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On Monday 4th October the Church celebrates the life of Francis of Assisi. He is one of the most popular saints to be honoured and can be seen on familiar statues holding a basket of bird seed with a bird sitting on his shoulder and a wolf or other four-legged creature at his feet. He loved all creatures, great and small. But there is more to Francis than just his admiration of nature and his respect for God's glorious creation.

Francis was born in Assisi, Italy in 1182. His father was a prosperous silk merchant and so Francis grew up the privileged child of a wealthy family. We often think that saints have a conversion experience like St. Paul on the road to Damascus. One moment they are living their life and the next day they have a vision of Jesus and are never the same again. However, that was not the case for Francis. He wasn't a spoiled young man partying with his friends one day and a humble servant of Christ the next. Like many of us, Francis had a gradual awakening to Jesus' call to 'come and follow'.

One particular day Francis the teenager was selling cloth in the market place of Assisi for his father when a beggar came along and asked for money. As soon as Francis concluded his business he rushed after the beggar and gave him all the money he had taken that day. His friends made fun of him and his father was furious, but Francis was not dissuaded.

At the age of 22, Francis was struck by an illness which presented him with the stark reality of his own mortality. However, he managed to cope with this setback and wanted to do something useful for people less fortunate than himself. He began to ignore the pleasures and company of his former friends and over a period of time began nursing lepers who lived near Assisi. In 1204 Francis made a pilgrimage to Rome in which he saw the poor begging in front of the Vatican. This deeply affected him. Shortly after his return, Francis was praying in the chapel of San Damiano, in the countryside near Assisi. Jesus appeared to him in a vision and said, "Francis, go and repair my house which, as you can see, is falling into ruins." Francis interpreted that as Jesus' command to repair the chapel of San Damiano in which he was standing. To

fund the repairs Francis sold cloth from his father's store. Outraged, his father threatened, beat, and brought legal proceedings against his son. In the town square in front of the Bishop of Assisi, Francis renounced his father and all that his father had ever given to him. Getting rid of everything he had been given from his father's wealth, Francis stripped naked and left his clothes in a pile in front of the gathered crowds. After that Francis lived as a beggar in and around Assisi for a number of years. Eventually he began to preach repentance barefoot and dressed in a rough garment. Within a year he had 11 followers and compiled a simple rule of life for his community. The rule was to follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and to walk in his footsteps. In 1210, Francis and his followers travelled to Rome where the Pope founded the Franciscan Order. An Order which is still active today all over the world. In 1220, Francis set up a Christmas Manger scene using live animals. He wanted worshippers to see what it might have been like on the night before Jesus was born. A straw-filled manger, set between a live ox and a donkey, served as the altar for the service of Holy Communion.

Francis died on October 3rd, 1226 at the age of 44 while singing psalm 142. Only two years after his death, the Pope declared him a Saint of the Church. His community preached on the streets and embraced poverty. They held no possessions and their hallmark was their joy. They were always cheerful, and if they weren't preaching, they were singing.

My precious memory of visiting Assisi in 2017 with a group of pilgrims was celebrating Holy Communion in the church at San Damiano knowing that I and all of us gathered that day were following in the footsteps of St. Francis.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

FROM THE REGISTERS
ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

WEDDING

Saturday 21st August ~ Phillip John Aldridge & Sophie Ann Ireland

FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY INTERMENT

Wednesday 8th September ~ Raymond Haig Bradshaw aged 73years

BAPTISM

Saturday 11th September ~ Eva May Shimwell Beattie

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

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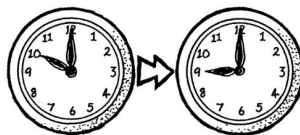
August Draw 2021

1st Prize £30 - no. 76 Sue Wardle

2nd prize £20 - no. 52 Anne Boot

Funds to church this month - £50

Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 club.



**DON'T FORGET - the clocks
GO BACK 1 hour on 31st
October 2021**

Ray Bradshaw

Liz, Laura and family would like to thank everyone who sent such kind messages, cards and flowers following Ray's death, they were all much appreciated as were your prayers and support over the last few months.

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Easy Fundraising

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



To Register

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

To Shop

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

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

JUST GIVING AT ST. PETER'S

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



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

Harvest Services St. Anne's & St. Peter's Sunday 3rd October

Gifts of fruit, vegetables, tinned and packets of food brought to either church for the Harvest Service will be taken to the Padley Centre in Derby.

Any offerings can be brought to the services at:

St. Peter's - 10.45am OR St. Anne's - 3pm

Dates for your Diary - October

- 12 Beeley WI Monthly Meeting 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall**
Living and working in Antarctica: my experiences of Antarctica during a 35-year career - Andy Smith
- 19 Beeley Heritage Group Meeting 7pm Beeley Village Hall**
Keith Blood talking about the Bamford Dams Part I
- 20 Chatsworth WI Monthly Meeting - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms**

Take another look at children's yoghurt

Most yoghurt made for children contains at least a third of a youngster's maximum daily sugar intake.

So says a recent study by Queen Mary University of London.

Researchers also found that just one in 20 of the children's yoghurts were

low in sugar, while two thirds of them were rated as being medium to high in saturated fat.

One scientist said that parents are often "misled by healthy-sounding claims and cartoony images" into feeding their children snacks that only "help fuel Britain's obesity crisis."

The Countess and Earl of Devonshire **[Edensor & Chatsworth] Charity**

Young persons between school leaving age and under 25 years of age who are resident in the Parishes of Edensor & Chatsworth may apply for financial assistance towards the cost of preparing for entry into a profession, trade or calling. This may include provision for further education.

Applications are invited with immediate effect. The closing date for applications is **31st October 2021**.

All grants are at the discretion of the trustees and Application Forms for grants can be obtained from the clerk:

Mr I T Else, C/o Estate Office, Edensor.

Tel: 01246 565300/email: ian.else@chatsworth.org



Be Naturally Creative @ Dukes Barn
Outdoor Toddler & Pre-school Group is
back

Whether you are enjoying time with your first little one or spending some special time with Grandchildren there is no better place for it than our outdoor group. Held on Wednesday mornings in our specially adapted orchard at Duke's Barn in Beeley Village.

Run by our EYFS teacher and outdoor educator Jenny

- Explore our play zones - water wall, mud kitchen, sand pit, story telling area, fairy village and wood chip construction site.
- Join in our focused craft activities
- Relax with an interactive story book
- Why not finish the morning with a lunch at the Old Smithy Cafe, just a short walk from the Barn.

Don't miss out, book now.

[Book Now](#)

The 'Young Ones'

This is the time of year when we congratulate our young people on their exam results. They have had another very difficult year and we hope that they obtained the results they were hoping for and needed to move on to the next stage of their educational life. Congratulations to them all and apologies to anyone we've missed out.

GCSE:

Olivia Adams:- 5 - now doing a Nursery Nurse Apprenticeship at Bakewell's Child First Nursery

Niamh Hubbuck:- 9 - now at Lady Manners 6th Form

Ben Molyneaux:- 6 - now at Chesterfield College doing Mechanical Engineering

Ryley Read:- 10 - now at Lady Manners 6th Form

Charlie Rhodes:- 5 plus a Certificate in Construction and DART qualification. Now at Askham Bryan College doing a Level 3 Agriculture course.

A Levels:- 3 - Harry Cadogen - now taking a Gap year before university

Poem by Molly Marshall

A grateful thank you

- 1 The lockdown came upon us
When Covid raised its ugly head
An unexpected readjustment
A change to the life we'd always led.
- 2 Now to adjust and face the problem
Despair and sadness never far away.
Fearful, apprehensive, not really knowing how
to fight, had this demon come to stay?
- 3 Then there came, a new awareness
The need for friends and conversation.
Something to fill the empty time
A longing for some stimulation.
- 4 There's one good friend who springs to mind
One, so aware of his congregation
Canon Dave, the vicar we hold in such high regard
He's upheld us all, and we're too many to mention.
- 5 A Sunday service, attended by booking a pew
Following hymns behind our masks,
Communion and Matins cleverly conducted
Along with his organist he's completed his tasks.
- 6 Thank you Dave – for all your kindness.
Every call, every service we all hold dear.
The funny story, the helpful message
Supported by Margaret, and embroidered by Raya.
- 7 It's a special birthday, one to remember.
Enjoy it and embark on a brand new year
Here's a toast from your friends
The friends from your parish, who hold you so dear.

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 still 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.*

New Chair for Christian Aid

The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu, the former Archbishop of York, will be the next Chair of the board of international development agency Christian Aid.

Dr Sentamu – who has been outspoken on issues of poverty and justice in the UK and globally for many years - served as the Archbishop of York from 2005 until 2020. He was created by Her Majesty the Queen, Baron of Lindisfarne in the County of Northumberland and Masooli in the Republic of Uganda. He is a member of the UK Parliament, in the House of Lords. Born in Kampala, Uganda, Dr Sentamu will be the first person of African descent to take up the

position of Chair in Christian Aid's 75-year history.

Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury and current Chair, will stand down at Christian Aid's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November, having served two full terms of office.

Announcing the appointment today, Christian Aid's CEO Amanda Khozi Mukwashi said: "This is wonderful news for Christian Aid. Dr Sentamu brings with him a passion and energy for global justice, a deep love of the Church and a profound theological understanding that will be able to speak into the crises of climate change, Covid, conflict and debt that are affecting the world's poorest communities. We look forward to welcoming him to the Christian Aid family."

Hello and Happy Harvest

*a message from Kerry Collyer,
Padley Centre*

You may have seen in the Derby Telegraph an article last week saying that the Padley Hostel is permanently closed. The Hostel part of Padley House on Becket Street closed earlier this year as we made the decision to move into dispersed housing. We have sent out emails to all on our databases updating of the progress and changes being made but the misleading title of the article has brought about some confusion.

We currently have 3 flats with residents being supported by our support team and hope to have 18 flats by early next year. The Day Centre at Padley House on Becket Street is still open and running support and wellbeing sessions, providing free meals to those that attend, emergency care parcels of food, toiletries and clothing, toilet, shower, and laundry facilities.

Now more than ever we need your support during harvest. Without harvest we would not be able to provide the food poverty support we do to those most vulnerable in Derby. Aside from our hot meals and the emergency food parcels we supply at our centre, we have also helped to feed families over the summer that struggle without free school meals and have recently partnered with Food 4 Thought Alliance to provide those in temporary accommodation, that do not have access to cooking facilities, with hot meals.

Thank you so much for your support during Harvest, it means so much to those that have so little.

Kind regards

Kerry Collyer
Marketing Manager

How do you encourage a young child to eat more vegetables?

The answer sounds stupidly simple: put more vegetables on their plates.

But recent research at Penn State University has found that by simply doubling the amount of vegetables on the plate, the child ate 68 per

cent more of them. And adding salt and butter made little difference.

While vegetables will rarely be more attractive than, say, chicken nuggets, research says that if you increase the proportion of vegetables compared to the proportion of meat, it should encourage the child to eat more vegetables.



Get moving this Autumn!

Four of the Derbyshire Dales' beautiful larger parks are to host family friendly 3k events soon.

The District Council's Sports Development Team are working with GetActiveLocally.co.uk to make the events happen for all ages and abilities.

The initiative is made possible by the 'Welcome Back Fund', administered by the District Council, which uses European Regional Development Fund cash provided by the Government to help high streets recover from the pandemic.

The "walk, jog, wheel, run" events start on Saturday 9th October in Matlock's award winning Hall Leys Park. The following Saturday, 16th October, it's the turn of the District Council's Ashbourne Recreation Ground. Both events start at 10am and participants can sign up now at etchrock.com/challenge/buy-ticket/active-dales.

There's a small entry fee of £2.50 that includes a bottle of water and a medal - and the money will be reinvested into the park.

The District Council's Physical Activity & Sport Development Officer James Cole said: "These events are an opportunity to get outside and get active with family and friends. We're aiming to prove that exercise doesn't have to be boring - and what better than to get out into the beautiful parks and green spaces the Derbyshire Dales has to offer.

"We hope the events will encourage local people to experience all the fun of a participation event and encourage others from further afield to visit our parks and experience a great day out in the heart of our market towns."

Similar events will follow in Wirksworth and Bakewell early in 2022.

For anyone who can't make the weekend dates there is the option to take part virtually. All those who sign up will receive a unique finisher's medal to mark their efforts.

Could you help your local charity?

Local charity Blythe House Hospice care and Helen's Trust is asking if you can spare some time to help raise vital funds in the Derbyshire Dales.

Blythe House Hospice care and Helen's Trust offers free care and services to anyone in your local community affected by life-limiting illnesses and bereavement. We provide care at home so patients can be with their loved ones, as well as support groups and counselling.

If you are able to spare some time in the Dales whether it be a regular

commitment or as and when you are available we would love to hear from you. There are lots of things that people could do to help the charity, from:

- organising collection boxes in Matlock
- volunteering in our Bakewell shop
- helping out at stalls and events to even dressing up as Bakewell Bear!

If you would be interested in helping out, please contact the fundraising team on: 01298 815388 or email fundraising@blythehouse.co.uk

Hannah Atkin
Care Navigator

Christian Aid's emergency appeal for Haiti

Following the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti in August, Christian Aid has launched an emergency appeal to help people that have been affected.

The nation - which is still recovering from the 2010 earthquake that killed 300,000 people and Hurricane Matthew in 2016, and more recently dealing with Covid and the aftermath of the assassination of its president – has now been struck another blow.

Figures of those killed or impacted are still uncertain. Houses have been destroyed, roads are cut off due to landslides, power lines and communications have been

damaged. People have lost their homes, belongings and means to make a living.

People will need emergency shelter, food, drinking water, access to healthcare and protection assistance, but in the long-term they will need housing, livelihood and psychological support.

Marc Pascal Desmornes, Regional Programme Manager for Christian Aid in Haiti said: "We see families moving to wherever they can to stay safe with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Swaths of Haitians are facing growing hunger and healthcare services are already overwhelmed by Covid-19."

Meeting the needs of older people

By the Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the C of E.

These days there seems to be a day for everything, including the United Nations' 'International day for Older Persons', which is observed on 1st October. So perhaps October is a good month to think about meeting the needs of older people in church.

Many churches employ children's workers or youth leaders – but how many have appointed people to minister specifically to the older people in their congregation and beyond?

In St Albans, north of London, two Methodist churches have joined together to recruit an 'Anna Chaplain' to help meet the needs of seniors in local church congregations and beyond.

The new role is part of a growing network of [Anna Chaplains](#), named after the widow, Anna, who appears in Luke's gospel as a good role model of a faithful older person. The development comes as charities that work with older people have published research which show how badly the pandemic has impacted those aged 60 and above, and raised

questions about how well they will 'bounce back' after Covid-19.

Age UK has called on the Government to give the NHS and social care services extra resources to help older people make the best possible recovery. With coronavirus now hopefully in retreat in the UK, the charity has also appealed to the wider public to keep supporting the older people in their lives.

It said: "The impact of the pandemic on the health and wellbeing of some older people in early 2021 is so demonstrably severe that it raises big questions over whether they will be able to 'bounce back'."

Against this background, Maggie Dodd, the first Anna Chaplain in Hertfordshire, explained: "Our vision is that older people are cherished and supported within their church communities, and also beyond, in the wider community.

"Often you have people who used to attend church, and they've become a little more frail and not able to attend or they've moved to a care home or sheltered housing, and they just lose touch with what's going on. They're not able to take themselves to church anymore."

The work of Anna Chaplains includes ministry in care homes and other

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settings where older people live or gather. At this time of year, some churches organise 'holiday at home' projects and activities for seniors in their area.

Anna Chaplains are a ministry of Christian charity, BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship) who have a vision "to see an Anna Chaplain in every small and

medium-sized community in the country, and for the Anna Chaplain name to become synonymous with spiritual care for older people."

18th October: St Luke the Evangelist – linking the sacred and the profane

To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentiles, for whom he wrote.

Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary,

Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good at linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.



Time to reclaim the sabbath, says new report

By the Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the C of E.

Home working, zero hours contracts, the switch to home deliveries and online retailing, and an 'always on' culture - the world of work is changing fast and massively, and the Covid pandemic has accelerated the upheaval.

Now faith-based think tank Theos has come up with key proposals aimed at helping modern-day workers survive and thrive despite both the current changes – and the major challenges coming down the track. One proposal suggests 'recovering the sabbath.'

In a new report, 'Just Work: humanising the labour market in a changing world', Theos identifies three 'great disruptions' facing the world of work. They highlight: the technological - Artificial Intelligence, machine learning, and automation; the ecological - climate change and loss of biodiversity; and human vulnerability, as seen through the pandemic, mass migration and declining birth rates.

Paul Bickley, one of the report's authors, explains: "The issue is not work itself, but rather what happens

when we make work, rather than the people who do it, our focus. We are disconnected from a healthy sense of work, and severing the needed boundaries between work and rest has set us adrift. The biblical idea of Sabbath is an ancient answer to modern anxieties. It's time to rediscover it."

During the pandemic, increasing numbers of people have shifted to working from home, from in-person shopping to ordering online, having take-aways delivered, and watching streaming services instead of going to the cinema.

But people working from home or in the 'gig economy' delivering food or online orders, have discovered they are being watched - and watched closely. Software fitted to home computers or installed in vehicles is monitoring when and how people are working. The move to home working has meant an increased erosion of defined working hours, with 'the boss' able to make demands round-the-clock.

In response, Theos makes three key proposals:

1. *First, a focus on a full work, rather than full employment economy.*

Paid employment is the main – but not the only – form of work, and unpaid labour, such as caring responsibilities and volunteer work,

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need greater esteem and focus from a policy perspective.

2. Recognition of the human person as central to any healthy understanding of work.

Investors, and first and foremost church investors, have achieved tangible changes through activism in areas such as climate change and governance. They should add clear requirements on the fair handling of wages, benefits, agency work, outsourcing and employee surveillance to the social criteria they look at within environmental, social and governance investing.

3. Recovery of shared practices of rest to counter our culture of overwork.

Dissolving boundaries between our employment and our leisure – exacerbated during the pandemic – have negatively affected many workers. Overwork is literally killing people. For many, a combination of technology and the pandemic have broken the link between work and particular places and times – leading to an expectation, even if it is only an expectation of ourselves, that we will always be available.

Gambling

How many gambling premises can you think of near you? If you live in a poor area, it is a certain thing that you will find it far easier than if you live in a rich area.

Which means that those who have the least money in our society are being put under more pressure to gamble it away, than those who have more money.

Recent research from the University of Bristol has highlighted some other unsavoury facts:

- That there are still more gambling premises in the UK than there are

stores run by the largest eight supermarket chains. 21 per cent are in the most deprived areas, while only two per cent are in the wealthiest areas.

- Betting at physical venues accounted for nearly half of the UK gambling yield last year.

As one researcher said: “Rather than having greater access to the facilities, services and opportunities that help people to improve their lives, those in more deprived communities are disproportionately faced with choices that can often prove harmful.”

The UK and US in Afghanistan

Tim Lenton looks back on 20 years.

Twenty years ago, on 7th October 2001, the first US and British forces arrived in Afghanistan to launch a massive military offensive following the 9/11 terrorist attack on the United States.

The aim of the offensive was to find and neutralise the al-Qaeda militants under Osama bin Laden who had planned the aerial terror attack with support from the Taliban, killing nearly 3000 people. The Taliban had at that time been in power over most of Afghanistan for five years, tightening the screw with their own strict interpretation of sharia law.

The decision to send forces into Afghanistan – *Operation Enduring*

Freedom – was made by President George W Bush, supported by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, and was initially successful, with support from Northern Afghan forces, taking the final Taliban stronghold of Kandahar in December the same year. But the Taliban never went away, regrouping in the mountains and in neighbouring Pakistan.

Some 456 Britons lost their lives in Afghanistan in the 20-year conflict, and there were many other fatalities, including 2,448 American soldiers, 66,000 Afghan national military and police, 3,846 US contractors, 1,144 NATO allies, 444 aid workers, 72 journalists and 47,245 Afghan civilians.

Finding Abundance in Scarcity – step towards church transformation

By Samuel Wells, Canterbury Press, £13.49 (Book Review)

This past 18 months, all churches have had to learn to do things differently during closure due to the coronavirus pandemic.

None has been more imaginative or inventive than London's St Martin in the Fields, working through its HeartEdge programmes. It is now a virtual college, with an impressively varied programme for practitioners.

Here the St Martin's team shares pastoral and practical wisdom on: finding God in lockdown; meeting God and one another online; rediscovering contemplative prayer; facing grief amidst separation; preaching at such a time as this; singing the Lord's Song in a strange time; hearing Scripture together in difficult times; praying through crisis; creating a community of practitioners; and finding faith at home.

Reflected Faith Series: Sacred Things

The Revd Dr Jo White considers the bread left behind.

Last month we thought about the bread we share at the Communion table. But what about any bread that is left over – regardless of the type of bread or wafer used?

During the service the bread and the wine are ‘consecrated’. That is, they are set aside for a specific purpose, in this case to be the body and blood of Christ. Because to Christians this is so very special, indeed ‘sacred’, we treat the unused bread and wine with special care.

No-one leaves very precious things lying around in case of theft, damage, or misuse. And so it is the same with the consecrated elements of bread and wine. When they have not all been consumed by the congregation, it is important that the surplus is dealt with in ways that honour the meaning that we give and receive from them. In most denominations they are consumed immediately, in others they are returned to the earth or given back to nature.

Sometimes, at the end of a service, you will see that some bread and wine has been deliberately kept aside to take out to those who are sick, or for use at a service where no priest

will be present, and this then must be stored. So, the question arises – what vessels will be used?

The ‘pyx’ – literally a box – is the name for the container for the consecrated bread. Its size depends on the amount that it needs to contain; for taking to individuals in their own homes it is usually small enough to fit in the palm of a hand.

Although these can be especially bought from church suppliers, made in a variety of metals with embellishments, precious stones, enamel work and so on, you can actually use any container that fits the purpose.

This month

Have a look around your house and ask yourself, ‘What container would I use for a pyx?’ And thinking of containers, how about yourself? Do you and your life need a bit of cleaning and polishing to hold the bread? Are you aware how precious you are in God’s eyes as you receive the bread? The Bible says that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit – an awesome, sacred calling.

Defender of the Faith

Tim Lenton looks back to King Henry VIII

It was 500 years ago, on 11th October 1521, that Pope Leo X granted the title 'Defender of the Faith' to King Henry VIII of England and Ireland. It recognised the King's defence of the sacrament of marriage, the supremacy of the Pope, and his opposition to the Protestant Reformation and the ideas of Martin Luther. The title has been inherited by all British monarchs since then.

Ironically, it was only 17 years later that Henry was excommunicated by another Pope, Paul III, because of his divorce from Catherine of Aragon. Even more ironically, this came after

Henry had his next queen, Anne Boleyn, executed. His infatuation with Anne had been the reason he decided excommunication was a price worth paying, in the hope that she would provide him with an heir.

Anne was a keen supporter of Martin Luther, and her influence – and the excommunication – led to the independence of Britain from the Roman Catholic Church, and therefore to the Reformation.

Anne was the mother of Queen Elizabeth I, the strongly Protestant and long-lived sovereign who was in fact the successor that Henry VIII had longed for. It just never occurred to him that it could be a woman.

'Silver splitters' try love again

Are you over 65? Want to get married again? Then you are right on-trend.

Recent data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) shows that 'silver splitters' – those who have divorced in later life – are remarrying in ever greater numbers.

In fact, the number of brides and grooms aged 65 and over has gone up more than any other age bracket in the past decade.

Having better health into older age, access to dating websites, and financial independence are thought to encourage this surge in later-life marriages.

Petition for annual national fundraising day for animals

A ten-year-old girl has launched a national petition asking the Department for Education to introduce an annual fundraising day for animals in schools across the country.

Bailey Woozeer proposes that World Animal Day, held annually on October 4, would be an ideal opportunity for schools to support both British and international animal welfare charities through events such as non-uniform days.

Schools and animal welfare organisations have quickly given the idea a 'phenomenal' response, and her petition has attracted over 27,000 signatures.

Bailey, from Doncaster, said: "Why are the nationwide fundraising days always about helping humans?

Animals are desperate and suffering and many species are nearly extinct. They need our help. Please sign and share my petition, because one school fundraising day a year, for the animals around our planet, is something that should already be happening."

Like most charities, animal welfare organisations have faced a financial crisis during the past 15 months. Their income has been hit by a lack of fundraising events due to social distancing guidelines, charity shop closures during lockdown and donors reassessing their priorities.

To sign the petition, go to: <https://www.change.org/p/departement-for-education-introduce-a-yearly-fundraising-day-for-animals-in-schools>

Find out more about World Animal Day and how to get involved: worldanimalday.org.uk

What the young monk found (smile...)

A young monk was assigned to help other monks copy out the old canons and laws of the church by hand. On his very first day he noticed that all the monks were copying from copies, not from the original. So, the new monk pointed out that if someone had made even a small error in the first copy, that error would be continued in all the subsequent copies.

The head monk said: "You make a good point, my son." So he went down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts were held in a locked vault that had not been opened for hundreds of years. Hours went by and nobody saw the old abbot.

Finally, the old monk returned, looking distraught. "We missed the **R** ! We missed the **R** ! We missed the **R** ! The word was... **CELEB R RATE!**"

Good reasons to have a church magazine

David Pickup, a solicitor, is a keen supporter of church magazines. Here's why!

After a year of lockdown, should we still bother with church magazines now that church life is picking up again? Yes!

It is read by lots of people. If each issue is read on average by two people, then more people see it than ever go to church. So, it is a very good way of putting Christian values and ideas into people's hands, whether they come to church or not.

It is a service to the community. Communities need local networks to thrive. Magazines are a great way of binding the people who live in one place together. Just delivering the church magazine is a way to get to know the area and the people.

It helps build bridges with other Christian churches in the area. We can share some details of their meetings and events.

It can make money. Well, enough to cover the costs of production! Let's aim for a revenue balanced on paid subscriptions and advertising.

It is seen by those outside the church family. Think of the people just

moving into our area, or those who live here already and want to get married or to baptise their child. Our magazine can help them see the sort of community we are, and that we would welcome them to join us.

It is read by people who do not go to church, but who know someone who does. This is a major way of how groups, including churches, grow. Not many people walk into a church off their own bat. Most people are invited, or already have a connection.

It supports local businesses. Local businesses who advertise locally, can thrive.

It helps people develop skills. The editorial team will learn about design, marketing, GDPR, editing, copyright, writing, selling, artwork - and apologising.

It can help inform our community about itself – especially if we include a local history or local natural history section!

So, don't believe it if someone tells you that print is dead. It is not. Many people still prefer to read something they can hold in their hands. The future is not EITHER print OR digital, but BOTH AND. People will flick through a magazine that arrives through the door, even though they may never dream of visiting their local church's website.

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>

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Every person was once a sperm and an egg. Those two unique germ cells fused together, and in nine months they turned into a living, breathing, human being. One of the most important stages of this process is when each section of the body, from head to rump, takes on its identity.

In this context, identity means what shape it takes, and which limbs or internal organs grow there: legs or arms, lungs or pancreas, and so on. The source of that physical identity is DNA: the networks of genes that are switched on or off in each segment of the body, making all the proteins that are needed to grow and develop in the right way. The master-genes that control the whole process are called homeobox, or Hox genes for short.

The most beautiful thing about the process of body patterning is the way it brings the dimensions of time and space together in such a tidy way. The Hox genes are organised into several clusters on the

chromosomes, in the order in which they are needed during development and the order in which they appear on the body.

As the embryo develops, the cells near the head end activate the first genes in the Hox clusters. The cells just below the head then switch on the second genes in the cluster, and so on. A wave of gene activation passes down the embryo, specifying each section of the trunk in turn.

Once a Hox gene is switched on it can stay switched on in the next few sections of cells, and it is the overlapping activity of the genes which gives each section of the body its proper identity.

The Wisconsin-based developmental biologist Jeff Hardin often quotes Psalm 139 to express the wonder of embryonic development. *“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb... your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.”* The story of the tidy Hox genes is very relevant to these verses, bringing out the hidden beauty in the process.

The more biologists get to find out about how we came to be born, the more we can say, *“I am fearfully and wonderfully made”!*

Bible Sunday – 24th October

This special Sunday in the church's calendar is an opportunity to stop and consider the enormous blessing that the Bible has brought to people down the centuries. Without it, we would know nothing about God our Father, Jesus Christ, or the Holy Spirit. It is God-breathed – full of His love

and guidance to us. World history would have been radically different without it.

Whether or not you are able to get to church on 24th October, Bible Society has some excellent resources on Bible Sunday at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/bible-sunday/>

Zebra crossings – saving lives for 70 years

by Tim Lenton

Seventy years ago, on 31st October 1951, zebra crossings were introduced officially in the UK. The first one was in Slough, Berkshire.

The crossings had been trialled over two years at 1000 experimental sites, but in 1951 the black and white striped pedestrian crossings were approved, with their flashing Belisha beacons, and all drivers were required by law to stop as soon as a pedestrian set foot on them.

The crossings were the brainchild of Yorkshireman and traffic engineer George 'Dr Zebra' Charlesworth, a physicist who had worked on the Barnes Wallis-designed bouncing

bomb during the war. His zebra crossings were certainly responsible for saving many lives.

The Belisha beacons, an integral part of the crossing but used since 1934, were introduced by Leslie Hore-Belisha, who served as Minister of Transport at the time.

Zebra crossings were adopted throughout the world, from continental Europe to North America, Singapore and Australia. They have now been superseded to some extent in the UK by pelican crossings, which are controlled by lights. These were introduced in 1969. While zebras were named because of their appearance, a pelican crossing (originally pelicon) is so named as a contraction of the phrase 'pedestrian light controlled'.

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

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

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

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- Return your repeat request form to surgery by Post or Fax

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

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

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It was 70 years ago, on 18th Oct 1951, that Snowdonia National Park was established in Wales.

Also 70 years ago, on 30th Oct 1951 that Dartmoor National Park was established.

Dracula isn't here!

A church in North Yorkshire has been trying to convince eager tourists that the vampire's grave is NOT in their churchyard.

Recently the church leaders at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Whitby, even put up a poster in the entrance door which reads: "Please do not ask staff where Dracula's grave is as there isn't one. Thank you."

Whitby inspired Bram Stoker to write his novel, Dracula, in 1897. And it seems that Stoker first came

across the name 'Dracula' in Whitby's library. It was another name for the blood-thirsty Romanian ruler, 'Vlad the Impaler'.

St Mary the Virgin stands beside Whitby Abbey, and has a churchyard. This prompts many tourists to ask for the exact location of Dracula's grave, even though of course Dracula never existed.

The grave that *can* be found, however, is that of a man named Swales, who is also mentioned in the book.

READINGS & ROTAS FOR OCTOBER 2021

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
3	3pm Harvest Service	Liz Turner	<i>1st - 3rd Rupert & Liz</i>
10	9.30am Holy Communion	Fiona Lichfield	
17	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	<i>15th-17th Fiona Lichfield</i>
24	9.30am Holy Communion	Sarah Porter	
31	9.30am Morning Prayer	“ “	<i>30th - 1st Sarah</i>
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
3	10.45am Harvest Thanksgiving Service	Cynthia & Duncan Gordon	
10	10.45am Holy Communion	Roger Sherwood/Diana Walters	
17	10.45am Matins	Liz Bradshaw/Margaret Jackson	
24	10.45am Holy Communion	Sue & Roger Wardle	
31	10.45am Holy Communion	David & Margaret Jackson	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
3	Judy & Freddie Harding	Mr & Mrs Jackson	<i>Harvest (tba)</i>
10	Ann & Tony Hubbuck	Trevor & Jackie Grimshaw	<i>to be decided</i>
17	Jane Dickson & helper	Sue & Roger Wardle	“ “
24	John & Jill Caws	Mike Pindar/Jennie Ball	“ “
31	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	“ “
<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>	
3	Joel 2: 21-27 Matthew 6: 25-33	John Caws <i>Harvest Thanksgiving Festival</i>	Phoebe Porter
10	Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15 Mark 10: 17-31	Diana Walters <i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Sarah Porter
17	Isaiah 53: 4-12 Mark 10: 35-45	John Bowns <i>The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Rupert Turner
24	1 Peter 2: 1-10 John 10:22-29	Mike Woodcock <i>Dedication Festival</i>	Fiona Lichfield
31	2 Esdras 2: 42-48 Matthew 5: 1-12	Christine Robinson <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	tba

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