sharp bursts' of 10 to 15 minutes at a time, several times a day.

The government's public information campaign says that regular fresh air can cut the risk of Covid transmission by more than 70 per cent.

So, either leave a window open a small amount continuously, or open it fully on a regular basis throughout the day, especially if anyone has come to visit you in your home. Coronavirus is spread through the air by droplets and smaller particles known as aerosols. They can hang in the air for hours and they build up over time.



## Five things I'd like to see in 2021

*The Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE, considers the New Year ahead.*

I keep hearing people say that 2020 was a 'year like no other.' Friends have been writing a special journal recording the year, so they can pass it on to their grandchildren. Others just want to leave 2020 behind and look to a happier new year.

Both reactions are completely understandable. But I've been looking ahead to 2021 and thinking about the five top things I'd like to see in the year ahead. I wonder if you'll agree with them or not? Maybe you could put together your own list.

### **Let's make sure the vaccines are distributed fairly and speedily.**

Those who need the vaccine most urgently should receive it first, with a fair system for ensuring everyone else can be vaccinated quickly and efficiently. We need to ensure that everyone receives the vaccine wherever they live in the world – from the poorest to the richest. Especially, in those parts of the world where there is war, and people are living as refugees.

**Let's learn the lessons of the pandemic** – not just going back to how life was, as quickly as possible.

Many of us learnt to appreciate our family so very much more – especially when we could not be with them for months on end. We learnt lessons about how important our neighbours and local businesses are, how precious our NHS, medical researchers, care providers and other frontline workers are. Let's not forget them.

**Let's value nature.** Those of us with gardens, or with parks or fields nearby, have been massively blessed. I've learnt to pay attention to birdsong, to the changing colours of the trees, and how unexpected plants have taken root in our garden. Pets have played a major part in helping us endure the lockdowns, especially for people who live alone. May we all learn to value the natural world on our doorsteps in the year ahead and beyond.

**Let's bless technology.** Without the use of the internet, meeting people 'online' or keeping in touch via email, Facetime or other technologies, 2020 would have been a whole lot tougher. Churches across the country moved their Sunday services online, and soon adapted to a different way of worshipping – not the same, but still helping us to worship together and see familiar faces. Let's continue to give thanks for the science that made that contact possible in 2020.

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### **Let's value our church family.**

Imperfect we may be, like any family. But the months without being physically able to worship with them, share communion with them, sing alongside them have been hard. I value so much how many churches have risen to the pandemic challenge and sought to serve their

communities in all kinds of ways. May we take all this experience into 2021 and build upon it.

Whatever 2021 holds for you and all those that you love, I pray that you may know the love of God in your life, and be able to pass it on to others.

### **Who does the allotment in your family?**

As men take on more domestic household chores, here may be a surprising result: more women are tackling the family allotment, and often taking the children along to help out.

Nationally, half of all allotment holders are now women. This is up from two per cent in 1973, and 20

per cent in 2003. It is thought that the example of celebrity gardeners, especially Charlie Dimmock, may have helped.

The average age of holders is 57, with men typically older than women. Demand for allotments has quadrupled since 2006, with the average waiting list in London now at five years.



### **'Quarantine' - the 2020 word of the year**

The Cambridge Dictionary has named 'quarantine' as its 'word of the year' for 2020. Apparently, it was the word most looked up between January and October of last year. 'Quarantine' even beat 'pandemic' and 'lockdown'.

The Cambridge Dictionary has now added a new meaning to the word 'quarantine'. It runs: 'A general

period of time in which people are not allowed to leave their homes or travel freely, so that they do not catch or spread a disease.'

The editors are also considering some possible new words for the dictionary. These include 'Quaranteam' (a group of people who go into quarantine together), Lockstalgia (a feeling of nostalgia for the lockdown period), and Coroniall (someone born around the time of the pandemic).

## **Martin Luther and the Diet of Worms – 500 years on**

*Martin Luther helped bring in the Reformation, and this month marks an important stage in that process. Tim Lenton reports.*

Five hundred years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1521, German Protestant reformer Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X after he refused to recant his writings. A few weeks later, on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, the Diet of Worms was called by the Holy Roman Empire and ran until 25<sup>th</sup> May.

This amusingly titled event (Diet means assembly, and Worms is a city in the Rhineland) culminated in the Edict of the Diet of Worms, which declared that Luther was an heretic, and banned his writings.

Luther was a monk and professor of biblical interpretation at the University of Wittenberg who came to oppose the Church's corrupt practice of selling indulgences for the forgiveness of sins. His 95 theses, which he is famous for nailing to a church door in 1517 – though some historians doubt that it actually happened – were based on the belief that salvation is by grace through faith and cannot be bought by cash or actions, however good.

Luther was defiant and was supported by powerful princes. He lived until 1546 and with others brought about the Reformation, though he would doubtless have been amazed at the sheer number and variety of different Protestant denominations (including various forms of Lutheranism) that would trace their origin to his actions.

## **Being salt and light in times of sorrow**

The coronavirus pandemic has placed Christians who work in roles such as funeral directors, funeral celebrants, bereavement nurses and grief counsellors (like so many in the sector) under great pressure. Often, they are working alone or in small groups where they are the only believer.

As a result, Transform Work UK has set up a Christian Support Group called Christians Working with the Bereaved (CWWtB). The hope is that it can offer prayer, support and encouragement to Christians working in this sector.

More details at:  
[www.transformworkuk.org](http://www.transformworkuk.org)

## Counting the cost of coronavirus

*The pandemic has impacted just about every area of life. The following snippets may help give you an overview of some of the common problems many people now face.*

Happy New Year! It's good to begin a new year with hope, but few of us have left 2020 unscathed by the pandemic.

For example, nearly half of us, 48 per cent, put on weight during lockdown. (According to a recent survey by King's College London and Ipsos MORI).

Millions of us turned to alcohol or drugs. Public Health England reports that one in five of us aged 45-74 are now drinking more than 21 units a week. The Royal College of Psychiatrists expresses alarm at the rapid rise in patients whose alcohol or drug use led to a decline in their mental health in 2020.

Children have suffered. Childline had nearly 43,000 calls from young people between March and October. Cyber bullying has soared, with one in three children being bullied during the pandemic, according to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

For millions of pensioners, Covid-19 'hit the fast-forward button on ageing', according to Age UK.

Lockdown left old people frightened and losing their confidence, mobility and even functions such as memory.

Suicidal thoughts soared during lockdown, with the number of people seeking help tripling, to stand at more than a quarter of a million. The Royal College of Psychiatrists warn that mental health services are now 'overflowing' with patients struggling to cope with anxiety, psychosis and depression. Many charities fear a 'second pandemic' of mental health problems.

So – what do we do as January 2021 dawns? Each one of us CAN do something to make things better, if only in a small way. How about these for your New Year Resolutions?

Firstly, just get regular exercise. As one professor said, "Exercise creates a virtuous circle of physical and mental well-being. You move more, you eat better, you feel positive." On the other hand, only a couple of weeks of lying around the house will leave your cardiovascular systems less effective, your musculoskeletal system weaker, your metabolic rate affected, and your immune system lowered.

Secondly, adopt the right mental attitude. Studies of Holocaust survivors found that those who recovered best had certain character

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## Where do we go from here?

*Lester Amann considers the visit of the Wise Men.*

Perhaps this was a question the Wise Men asked after seeing the infant Jesus. They had come from a distant land to Jerusalem. They had followed a star and expected to see a royal child. Now in Bethlehem, they saw things differently. No doubt Mary and Joseph shared with these men their recent experiences and knew God was with them. Now the Magi had to have eyes of faith to recognise that this child was God in the flesh.

On 6<sup>th</sup> January many churches will celebrate Epiphany. On this day we remember the Eastern Men bringing their gifts to Jesus. The word 'epiphany' describes their 'revelation' or 'insight' that this was no ordinary baby. Who could they tell? Not King Herod. They had a dream warning them to return home a different way.

Their return to familiar surroundings was going to be different. They couldn't be silent about what they had experienced. Their lives were

now changed. On returning home they faced new circumstances and challenges.

Doesn't this sound a bit familiar to us today? The Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of us in one way or another. Where do we go from here? We have celebrated our Lord's birth, but now we are returning to our previous activities. The festive break is over, and we are returning to changed, very difficult circumstances.

We go into a New Year that is so different from this time last year. While we might be downcast with all the upsets around us, there is one thing that has not changed.

It is almighty God! He is our rock. We can look to Him in this world of confusion and uncertainty. Perhaps, from now on, we shall be worshipping and serving Him in different ways. So, with the challenges that lie ahead, let's continually seek His guidance.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding..... and He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6).*

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traits of resilience: optimism, self-esteem, acceptance and above all, spirituality. A faith in God gave them purpose and meaning, even in the midst of fear and death.

Thirdly, make an effort this year to keep in touch with your friends and keep an eye out for vulnerable neighbours. Be willing to act as a safety net for others, if only to show compassion and a willingness to listen to them.

## How many more waves?

*This article is based on a recent feature by Paul Valler, Chair of the LICC Board (London Institute for Contemporary Christianity.)*

As the days are dark, and winter still stretches ahead, many of us find the prospect of more restrictions for months to come even harder than when we first went into lockdown.

After nine months of coronavirus, we are emotionally drained. We are financially drained. We are lonely, depressed, frightened, and facing deep uncertainty, from job losses to health problems to relationship breakdown. We are running out of steam, and the virus is still going strong.

There is a strong parallel in all this with the ancient book of Job and his experience of loss and pain. Like Job, we are discovering that we are not always entitled to health, wealth, and happiness; and like Job our suffering inexplicably goes on and on. Like the irritating moralising of Job's comforters, the constant critique of the media only seems to make things worse. And, like Job, our minds are incapable of totally grasping the meaning of all this suffering. We need hope.

Job was deprived of everything, yet even in his despair he never lost his belief that God was there.

Occasionally an indestructible hope burst forth like a ray of light in the darkness of his pain. "I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God." (Job 19:26).

But the truly transformative moment for Job came when, instead of seeing his situation in front of God, *he finally saw God in front of his situation*. Then, even in the intensity of his suffering, the greatness of the Almighty eclipsed the problem. That is the revelation we need.

In this sad and weary time lament is therapeutic, and we can be completely real with our Father in Heaven. Yet in our lament, the path to rekindling true hope lies in the possibility of focusing on the character and immensity of God. Greater is He that is in us than the pandemic that is in the world.

Join in with the ancient words of Psalm 42: 'Why are you downcast O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Saviour and my God.'



Psalm 42

## **6<sup>th</sup> January: Where did the Wise Men come from?**

Magi from the East – it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi had originally been a religious caste among the Persians. Their devotion to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams led to an extension in the meaning of the word, and by the first century the Magi in Matthew's gospel could have been astrologers from outside of Persia. Some scholars believe they might have come from what was then Arabia Felix, or as we would say today, southern Arabia.

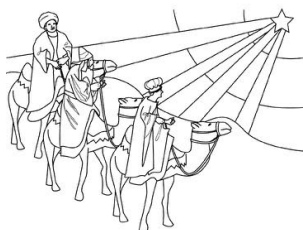
It is true that in the first century astrology was practised there, and it was the region where the Queen of Sheba had lived. She of course had visited Solomon and would have heard the prophecies about how one day a Messiah would be born to the Israelites and become their king.

Matthew's gospel (chapter 2) is clear that the Magi asked Herod: 'Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.' So it is possible that in southern Arabia the Queen of

Sheba's story of how a Messiah would one day be sent to the Israelites had survived. Certainly, there are a number of other early legends that connect southern Arabia with Solomon's Israel.

To many people this makes sense: that the ancient stories of a Messiah, linked to later astrological study, prompted these alert and god-fearing men to the realisation that something very stupendous was happening in Israel. They realised that after all these centuries, the King of the Jews, the Messiah, was about to be born.

One more interesting thing that gives weight to the theory that the Magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.





## **Beware what's lurking in the water**

### **Every river in England has chemicals in them.**

A recent waterways survey has found that agricultural, industrial and household pollutants now contaminate, to some extent, all of our surface water. It is a huge turnaround since 2016, when 97 per cent of our surface water was deemed to be free from chemicals.

Using new Environment Agency sampling methods, which include looking at the flesh of fish, it was found that there are PFAS chemicals (from cosmetic and cleaning

products) and mercury (from burning waste and fuel) in all of England's waterways. Overall, just 14 per cent of our rivers merit ecologically 'good'.

That proportion of waters being in good health is one of the worst in Europe, with a European average of 40 per cent of surface waters being rated as 'good'.

Wildlife charities warn that the Government's 25-year environment plan target for 75 per cent of our waterbodies to be in good condition is now 'all but unachievable.'

## **Tearfund helping the vulnerable**

The logo for Tearfund, featuring the word "tearfund" in white lowercase letters on a teal rectangular background.

This past year, with coronavirus spreading in some of the world's poorest communities, the UK Christian relief charity Tearfund has been busier than ever.

Worldwide, millions of people have been locked down and unable to work, and thus unable to buy food. Refugees are stranded in crowded camps with little access to clean water or basic items like soap to protect themselves against the virus.

Tearfund is working in more than 50 countries, and this past year alone has reached 1.5million people with help of various kinds. It also installed 1,783 hand-washing stations, distributed 83,476 hygiene kits, and sent out 271,790 personal hygiene messages.

A Tearfund spokesman says: "We are doing all we can to stand with the most vulnerable people at this time. We are adapting our programmes and finding new ways to safely support people in need."

For more information go to their website at: <https://www.tearfund.org>

## Climate change has increased disasters

Climate change is largely to blame for the huge rise in natural disasters between the years 2000 to 2019. So says a recent report from the United Nations office for disaster risk reduction.

It goes on to warn that the earth is rapidly becoming “uninhabitable” to millions of people worldwide. Three quarters of a billion more people were hit by catastrophic events of nature over the past two decades than were affected in the preceding 20 years (1980 to 1999).

The UN report calls humanity “wilfully destructive” and says that too many governments have failed to

take the threat of climate change seriously.

“It is baffling that we willingly and knowingly continue to sow the seeds of our own destruction, despite the science and evidence that we are turning our home into an unimaginable hell for millions of people.”

Climate related disasters numbered 3,656 during the period 1980-1999. This doubled to become 6,681 in the period 2000-2019. Floods and storms have been the most common events.

2020 was not included in the data, but it saw one of the most active fire and hurricane seasons the US has ever experienced, as well as significant flooding in Asia.

### **We must become a ‘simpler, humbler, bolder Church’ - Archbishops**

The momentous events of 2020 will have a “profound effect” on the future of the Church of England and our wider society, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have said.

In a recent joint address to the General Synod, Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell said the Church of England must adapt and put its trust in God to become a “simpler, humbler, bolder Church.” The archbishops’ comments came as they addressed the first online sitting of the General Synod following a legal

change to enable it to meet remotely amid the coronavirus restrictions.

They outlined how the coronavirus pandemic and its economic fallout are providing the backdrop to huge social changes - here and around the world.

They also singled out how the Black Lives Matter movement and the publication of the IICSA report on abuse had exposed the Church’s own failings and the need to change.

Archbishop Justin told Synod: “2020 will be a year that registers in memory and in history. It can be compared with 1914, 1929 and 1989.

## Why parking your car is getting more difficult

Have you noticed that it is getting harder to park your car? And that when you finally do get parked, you can barely get the door open enough to squeeze out?

It is not your fault. Modern cars have grown so big that many drivers now have as little as 21 cm of room to spare in a parking space.

A recent study has found that the country's most popular cars are as much as 55 per cent larger than they were in the Seventies, while the standard parking space has not grown at all. No surprise, then, that millions of drivers scrape their cars

each year trying to park in cramped spaces.

The biggest grower is the Mini Hatch, which is now 55 per cent bigger and takes up to 22 per cent more of a parking space than the original did, back in 1959. The Honda Civic of today is 1.8m wide, an increase of 44 per cent. It now takes up nearly three quarters of a standard parking bay.

CarGurus, who carried out the research, has urged the authorities to update the guidelines for parking bays. The current size of a parking bay is 2.4m by 4.8m, and has not changed in 50 years.



### **The cat** *(to make you smile)*

A vicar and his wife were going out for the evening, and carefully set the security lights and put the cat out. But when they opened the door to go to the taxi, the cat slipped back in and disappeared upstairs. Irritated, the vicar followed it.

The wife waited with the taxi driver. Not wanting him to know that they were leaving the parsonage empty, she said: "My husband is just upstairs for a quick word with my mother."

A few minutes later, the husband arrived, breathless. "Sorry I took so long" he said, "but she put up a fight! Stupid old thing was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger and grab her by the scruff of the neck to get her out."

## Holocaust Memorial Day calls for 'light in the darkness' of today

It was 25 years ago this month, on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1996, that the first Holocaust Remembrance Day was observed in Germany. It became International Holocaust Day in 2005 when it was adopted by the United Nations. It marks the day (27<sup>th</sup> January 1945) when the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration/death camp was liberated.

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) in 2021 is 'Be the light in the darkness'. The aim is to encourage people to "reflect on the depths humanity can sink to, but also the ways individuals and communities

resisted that darkness to 'be the light' before, during and after genocide."

HMD is encouraging people to heed the 'Be the light in the darkness' theme as a call to action. "The utterly unprecedented times through which we are living currently are showing the very best of which humanity is capable but also - in some of the abuse and conspiracy theories being spread on social media - the much darker side of our world as well.

"We can all stand in solidarity. We can choose to 'be the light in the darkness' in a variety of ways and places – at home, in public, and online."

More at: [www.hmd.org.uk](http://www.hmd.org.uk)

*With Lent beginning on 17<sup>th</sup> February, this may be of interest to people.*

## Rooted in Love – Lent Reflections on Life in Christ

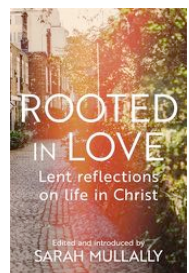
*By Sarah Mullally, SPCK, £7.99 (Review)*

This is the first Lent book from the Bishop of London, and it explores the ways in which we can live the Christian life to the full today.

The forty reflections will help you to go deeper into the meaning and practice of what it is to have your life in Christ today. Each reflection includes a Bible reading, a prayer and a suggestion for action.

The result is an exceptionally helpful Lent book, offering a rich array of biblical insight and spiritual guidance that Christians of all traditions will warmly welcome and appreciate.

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## 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>*

### A Scientist's Letter to the UK Church: Power, love and self-control

I want to share a message of hope that Christians in the sciences around the world can bring to the church. Dr Francis Collins, who leads medical research in the US, spoke earlier in the pandemic about his faith and his hope in God to help us through this time. He expressed the grief that so many are experiencing, described an intensity of scientific work he has never experienced before, and shared his conviction that he is in exactly the right place just now - serving God with science. He is holding on tight to the words of Paul in 2 Timothy 1:7, 'for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.'

**Power** - In 2 Timothy the apostle Paul encourages his friend to 'fan into flame the gift of God' that is in him. I am thankful that scientists like Francis are using their own particular talents to understand this virus, and to help prevent or treat infection. The things they discover are not just useful, but at times they

can also display the beauty and wonder of God's creation.

**Love** - A scientist shows their love for God, for people and for the rest of creation through their work in the lab. One scientist described his experiences to me: "I study God's fingerprints in His creation to learn more of Him and the world He placed us in and to learn how we should take care of it and each other... I pray for inspiration and insight into how His creation works... and that He provides the opportunities to give the glory to Him."

**Self-Control** - It is largely our own and others' selfish actions that can turn one animal's friendly virus into our own species' personal nightmare. Thankfully Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection are the solution to evil. Our ultimate and certain hope is that one day all Creation will be renewed. We can also have hope for today, that God is with us in our suffering. When we respond in positive ways to painful events, that is evidence that Jesus is alive and working in our lives.

Science will not solve all our problems, but with God's help and wisdom we can use the tools of science to serve him and love others. Let's pray together for the strength to cope, and for an end to this pandemic.

## The first man to get stopped for speeding...

*It seems that ever since the car was invented, some people can't resist the urge to put their foot down... By Tim Lenton*

It was 125 years ago, on 28th January 1896, that Walter Arnold of Kent became the first person in the world to be convicted of speeding. The speed limit was 2mph at the time, and a man carrying a red flag had to walk in front of the vehicle. But one day Mr Arnold took off at 8mph, without a flag bearer. He was chased by a policeman on a bicycle for five miles, arrested, and fined one shilling.

Mr Arnold was four times over the rather modest 2mph limit in the streets of Paddock Wood, near Tunbridge Wells in Kent. To achieve this feat today, a driver in most towns or cities would have to be travelling at over 100mph, which is probably a bit excessive.

The speed limit was changed later that same year to 14mph, but there

is no record of Mr Arnold getting his money back. Nor is there any evidence that he was endangering life and limb, which used to be the criterion: the 1832 Stage Carriage Act introduced the offence of endangering someone's safety by "furious driving".

Just over 100 years later, the road safety charity Brake reports that male motorists are more than three times as likely as women to have driven at more than 100mph, because 'boy racers' believe they have more talent than the average driver. Police have caught one driver doing 120mph in a 20mph zone, another doing 152mph in a 30mph zone, and one doing an astonishing 180mph on a motorway. As Edmund King, AA president, points out: "Generally men have riskier attitudes towards driving than their female counterparts."

*To make you smile....*

### Response

The mother of a lively youngster was struggling to get him into his pyjamas one night. "Jamie, lift up your arms!" she said. To which the child promptly replied: "We lift them up unto the Lord!"

### Numbers

When the minister announced the first hymn on Zoom, "Ten thousand times ten thousand!" the little boy turned anxiously to his father. "Does he want us to work that out?"

## Struggling towards relinquishment.

*Here is the third and final article in a series by Tony Collins. He considers the question of how much **STUFF** we really need in our lives.*

During lockdown the little Methodist chapel to which Pen and I belong has been refurbished.

After the builders left, we started putting things straight, and were stunned to realise how much stuff we had. Old hymns books. A broken communion set. Paper and defunct pens, stickers and dried glue from Messy Church. Wonky plastic chairs. A portable font. A cassette player. A communion jug from 1864. A spare organ stool. Endless vases. A handsome, heavily carved table that had been donated in memory of someone no one can remember. Not all of it useless, but none of it needed. I didn't win every discussion, but we filled a skip.

Adaptation is the motor of evolution. If we are encumbered with objects – and habits and old stories – we will be less able to change. Churches should not be museums.

Much of the problem arises from sentiment. My grandparents were world travellers, mainly in India and the Far East, and my childhood home was filled with trinkets. But one man's heirloom is another's junk, and over the course of the decades I have ditched most of the stuff that dogged my steps. If you value things for their sentimental value, rather than their

intrinsic utility or beauty, your heirs will sigh as they open your attic.

This is where relinquishment comes in.

Relinquishment empowers love and generosity. You'd have thought the more you have the easier it is to give. In fact, the less you have, the more lightly you sit to everything. This is the principle of the Widow's Mite; those who have relinquished much are more often willing to share.

Relinquishment is the starting point for spiritual growth. What if we've been missing the chance to discover not only who we could have been, but who we at heart really are? What if the nothing we brought and leave with is precisely our birth-right, an instrument of spiritual power? If we remove the possessions and commitments that form our armour, our true selves can emerge.

And, once your mother's ancient sideboard has finally gone, you can break out the vacuum cleaner.

Learn how to sit light to stuff by reading Pen Wilcock's new book, [Relinquishment: Making Space for What Really Matters](#), available from Amazon in paperback and ebook.

*Tony Collins has worked for most of his life as a publisher. He is now a literary agent.*





## US presidents – young and old

A look back over the last 60 years, at 20-year intervals, reveals the following snapshot of the ages of various residents in the White House:

**60 years ago**, on 20<sup>th</sup> January 1961, John F Kennedy became the 35<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. The youngest to become president by election, Kennedy was only 43 years old at his inauguration.

**40 years ago**, on 20<sup>th</sup> January 1981, Ronald Reagan became 40<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. At 69 years of age at the time of his first inauguration, Reagan was the oldest

first-term US president, a distinction he held until 2017, when Donald Trump was inaugurated at age 70.

**20 years ago**, on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2001, George W Bush was inaugurated as the 43<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States. He was 55 years old, almost the exact median age of US presidents on their inauguration day (which stands at 53 years and three months).

**This month**, on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Joe Biden will be inaugurated as the 46<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. He is 78, which makes him the oldest-ever person to become president. (He turned 78 on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020.)

## HAPPY NEWYEAR

By Megan Carter

*(An acrostic poem where the first letter of each line spells out the title of the poem)*

**H**eaven's gift of another year  
**A**s the old departs and the new is born,  
**P**lans for a future and a hope  
**P**reparing us for each new dawn.

**Y**esterday has gone forever,  
**N**ew days and ventures lie ahead,  
**E**ven darkness turns to light  
**W**hen we make the Lord our head.

**Y**ielding to the Holy Spirit  
**E**ver mindful that He's there,  
**A**s we live our lives before Him  
**R**ejoicing in His loving care.



**2021**

At the passing of time I'm aghast  
Another New Year coming fast!  
Can it be that much worse  
Or more of a curse  
Than this horrible year that has  
passed?

By Nigel Beeton

## Overcoming disappointment

*Canon Paul Hardingham considers the disappointment of life going wrong*

*'We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.' (Martin Luther King, Jr).*

During this current pandemic, one of the dominant emotions is disappointment. It comes out of our expectations of life, even as people of faith. The life story that we adopt for ourselves is that life should be long and healthy; we can become anything we want, and we have perfect families, homes, holidays and retirement! No wonder we're disappointed when things don't work out like this, especially during the pandemic.

Jesus tells the story of a wealthy farmer, living the good life (Luke: 12:13-21), when God says: *'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'* It's a very modern story, as this farmer's expectations of the future took no account of death or God. Like death, there are unexpected moments that interrupt our life story, including

illness, redundancy, divorce, or the pandemic.

If we pay more attention to how Covid upsets us, we can discern where we have set our hearts. What life story are we really living for? What are our expectations for work, family and friends, health, God or church?

At the end of His parable, Jesus offers this challenge: *'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.'* (21). At the beginning of a New Year, are we ready to align our story more to God's story for us? Reflect on Jesus' parable, asking how God can be at the heart of our life story.

What words would we like to see written on our gravestone when we die, describing the way that we've lived our life? With God's help, those words can reflect our life today!

100 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1921, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was installed beneath the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. It honours those who died in WWI (and later also WWII) who were never identified.

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December  
solution



January  
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## 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

Did you know that it was 80 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1941, that Amy Johnson, pioneering British aviator, drowned in the Thames Estuary, aged 37. She had bailed out after her plane ran out of fuel and crashed in adverse weather conditions.

**AND**

It was 150 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1871, that the Rugby Football Union (RFU) was founded in England.

## **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 -**

Wednesdays from 1pm: 13<sup>th</sup> January;  
10<sup>th</sup> February & 10<sup>th</sup> March

### **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.

**Christmas & New Year** – The surgery will close at 4.00pm on New Year's Eve.

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

## READINGS & ROTAS FOR JANUARY 2021

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

please phone Canon Dave Perkins 01246 386385 to reserve a place

- 3**      9.30am Holy Communion  
**17**     9.30am Holy Communion  
**31**     9.30am Holy Communion

### **St. Peter's, Edensor (pre-booked places only) 10.45am**

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January: Feast of the Epiphany (Holy Communion)**

- Isaiah 60: 1-6**                      Reader: John Caws  
**Matthew 2: 1-12**                Stewards: Mr & Mrs Gordon

#### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January: The Baptism of Christ (Holy Communion)**

- Genesis 1: 1-5**                      Reader: Diana Walters  
**Mark 1: 4-11**                      Stewards: Diana Walters & Roger Sherwood

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January: Second Sunday of Epiphany (Matins)**

- 1 Samuel 3: 1-10**                Reader: Mike Woodcock  
**John 1: 43-51**                      Stewards: Liz Bradshaw & Margaret Perkins

#### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January: Third Sunday of Epiphany (Holy Communion)**

- Revelation 19: 6-10**              Reader: Tom Cornell  
**John 2: 1-11**                      Stewards: Sue & Roger Wardle

#### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) (Holy Communion)**

- Malachi 3: 1-5**                      Reader: Christine Robinson  
**Luke 2: 22-40**                      Stewards: Margaret & David Jackson

### **Cleaning Rota for January**

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

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| <b>3</b> Trevor & Jackie Grimshaw<br><b>10</b> Sue & Roger Wardle<br><b>17</b> Mike Pindar & Jennie Ball | <b>24</b> Mrs Day/Mrs Walters<br><b>31</b> Mr & Mrs Jackson |
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