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On Monday 1st November the Church celebrates All Saints Day – a day to remember all those who, down the years, have led lives dedicated to God and followed in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are all familiar with the well know saints like Matthew, Andrew, John, Luke and of course many more. But how many of you have you heard of Sundar Singh? He was born in 1889 at a place called Rampur in Northern India. His mother who was deeply religious nurtured her son in all the noble traditions of Sikhism. Little did anyone know at the time what God was about to do with this intelligent and disciplined young man. Sundar was raised in the luxury of his family's wealth. He was taught about Hinduism and always went along with his parents to the Hindu and Sikh Temples. By the age of 7 he had already memorised Bhagavadgita (the intricate Hindu dialogue containing spiritual life lessons). He mastered the Vedas which contained all the ancient sacred books of Hinduism, he also read the Quran, the sacred book of Islam. Eventually he devoted his whole life to religion and rejected all worldly pleasures. He remained single and was homeless. He travelled all over India caring for those less fortunate than himself. However, he never achieved peacefulness in his meditations.

Owing to his mother's connections with some women from a British mission in Rajpur, Sundar was able to enter a school run by the missionaries. It was there that he was first introduced to the Bible. After studying the Scriptures he was convinced that what Jesus had taught was complete nonsense. In fact he became so aggressive he took a Bible, tore it apart and burnt it. He even threw stones at preachers and encouraged others to do the same. His hatred of the local missionaries ended up with the public burning of a Bible which he tore apart page by page and then threw into the flames. However hard he tried, he could not find the peace he had been desperate to find in his own religion. But three days after burning the Bible, he woke up at 3am in the morning, went out into the public courtyard for the ceremonial bath observed by devout Hindu's before worship. He returned to his room, knelt down, bowed his head and pleaded that God would reveal himself to him – nothing happened. He repeated his prayer once again, lifted his head, opened

his eyes and was rather surprised to see a faint cloud of light in the room. He opened the door and peered out into the courtyard. It was complete darkness. Turning back into the room he saw that the light was getting brighter. At first he feared that the room was on fire. He then thought this might be the answer to his prayers. While watching the light he suddenly saw the figure of Jesus in the radiance. To his sheer amazement he didn't see the face of any of his traditional gods, but he saw the face of Jesus Christ. Christ was there in the room shining and radiating an inexpressible joy, peace and love, looking at him with compassion and asking the question, "Why are you persecuting me? It was me who died for you." Sundar fell on his knees and experienced an astonishing peacefulness which he had never felt before. The vision disappeared, but the peace and joy stayed with him. From that moment on his life was transformed. When he wanted to be baptised, his family tried to stop him. But in 1905, on his birthday, Sundar was baptised in an English church in Simla. He was now so enthused to dedicate himself to the Lord Jesus Christ. He abandoned all his possessions and maintained his celibacy being convinced that this was the best way to introduce people to the Gospel. Having now become a Christian he was renounced by his family who wanted nothing more to do with him.

On October 16th 1905, Sundar, wearing a yellow robe, barefooted and without any provisions, resumed his nomadic life going from village to village, but this time he followed in the footsteps of Jesus. Once he was preaching in a public market when a fanatic from a different religion punched him hard on his right cheek. Very calmly Sundar turned his left cheek towards the attacker. The attacker ran away. But that night Sundar received a message from him asking for forgiveness. There are so many stories about this incredible man which are totally inspirational. In 1929 he visited Tibet and was never seen again. It was Sundar Singh who travelled with only his Bible saying, "I am not worthy to follow in the footsteps of my Lord but like him, I want no home and no possessions. Like Jesus I belong to the road sharing the sufferings of my people, eating with those who will give me shelter and telling everyone about the love of God."

I hope you, like me, are inspired by the faith and commitment of this amazing man. Let us pray that like all the saints he may rest in peace and rise in glory.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave.

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(Book review...)

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

St. Peter's Church 100 Club September Draw 2021

1st Prize £30 - no. 38 Stuart Sutton

2nd prize £20 - no. 94 Cynthia Gordon

Funds to church this month - £50

Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 club.

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

This will be held on
TUESDAY 21ST DECEMBER
7.30PM

CHRISTMAS GREETING

via 'THE BRIDGE'

Donations to Church Funds



If you would like to send Christmas Greetings to friends, family and other readers of this magazine, please put your name on the list which will be on the book table in church (St. Peter's) during the next few Sundays, or telephone or email Liz Bradshaw **before Monday 15th November.**

All you need to do then is place your donation in **an envelope marked 'Christmas Greetings'** and **put it on the collection plate on any Sunday during Advent or drop it off at the Vicarage.**

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 6PM

A service to mark the beginning of the Christian year, this service will include anthems sung by the Derbyshire Singers Chamber Choir, Advent hymns, prayers and readings.



EVERYONE WELCOME

Dates for your Diary - November

- 3 Edensor PCC Meeting - 7.30pm Cavendish Chapel**
- 9 Beeley WI Monthly Meeting 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall**
Medieval Armour - Chris and Andrea Hield
- 16 Beeley Heritage Group Meeting 7pm Beeley Village Hall**
Patrick Coleman talking about Tracking the Codes of Derbyshire Heraldry
- 17 Chatsworth WI Monthly Meeting - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms**

No proof-of-jab needed to go to church

You can go to church this autumn for worship, baptisms, weddings, and funerals, all without needing to offer proof that you have had the jab.

The Church of England welcomed the news that vaccination

certification will not be required. As a spokesman said: "it would be difficult ... to justify limiting access to church services or organisations on the basis of vaccine passports. Such an approach would run contrary to the principle of the Church being a home-and-a-refuge for all."

One million downloads for Daily Prayer podcast

Hundreds of thousands of people have discovered the ancient monastic cycle of daily prayer through a Church of England podcast which has received more than a million downloads in just six months.

The Daily Prayer podcast, which is integrated into the free Daily Prayer app, brings listeners together twice a day for short traditional services of Morning and Evening.

The podcast, available both via the Daily Prayer app as well as all major

podcasting platforms, has had just under a quarter of a million unique listeners since launching.

The services follow the pattern of the C of E's Common Worship services, with readings recorded by people around the country and music from one of the choirs of St Martin-in-the-Fields in London.

The podcast, which was launched in March 2021, has around 8,000 people listening each day. Find it at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>

Good news for coffee lovers

If you drink a cup of coffee a day, you could reduce your risk of having a stroke by a fifth.

A recent study, by researchers at Semmelweis University in Budapest, found that people who drink a moderate amount of coffee (from half

a cup to three cups a day) are 21 per cent less likely to have a stroke, as compared to people who avoid coffee completely.

About 100,000 people in the UK suffer a stroke each year, and it is the fourth leading cause of death, just behind dementia, heart disease and lung cancer.

The Padley Centre

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Padley Centre in Derby. Autumn is now officially with us and the weather will certainly be getting colder and wetter over the next months. We should continue to think of those less fortunate people who know what it is like to be hungry, homeless and cold. Canon Dave continues to deliver donations through the Padley booking system for dropping goods off.

They always need clothing for adults, including waterproofs, warm socks, gloves, hats and scarves etc. Unworn underwear and sleeping bags are always much appreciated as are toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and feminine hygiene products.

Food - tins of meat, fish, soup and tomatoes; dried pasta; rice; biscuits and chocolate and any other 'treats'.

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.

The Padley Centre also now accepts: *Blankets – any size since if not used in the centre they can sell them in the shop. Bedding – sheet and pillow cases **but not duvets or pillows** due to health and safety reasons.*

Why you should never play fetch with sticks

Dogs and sticks do not mix, and now vets have issued a warning about the possible dangers.

Following two incidents where dogs chasing sticks impaled themselves and nearly died, the British Veterinary Association (BVA) warns that getting your dog to run with a stick can be life-threatening, and as it can lodge down their throat or puncture their soft palette or even paws.

Instead, people should use blunt toys that cannot pierce flesh, such as rubber sticks, balls and frisbees.

Senior vice-president of the BVA said: "Vets frequently see dog injuries caused by sticks, ranging from cuts and scrapes in the mouth to the stick becoming lodged in their throat. I have seen cases of traumatic stick injuries that have needed extensive surgery to fix.

"We would never discourage owners from exercising or playing with their dog, but our advice is to swap sticks for dog-safe toys instead, and so avoid such easily preventable and distressing injuries."

Public Space Protection Order consultation

Local people are being invited to have their say on proposals aimed at ensuring public spaces across the Derbyshire Dales remain clean, green and safe places to visit.

Derbyshire Dales District Council wants feedback on plans to renew its Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) which put restrictions on the use of alcohol, barbecues and vehicles in places such as parks, recreation grounds and play areas. They also include dog exclusions and a dogs-on-leads policy in cemeteries, churchyards and large recreational spaces such as the District Council's main parks in Ashbourne, Bakewell and Matlock.

A PSPO means that anti-social behaviour can be dealt with by the issuing of a £100 Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) by a Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) and Derbyshire Dales District Council Enforcement Staff.

The current PSPOs were adopted on 1 November 2018 and are now due for renewal.

A District Council spokesperson said: "We are required to review the

existing measures and seek the views of others, which we will take into account alongside data and evidence gathered, as any new Orders must be supported by evidence."

Proposals include the continuation of dog exclusion orders in all existing areas and where not already included, adding enclosed play areas. Removing dog control orders in cemeteries and burial sites. Continuing with alcohol control orders in the five main town recreational grounds only. Removing the prohibition of driving or parking and prohibition of fires and barbecues on parks and open spaces, apart from Stanton Moor where we are proposing to introduce a PSPO prohibiting fires and barbecues.

To take part in the current consultation, which runs until 22 November 2021, residents can view the full list of proposed protected sites online at

www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/PSPO





New cashless parking payment option in the Derbyshire Dales with PayByPhone

Derbyshire Dales District Council has partnered with PayByPhone, the global leader in mobile parking payments, to offer drivers the option of cashless parking in its 30 off-street car parks. The new service launched this week.

District Council Leader Councillor Garry Purdy said: "We are delighted to be working with PayByPhone to make parking easier and more convenient for our residents and visitors to the beautiful Derbyshire Dales.

"Card payments in our car parks have been available for some time, but a real bonus of the new partnership is that people can avoid queuing at payment machines and, should they wish to stay longer than originally planned, the PayByPhone app allows them to extend their parking session via their phones up to the maximum time, without having to worry about rushing back to their cars."

Partnering with PayByPhone means that Dales drivers using the PayByPhone app can opt to receive a reminder text before their parking session expires, so they can either extend their session if they need to, or get back to their car in good time to avoid a penalty notice.

PayByPhone users also have access to the app's other helpful features. The Maps feature allows drivers to locate parking before they leave for their destination and to pin their vehicle location onto the map once they have parked. The Nearby Parking feature instantly provides drivers with the closest PayByPhone parking location.

Cashless parking is also a better option for the environment, as it helps to reduce the number of enforcement and maintenance vehicles on the roads, belching out harmful tailpipe emissions.

Adam Dolphin, Sales Director for PayByPhone UK, said: "We are thrilled to launch PayByPhone with Derbyshire Dales District Council, helping to make the parking experience as hassle-free as possible for residents and visitors to this area of outstanding natural beauty.

"People have busy lives and our app simplifies things so they can get on with what matters most to them, without having to worry about parking. I would encourage drivers to download the app before their visit - registration takes less than 30 seconds - so that they can make use of the new service immediately."

For a full list of areas where PayByPhone is available, and to start using it today, download the app from the App Store or Google Play Store or visit the PayByPhone website paybyphone.co.uk.

Nationwide digital churchyard mapping project underway

The first few of 19,000 churchyards have been surveyed as part of a Church of England project to create a free digital map of every grave and feature in every churchyard in the country.

The ancient church of St Bega on the shores of Lake Bassenthwaite in the Diocese of Carlisle was the first churchyard to be scanned by the surveyors, using sophisticated laser equipment, as part of the national programme.

A new website will go online in the new year, giving free access to the map. It is expected to be of special interest to local community groups, conservationists, and those researching family history. The website will also enable the charting of biodiversity and green technology.

The Church of England has partnered with Cumbrian-based surveying company Atlantic Geomatics who will use back-pack mounted laser scanners to map churchyards. They will also photograph all the visible headstones.

There are around 19,000 Anglican burial grounds in England, and the

ambitious scheme will aim to digitally survey the majority over the coming seven years. Data on burials will be combined with other information, such as the National Biodiversity Network Atlas, to present the most complete picture of churchyards to date.

The project will come at no cost to parishes or dioceses in the Church of England and parishes will have free access to the map through a new web-based record system which is set to launch in Spring 2022. There will also be the option to subscribe to additional services.

Substantial funding for the programme has been given by Historic England, with the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Caring for God's Acre supporting the pilot phase, as well as support from genealogy research websites.

As well as details of burials, the online interactive map will detail biodiversity in churchyards, including ancient trees and plant-life, as well as green technology such as solar panels.

Caring for Creation

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the COP26 climate conference

This month sees the eagerly anticipated COP26 climate conference in Glasgow. As Christians, we need to hold together two key insights, if we are to engage with the challenge of climate change:

The world is not ours:

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God's! If we understand this, we will rediscover the responsibility of our calling to care for God's world: *'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.'* (Genesis 2:15). This challenges our consumer mindset, that says the resources of the earth are both limitless and exist for our pleasure. As well as caring for the planet, we also need to care for its people, for it's the poorest who will suffer the most from climate change. According to the World Bank, 100 million could

fall into poverty by 2030. We cannot properly address the climate crisis until we re-learn our place in God's world!

We belong to Christ:

We also belong to the one in whom: *'all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.'* (Colossians 1:16). We can look forward to the climax of history when God will restore the broken world and make everything new. We are empowered by Christ to take our proper place as stewards of the earth, as we share in this hope. We are called to love God and neighbour, and care for the planet by living simply, recycling, conserving energy and choosing reusable options.

However great the climate crisis gets, as Christians, we can engage in it with faith and not with fatalism!

What is outside your front door?

Our traditional front gardens are disappearing at a phenomenal rate, as more and more of us turn our green space into a driveway for car parking.

More than one in 10 (12 per cent) of people in the UK have now converted either some of or all their

front garden into a parking spot, according to a recent survey by Direct Line Home Insurance.

It seems that homeowners are fed up with crawling the streets outside their properties looking for a space to park, and they are reluctant to leave their vehicles too far from their doorstep.

100 years of red poppies

The Ven John Barton considers the memorial poppies. Why not buy more than one poppy this year...and give the extra one away?

Amid the mud, blood and carnage of trench warfare in World War I, tens of thousands of bright red poppies grew, marking the graves of the fallen. This led John McCrae, a Canadian army physician who had lost a colleague, to write "In Flanders Fields".

*In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.*

This image inspired the adoption of a red poppy as the symbol of all soldiers who had died in conflict. Exactly 100 years ago, on the 11th Nov 1921, poppies of remembrance were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries. Hostilities had actually ceased three years earlier at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

This year, on the 14th November, which is the nearest Sunday, a two-minutes silence will be kept at war memorials throughout the country, and at the national ceremony at the Cenotaph in London's Whitehall.

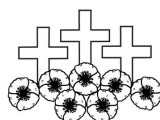
The Queen will pay tribute alongside Members of the Cabinet, Opposition Party leaders, former Prime Ministers, the Mayor of London and many others. Representatives of the Armed Forces, Fishing Fleets and Merchant Air and Navy will be there, as well as High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries. All will wear a red poppy.

Around 30 million poppies are sold each year in the UK by the Royal British Legion. All the proceeds are used to provide serving and ex-service personnel with financial support, advice, employment, mobility, housing and mental health facilities.

Today we are more aware than ever that battles are fought mainly by young people, and many of those who survive bear scars for life. The act of 'remembering' will not only look back to mark their sacrifice, but also yearn to learn lessons for the future.

Reflecting on the poem, 'In Flanders Fields', the American professor Moina Michael, wrote:

*And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson
that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.*



16th November - St Margaret of Scotland

Some women have power, and some women are good. When a woman with power is also good, she can achieve an astonishing amount.

Margaret of Scotland has been called 'The Pearl of Scotland', but she began life in Hungary about 1045. She was born to the expatriate English prince Edward the Exile, and so was an English princess. The family returned to Wessex in 1057, when she was 13, and following the death of King Harold II at the Battle of Hastings in 1066, her brother Edgar Aetheling should have been King of England, but he was never crowned. Instead, the family fled north, to Scotland, where she was married to Malcolm III of Scotland by 1070. As a Scottish queen she went on to become mother of three kings of Scotland, and of a queen consort of England.

Margaret was a Christian, and became a good friend of Lanfranc, a future archbishop of Canterbury. Her biographer tells of how she read narratives from the Bible to her husband, thus helping to 'civilise' him. He was illiterate, but so admired her reading, that he had her books decorated with gold and silver. She was also credited with helping her youngest son, the future King David I of Scotland, towards becoming a just and holy ruler.

Margaret introduced the worship and practise of the Church of Rome into Scotland. She also wanted to help the many pilgrims travelling in Scotland, and so she established a ferry across the Firth of Forth, which is where the towns South Queensferry and North Queensferry got their names.

Margaret performed many charitable works for the poor, and she interceded for the release of English exiles who had been forced into serfdom following the Norman conquest. She also began the restoration of Iona Abbey.

In private life, Margaret spent much of her time in prayer, using a cave on the banks of the Tower Burn in Dunfermline as a place of devotion and prayers. St Margaret's Cave is still there today, covered beneath a municipal car park.

Margaret died in 1093, and in 1250 Pope Innocent IV canonised her. Her relics were dispersed after the Scottish Reformation, but at one time Mary, Queen of Scots, owned her head.

Tony Horsfall lost his wife last year to cancer. He is a former missionary in East Malaysia and former retreat leader based in West Yorkshire. This is part one of a two-part series.

When someone you loved is dead

Since my wife passed away in July 2020, I have often been asked, “What are you learning from your grief journey?” Here are a few standout lessons:

1. That grief takes longer than you think to work itself through, and it can’t be rushed. It is a journey you must take slowly.

2. That when you lose your spouse, you lose not only the person you loved, but the person who loved you. This second loss leaves a hole in your heart, making you very vulnerable to new relationships.

3. That you will need to re-discover your identity as God’s deeply loved child in this season of your life, as if you had never known it before.

4. That God can be trusted to help you rebuild your life, but trust may not come easily. It is better to

focus on God’s trustworthiness than on your ability to trust, which may be shaky.

5. That your experience of grief and your response to loss is unique and personal, so don’t compare your journey to that of others.

6. That good friends can make the journey so much easier. Be prepared to ask for help.

7. That you will be ambushed by grief. Some things will take you by surprise, especially the little things.

8. That the loss of a spouse will leave you feeling very lonely, even when you are surrounded by family and friends. This is not a weakness, just a sign of what you have lost.

9. That loneliness is not a mental illness, just a natural response to being bereaved, and it will get better.

10. That moving forward is not a sign that you didn’t care, but that there is still a life to be lived and not wasted.

this will be concluded next month.

November brings us the last week in the church calendar: the Sunday of Christ the King, when we look forward to His future glorious reign. This is from an article by Tanya Marlow, author of 'Those Who Wait', and a writer for the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC).

Waiting for the Future

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ... They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.' (From Isaiah 11)

When pain, conflict, stress, and sorrow flood our lives we can lose sight of God's promise of a different kind of future. Isaiah was living in desperate times. The leaders had made treaties with evil nations because they thought it would bring them security and riches – but disaster loomed. Isaiah knew that his nation was sleepwalking into war and destruction.

God gave Isaiah a picture of hope: the distant future, which is also our

future. The wolf will no longer devour the lamb but lie alongside it. A child can plunge their hand into a viper's nest and not fear. There is safety and unity on God's holy mountain: a picture of eternal rest with our Creator.

We are built for heaven, and occasionally we remember that. However comfortable we are right now, evil and pain can render us powerless. Our souls groan along with the Holy Spirit, longing to live with Christ in a renewed and perfect world. Whether we're conscious of it or not, we're all waiting for Christ to return and make this world right.

This week, challenge yourself to take time out each day, amid the pre-Christmas chaos. Pray the final prayer of the Bible: 'Come, Lord Jesus.' Remember the temporary nature of life in this world and Christ's promise to return and bring true peace. If you're despairing, it will be a prayer of comfort for you. If you're comfortable in this life, it may stick in your throat. This Advent, pray it anyway.

It was 50 years ago, on 14th Nov 1971 that NASA's Mariner 9 spacecraft (launched that May) reached Mars. It was the first spacecraft to orbit another planet. Mars was engulfed in a planet-wide dust storm at the time, but 85% of the surface was eventually imaged. Mariner 9 was deactivated in October 1972.

Love your trees: 27th November – 5th December

National Tree Week is the UK's largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of the winter tree planting season (November to March each year). This year, it runs from Saturday 27th November to Sunday 5th December. It is a good time to both celebrate your current trees, and to plant more trees in

your area. You don't have to necessarily hug a tree to prove your appreciation; there are plenty of other ways to support them. Visit:

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/seasonal-campaigns/national-tree-week/>

The beloved Stone of Scone

Tim Lenton on the history of a national treasure.

A quarter of a century ago, on 30th November 1996, England officially returned the Stone of Scone to Scotland after 700 years. It was the coronation stone of the Scottish and (later) English and British monarchs. Scotland has agreed to loan the Stone to Westminster Abbey for future coronations.

Ten thousand people lined the Royal Mile in Edinburgh to witness the Stone's return, and at a service in St Giles' Cathedral the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt Revd John MacIndoe, formally accepted it.

The red sandstone block – sometimes called the Stone of

Destiny – has been used in the enthronement of all Scottish kings since Kenneth I united the Scots and Pictish kingdoms and moved his capital to Scone, Perthshire, in about 840AD. It was brought to England by King Edward I in 1296, and taken to Westminster Abbey, where it has been used in the crowning of every subsequent monarch of England.

Scottish Nationalists had taken the Stone from the Abbey on Christmas Day 1950, but it was returned a few months later.

One of several legends suggests that it is the same stone Jacob used as a pillow at Bethel, which later became the pedestal of the Ark in the Temple.

Reflected Faith Series:

The Bread We Share

The Revd Dr Jo White considers the bread left behind.

Last month we thought about the bread we share at the Communion table and what we do with any that is left over.

Christian beliefs and thoughts about the consecrated bread range from it being a reminder to us of the love that Jesus showed for each of us by and through His death too, at the consecration the bread becomes the literal flesh of Christ that we are invited to consume.

Wherever the church and the people are on that spectrum, the priest is always careful about the way the bread is handled. As we noted last month, this includes which container it is placed in to convey it after the service to those unable to attend.

But what happens to any small pieces that may have been broken, like crumbs, upon the altar?

Although the altar is covered with a white cloth, there is another smaller cloth placed on top of it onto which the bread and wine, in their respective containers, are placed.

The bread is usually on a plate or bowl-shaped dish called a paten, with 'extra' bread kept on a side table – the Credence Table – in case more is needed to be consecrated.

The smaller white cloth is called a Corporal and is typically 12 inches (30cms) square. The name comes from the Latin corpus meaning body, and this is folded in three in both directions (then sometimes starched) and ironed in such a way that when it is opened onto the altar all the folds are 'downward' so it forms a 'bowl' shape to catch those crumbs.

After the Communion is shared, the cloth is then folded back upon itself and later taken outside the building and shaken to allow any crumbs to return to nature.

This month: Next time you are able to go to a Communion Service, watch as the priest lays up the table for the time of consecration. Perhaps, before the service, the sacristan may open the corporal and place it there. In your own home what is so precious that you try and catch every crumb? How do you do it?

Our affection for Premium Bonds

Tim Lenton considers a very British way to save our money.

Some 65 years ago, on 5th November 1956, Premium Bonds went on sale in the UK. They were designed to encourage people to save, and they offered cash prizes instead of interest.

The idea was to persuade people to save again following the Second World War, and on the first day alone, £5 million worth of Bonds were bought (equivalent to about £120 million today). The name of the machine that generated the winning numbers – the Electronic Random Number Indicator Equipment, shortened inevitably to Ernie –

became common in everyday conversation.

There is no guarantee that you will ever win, which in many people's eyes defines Premium Bonds as gambling, though the counter to that argument is that you can never lose your stake. You do, however, lose whatever interest you would have accrued if you had invested your money elsewhere.

The current odds against each £1 Bond winning a prize are 34,500 to 1. This has been described as “a gamble with very poor odds”. Nevertheless Premium Bonds are said to be held by more than 22 million people, or about 1 in 3 of the UK population.



Contactless payment limit goes up

The contactless payment limit has just more than doubled. It now stands at £100. And while this will be more convenient to many of us, it is also “a thief's dream.”

So say the critics. As one financial expert from fund shop AJ Bell points out: “By spending £100 a pop without having to put in a PIN, it will

be very easy for thieves to blitz through money quickly, before you even spot that your card is lost or has been stolen.”

Another finance expert, from the consumer group Fairer Finance adds: “it's much more attractive for petty criminals to steal cards and use them a few times if they can spend up to a three-figure sum.”

Do you prefer using cash?

Access to cash is still an 'essential piece of infrastructure' for elderly people. Cutting them off from cash and banking services is tantamount to excluding them from society.

So warns Age UK, which has been pointing to recent figures from the Financial Conduct Authority that show that about 2.4million people aged 65 and over still rely on cash in

their day-to-day life. That represents about a fifth of all older people. And while cash use has plummeted during the pandemic, Age UK stresses that it would be a mistake to assume that everyone can make all their financial transactions digitally.

A YouGov survey in January 2021 found that more than half of over-65s in the UK had used cash within the previous week.

Dogs and people

Dogs really are in tune with human emotions like no other species, and they are born with this ability.

Such is the finding of a recent study at Duke University in North Carolina, which compared the interaction of wolf cubs with humans, and of puppies with humans. In test after test the puppies came

top in their innate ability to understand human instructions.

As one researcher explained: "Dogs are born with this innate ability to understand that we're communicating with them, and we're trying to co-operate with them." The study concluded that the social genius of dogs with humans is a product of thousands of years of domestication.



Are any of your friends 'flakes'?

If so, you will know the scenario: they happily agree a plan with you to do something, and then at the last minute, they cancel and don't show. As one sufferer of flaky friends put it: "Flakes are on a rise of epidemic proportions. People are becoming less reliable... the younger the generation, the worse it gets."

Of course, it is easier to flake in the digital age. It is easier to text a cancellation than to tell someone face to face that you are letting them down.

But if you are a flake, and you do it too often, beware: your friends may begin to distance themselves from you. Who wants to be friends with someone who is unreliable?"

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>

Should We Have Faith in Science?

How do you feel about science after more than 18 months of pandemic: tired or interested, impressed or cynical – or a bit of everything? The response to COVID-19 has demonstrated how ideology or worldview are hugely influential in our interpretation and use of scientific data – and at times in the process of experimentation itself. Should we trial a vaccine in Spain or South Africa? Is this treatment safe enough to administer to the general public? Should vaccination be made compulsory? The data don't tell us what to do.

So, when we are encouraged to 'trust the science' in our ongoing response to the pandemic, or in the run-up to the COP26 UN climate change conference, how can the Church respond? The whole biblical story affirms that God is the only one in whom we can have complete faith. On the other hand, I do put a certain amount of trust in other things. I can have faith in a plane, a body of

knowledge, or a person. This trust is within limits because I know that air travel involves hazards, a body of knowledge will contain some mistakes, and every ordinary human is fallible.

I trust science to some extent because it involves careful observation and measurement, collecting different kinds of evidence. Data is interpreted, and competing interpretations are tried out. We summarise our findings in general principles or mathematical equations. Scientists keep each other accountable by looking critically at each other's work. Our knowledge is always provisional. You can't prove anything scientifically because we only deal in evidence, not proof.

On the other hand, there must always be the potential to disprove a theory or it's not science. Our aim is to keep getting nearer to the truth about the way the world is. Overall, I believe this method is reliable and worth supporting, but that only God is completely trustworthy.

Psalm Eight reminds us both of the splendour of God's creation, and that He has placed us in a position of responsibility over it. Scientific knowledge can be part of what helps us to rule well. The process of doing science can be a bit like a blurry

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image coming into focus. The more we learn, the better we can usually see what's going on, and hopefully the easier it is to decide on a course

of action. So in answer to the question 'Should we have faith in science?' I would say yes, when used wisely and within its proper limits.

Life in outer space

"I do not know if there is life on other planets, but I'm a person who hopes there is life on other planets. As a person of faith, I think God has a huge amount of creativity. What we know is we are so far from

understanding everything about the universe that the possibilities are endless."

The Revd Pamela Conrad, astro-biologist for NASA and priest in the Episcopal Church, based in Maryland, talking to Church Times.

Good to slow down in rain

A cut to the speed limit on motorways in wet weather would be backed by the majority of UK motorists. Such is the finding of a recent poll by the RAC, following a rise in serious accidents.

Almost three-quarters of us would be in favour of following the French method of lowering the speed limit on all major roads when it rains.

The Highway Code states that stopping distances in wet weather are at least double those on dry roads, as tyres have less grip.

A spokesman for the RAC said that figures show that 'driving too fast for the conditions' and 'slippery roads' are still among the top 10 reasons for motorway collisions, and they "contribute to significant numbers of serious injuries and even deaths each year."

Is it hard to park your car in the garage?

It is not your fault: the bestselling modern cars have become bigger by about up to a third. A comparison of the most popular models sold in 1965 and 2020 had found that most popular modern models have expanded from 59 inches (1.5m) in

width to 71 inches (1.8m) in width. Their length has gone from 153.5 inches (3.9m) to 169 inches (4.3m). The most popular 2020 model, the Ford Fiesta, has a width of 66 inches (1.7m).

Yet the average garage door is still only 82 inches wide (2.1m), often leaving just six inches (15cm) each side of the vehicle.

God in the Arts

The Revd Michael Burgess - El Greco's 'The Saviour'.

'All you who pass this way, look and see'

The philosopher Wittgenstein gave the following advice to people visiting an art gallery or exhibition: never try to rush through all the paintings on show, but instead choose just one painting. Sit in front of it for twenty minutes. Then get up and leave the art gallery. It is difficult advice to take to heart because we feel we want to get our money's worth from an exhibition, especially if we have paid an entrance charge. Once in the gallery we then feel so overawed by the number of paintings on show and the pressure of the crowd that we go quickly from one canvas to the next.

The rushing around at a gallery is part and parcel of the way we meet each day. We rush out of habit, and we rush because everyone else is rushing. Our world seems set in the fast lane. Carl Honoré in his book 'In Praise of Slow' tells how, as a busy journalist, he experienced a flashback to a time in his youth when life was unhurried. He reflects, with regret, that it was a better life then.

If we do want to take Wittgenstein's advice seriously and find ourselves in the National Gallery in Edinburgh, we could do no better than choose to sit

in front of this month's painting: El Greco's 'The Saviour.' El Greco was born in 1541 in Crete. From Greece he travelled to Venice and Rome and finally to Toledo in Spain where he died in 1614.

His art is a fusion of eastern and western traditions, given extra fervour by the Counter-Reformation and resulting in a unique style of painting. His canvases are peopled by elongated figures who seem always to be straining upwards, just as the Counter-Reformation was exhorting the faithful to set their sights on heaven as they made their journey through life.

In his early years in Crete El Greco trained as an icon painter, and that is much in evidence in 'The Saviour.' It shows a half-length figure of Christ – he was to paint a fuller figure later. This Christ like an icon is looking out at us, with his right hand raised to bless us and this world, while the left hand holds that same world in His care. We can see in the eyes an inner strength, but also the poignant sadness of longing, for this is a Saviour who has come through suffering and death to bring us new life.

As we look and see, we find here in El Greco's work a Christ-calmed steadiness amid the spinning world of rush and busyness. The nearer we

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**The Whole Christmas Story
- an Advent adventure
through Genesis, Revelation
and points in between**

By Jo Swinney, BRF, £8.99 (Book Review)

BRF's Advent book for 2021 covers far more than the 120 gospel verses which take us from the angel Gabriel's visit to Mary to the escape

to Egypt by Joseph, Mary and the infant Jesus. In daily readings, reflections and prayers, from Advent Sunday to Epiphany, Jo Swinney sets the familiar – sometimes over-familiar – Christmas story in the infinite context of God's creation.



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draw to this Jesus, the slower we will find ourselves spinning. The duties and responsibilities that demand so much from us take their place in the wider perspective of the Saviour's grace and love. Then we can begin to experience that peace which the world cannot offer, but which Christ can bring.

The first step in that process is to stop and look. The Curé d'Ars, a parish priest in France in the early

19th century, told how he noticed an old man sitting at the back of his church every day. He didn't seem to be doing anything, just sitting there in the same place at the same time, looking towards the Blessed Sacrament on the High Altar. Eventually the young priest became suspicious. He asked the man what he was doing. 'I'm praying,' came the reply. 'Yes, but what exactly is it you do?' enquired the priest. 'Well, I look at Him and He looks at me.'

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

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READINGS & ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER 2021

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
7	9.30am Holy Communion	Barbara Hawksworth	Claire 12 th - 14 th
14	3pm Service of Remembrance	" "	
21	9.30am Morning Prayer	Fiona Swain	Fiona Swain 26 th -28 th
28	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
7	10.45am Holy Communion	Mike Pindar/John Bowns	
14	10.15am Service of Remembrance	Pilsley School Yard	
	10.50am Service of Remembrance	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
21	10.45am Matins	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
28	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradsahw	
	6pm Advent Carol Service		
<u>COFFEE</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	
7	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mr & Mrs Jackson	
		to be decided	
14	Mr & Mrs Hubbuck	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	
		" "	
21	Jane Dickson & helper	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
		" "	
28	Mr & Mrs Caws	Mike Pindar/Jennie Ball	
		Advent Sunday	
<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>	
7	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Mark 1: 14-20	Roger Wardle <i>The Third Sunday before Advent</i>	
		Claire Cadogan	
14	Wisdom 3: 1-9	Trevor Grimshaw <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	
		Yvonne Ward	
21	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 John 18: 33-37	Gloria Sherwood <i>Feast of Christ the King</i>	
		Fiona Swain	
28	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Luke 21: 25-36	John Caws <i>Advent Sunday</i>	
		TBA	

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Hold her hand - While out in the town, I saw an elderly couple holding hands while they were walking. As they approached, I commented on how romantic it was. The man replied, "We have been holding hands when we go out in public for over 30 years. I have to. If I let go, she shops." (Smile..)