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A very small elderly nun died on 5th September 1997 and the whole world mourned her passing. Perhaps you can remember seeing her on television – a bent figure with a wrinkled but kind face? She wore a white cotton sari, edged in blue. This was Mother Teresa, a Catholic nun who worked tirelessly to protect the most lonely and vulnerable of outcasts.

Mother Teresa was born in Skopje, Albania on August 26th 1910. Her parents, Mr and Mrs Bojaschiu were grocers and called their daughter Agnes. Apparently she was quite a thoughtful and serious little girl.

When she heard about life in India through the missionary priests who wrote to the church where she worshipped, she decided she must go there to help the poor. She was only 17 years old when she left her home and country to become a missionary nun in Dublin. She made her religious vows as 'Sister Teresa' and travelled to India to teach at St. Mary's High School in Calcutta.

Sister Teresa always encouraged her pupils to help the poor and after many years as a geography teacher felt she had to do something more. She was embarrassed by the contrast between the comfort of the convent and the uncomfortable lives lived by the beggars and those dying on the streets. She asked permission to leave the convent in order to work with the poor. She rented a room in the slums; took a course in basic nursing and looked after the sick people on the streets. She was soon joined by some of her former pupils, and in 1950 she and twelve of them became the first sisters of a new Congregation called the 'Missionaries of Charity'.

The authorities gave Mother Teresa a disused building where she took the dying off the streets. The Congregation grew quickly as hundreds of educated young women chose to live a strict life of great poverty. The sisters only possess two sets of clothes, a pair of sandals and a crucifix. They sleep in dormitories, eat simply and travel by foot. They spend several hours in prayer before they go to work with the sick, the dying, abandoned babies, orphans, lepers and poor families.

Mother Teresa became known worldwide. She spoke to world leaders; received awards for her work; was praised by the Pope and other Church leaders; but above all, she was loved by thousands of poor people whom she helped. She founded the Missionary Brothers of Charity to work alongside her sisters; and a number of other organisations.

On September 4th 2016 Mother Teresa was canonised by Pope Francis and she is now known as St. Teresa of Calcutta. On that day tens of thousands of people witnessed the ceremony in St. Peter's Square in Rome including 15 Government delegations and 1500 homeless people from across Italy.

This was a well deserved recognition of someone who will go down in history as one of the humblest and kindest of people who has made a difference in the lives of so many people.

She has influenced us in the way we treat others in our everyday lives, she has shown us how to share, love, care and most of all give.

Every Blessing

Canon Dave

FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR ~ BAPTISM

Saturday 24th July ~ Rupert Christopher Coates

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YOUR CHURCH IS HERE FOR YOU ARE YOU HERE FOR IT?



In December 2017 we posed this question and many of you showed you were.

This pandemic has hit St. Anne's as it has many other organisations, charities and households. In 2020 it cost £10,999 to run the Church yet the income received was £6,608. In 2019 the picture pre pandemic was not much better with an expenditure of £10,993 and income of £12,605.

With the pandemic rules lifting the church is keen to welcome you in. St Anne's is once again open every Sunday at 9.30am for a morning service. **From September**, the Family Services on the first Sunday of the month will move from 9.30am to **3pm and will end with tea and cake**. The special services throughout the year will return such as a Pet Service, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Service and Carol Service.

The Church is also here to lend support. Life is not always easy, so please do bear in mind that Canon Dave is available for pastoral support to you, or if you know anyone in the parish who is in need (not just to our regular churchgoers). He is always happy to listen – 'an Ear and a Prayer' can often make a real difference.

St Anne's is a special place with a welcoming congregation. It has been great to see Weddings and Marriage Blessings and we would love to encourage more couples to use the church. Please contact Canon Dave for information on weddings, blessings, christenings and funerals.

If you can help support the Church through a donation or regular giving, you can set up a standing order or direct debit to church – even a few pounds a month would make a real difference to us. Come in to Church and join in with one of our services, we'd love to see you. For more information please contact Fiona Lichfield, the Treasurer, or one of the Church Wardens, Rupert Turner or Fiona Swain, all can be contacted via our email chatsworthchurches@gmail.com or Canon Dave Perkins on 01246 386385 or Rupert Turner on 01629 732794.

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



St. Peter's Church 100 Club July Draw 2021

1st Prize £30 - 60 Freddie Harding

2nd prize £20 - no.42 Christine Robinson

Funds to church this month - £50

Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 club.

Items for the **OCTOBER** magazine should reach me **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 13th**

SEPTEMBER - email to:

liz.bradshaw@w3z.co.uk

'The Bridge' Parish Magazine £1 per copy (£12 per year).

Dates for your Diary - September

- 15 Chatsworth WI** Monthly Meeting - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms
- 20 Beeley Parish Council Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
- 21 Beeley Heritage Group** - Sandra Struggles talking about Edward III and his family

Dress codes

Has this past year changed your preference in what you wear? Almost a third of workers want to ditch formal dress codes when the pandemic ends and more of us return to the office.

That is the finding of a recent study by recruiter Randstad, who found that the notion of 'dressing for success' has been weakened by the pandemic. After a year of working in casual clothes at home, many of us feel considerable resistance to 'getting dressed for work' again.

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>.

EDENSOR DAY BRIC-A-BRAC SALE

The Bric-a-Brac sale at the Cavendish Hall on Saturday 7th August raised an AMAZING £1,509.60!! A truly astonishing amount towards next year's nominated charities.

A huge thank you to all who helped with this event, especially to Jo and Kirstie who were hard at work for days/weeks beforehand to get everything ready to go on sale and to all those who came along to support us.



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Refreshments
available

Hoodies in the office?

What will keep us safer in the office as we return to work? Better ventilation. And in many cases that is best achieved by more open windows, all winter. And that could mean wearing something warmer to work – such as a woolly jumper or hoodie.

Such is the conclusion of a report from the Royal Academy of

Engineering on how to reduce the risk of infection indoors. It was commissioned by Sir Patrick Vallance, the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser.

As one scientist put it: "If someone is comfortable and working effectively wearing a woolly jumper or a hoodie, why do we need to get worried about it?"

Derbyshire Recovery & Peer Support Service

The Derbyshire
Recovery and Peer
Support Service offer

an Emotional Support Helpline to ANYBODY who feels they would benefit from having someone to talk to about things they might be having difficulty with.

You can call the helpline on 01773 734989 and press option 2.

The helpline is open 9 – 7 Monday - Friday and 9 – 5 Saturday and Sunday.

<https://www.facebook.com/derbyshirerecoveryandpeersupport/>

Be careful with Covid, urges Bishop of London

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, has encouraged churches and individuals to continue to take precautions to protect the vulnerable from Covid-19.

“Many will welcome the possibilities now before us. However, this is a difficult point in the course of the pandemic. Despite vaccination rates, cases are up, hospital admissions are up and long Covid remains an

ongoing concern. Therefore, our approach needs to be cautious and careful.

“Taking personal responsibility means taking precautions to protect those more vulnerable than we consider ourselves to be. Local church leaders know their communities and their own circumstances, and we will support them making local decisions to keep themselves and their community safe.”

If you can't sleep well, then walk

A recent study by the Universities of London and Sydney has found that brisk walking for 150 minutes a week may reduce the risk of an early death caused by poor sleep.

Lack of sleep has links to an increased risk of stroke, heart disease and

cancer. But according to the study, published in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine*, exercise in line with the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines ‘eliminated most of the deleterious associations’ of poor sleep with early death.

The WHO recommends 150 minutes brisk walking, or 75 minutes of running a week.

Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting on Wednesday 21st July

Eight members of the PCC were present with one apology being received.

Canon Dave opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising not on the Agenda:

Re Item 1 of the March interim PCC meeting – Churchyard Maintenance

Canon Dave said how delighted he is with the work of Philip Moseley, the new man looking after the churchyard, and who is taking such pride in the work and is doing a great job.

Re Item 3 of the March interim PCC meeting – Church pews

Liz reported that we are awaiting a faculty and then the 8 pews will be sold. The money raised will be used to buy some stacking chairs, which will need to be approved by the DAC.

Re Item 5 of the March interim PCC meeting – toilets

Canon Dave said the new toilets were opened by the Duke on Easter Sunday and the whole project is a great piece of craftsmanship.

Report from the Chair: To be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Financial Report: Canon Mark had provided the PCC with finance documents from 1st January - 30th June 2021 in advance of the meeting; there was one query over the date 31/12/21 at the top of the balance sheet, which the Treasurer later confirmed should have read 30/6/21.

Canon Dave said that the finances look very healthy thanks to the two generous bequests that have been received, and also the generosity of the congregation. Lynne Clark proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Mark for all his work on our behalf, and the meeting wholeheartedly agreed. Lynne also proposed that the accounts be accepted subject to the date amendment, which was seconded by Cynthia Gordon.

Schedule of Works report: Liz reported that the work on the guttering should start at the beginning of August to be completed by the September deadline to comply with the grant.

Safeguarding: Canon Dave said that David Neale has informed him that his DBS check was on 3rd April 2020 and he attended a safeguarding course on 17th June 2019. Christine was asked to let Sarah Porter know and to ask her if he would still be required to complete the online CO safeguarding course.

Fundraising: There will be an Edensor Day Bric-a-Brac sale at the Cavendish Hall on Saturday 7th August with proceeds going into the Edensor Day funds.

Lynne said that she hasn't done anything about our year of events as we want to maximise the number of people who will be able to attend in order to make the most money, so we will leave it for the time being until we are more certain how many will be able to attend events in church. She has heard from several of the participants who have said how willing they will be to take part once we are able to organise an event.

Pandemic discussion: The PCC discussed the guidance Dave and the wardens had received from the CofE on the easing of COVID restrictions, with the main news to be drawn from these guidelines being that it is up to individual incumbents and PCCs to decide how they want to move forward in their own situations. Canon Dave had spoken to the acting Area Dean, Tony Kaunhoven. The advice is to keep it simple and exercise caution, there is no pressure from the Church of England to relax the rules. All the measures currently in place were discussed and various options suggested by members of the PCC. It was suggested that we should err on the side of caution as the number of cases was rising rapidly at the moment and we should take stock later in the summer. Everyone agreed with this suggestion and it was decided to leave things as they are for now and discuss it again at the next PCC meeting. Canon Dave will announce the PCCs decision in church on Sunday.

Canon Dave said there were other matters to discuss:

Ribbons on pews: The PCC voted to keep them.

Communion: The PCC decided to leave things as they are: bread only.

Masks: Canon Dave said that we can't make it mandatory to wear a mask, but he will advise people when they book their place that it would be preferred if people wore a mask out of respect for other members of the congregation who might be vulnerable.

Singing: At Bakewell, the congregation will be resuming singing, but will keep their masks on to do so. Lynne said that masks only stop a certain amount of droplets, but not everything, and there are always pockets of air where the air does not circulate; she said that the professional advice to musicians is still recommending no singing in church. The PCC decided to leave things as they are at the moment.

Should the Church be open for visitors during the week? The PCC decided it should not.

Wedding on 21st August: Canon Dave is being pressed to know how many guests can be invited to the wedding. The PCC decided on the following:

- The guest numbers will be limited to 60
- The guests should be asked to wear masks, apart from the bridal party
- The guests should provide their contact details for track and trace
- There should be no singing apart from the professional singer who will sing the hymns
- Everything will need to be sanitised afterwards – Canon Dave said that he and Margaret will do that

Date of next meeting: The next meeting to discuss the possibility of relaxing of restrictions will be held after the morning service on Sunday 26th September, discussion of pandemic only.

The meeting ended with the Grace.

The Padley Centre

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Padley Centre in Derby. We may officially still be in 'summer' but the days can be cooler and the nights can be chilly and quite often damp and 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 very 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. Alternatively, you can phone David Jackson if you are in Baslow or Liz Bradshaw if you are in Pilsley and arrange to drop them off with them.

The Padley Centre also now accept:

Blankets – any size since if not used in the centre they can sell them in the shop.

*Bedding – sheet, pillows and pillow cases **but not duvets or pillows** due to health and safety reasons.*

Anxious neighbour?

If you have elderly neighbours who are on their own, it is worth bearing in mind that many of them will have been hit by pandemic anxiety. They may feel frightened to leave their homes.

Such is the finding of a recent study by the University of Cambridge and Imperial College London into the effects of the pandemic on the elderly.

So, any act of neighbourly kindness on your part may be most welcome. Helpful jobs such as tidying the garden, doing some shopping, running errands, and simply sitting outside* with them over a cup of tea might be greatly appreciated.

**It is probably wise to stick to jobs that can all be done outside, in the open, so that no one goes into anyone else's house, where misunderstandings can easily occur.*

Free parking in September

Parking will be free after 2pm throughout the month of September in Derbyshire Dales District Council's car parks in Ashbourne, Bakewell, Matlock, Matlock Bath and Wirksworth - to help stimulate town centres in the recovery from the Covid pandemic.

District councillors approved the short-term measure - proposed by Ashbourne Town Team - at an extraordinary council meeting on Tuesday, 27th July.

The initiative replicates free parking after 2pm throughout the month of December, which the Council has enabled for the past 13 years to help boost trade at a vital time of year for local traders.

A resident parking permit issued to all Derbyshire Dales households every year also makes parking free every day of the year before 11am and after 4pm.

The estimated £45,000 cost of encouraging shoppers to return to town centres by suspending charges after 2pm in September will be met from the District Council's Covid Funding Reserve.

A report to Tuesday's meeting estimated the cost of making parking completely free throughout September in the car parks in Ashbourne, Bakewell, Matlock, Matlock Bath and Wirksworth at more than £200,000.

The debate can be viewed again on the District Council's YouTube channel at https://youtu.be/McBL7gAfO_g?t=15839

A report to the meeting stated: "Irrespective of the level of car parking charges, the national restructuring of the retail sector, influenced by the rise in online sales, means every town faces the challenges of declining high street spend and footfall.

"Reducing car parking charges is not therefore considered to be the panacea for all of the challenges facing our town centres. It is also not a financially viable option for the District Council given the critical importance of car parking income to sustaining our overall financial position, which is already under strain."

Learning lessons from a graveyard

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

If you're looking for a quiet oasis away from the bustle and busyness of everyday life, there's a place where nature, heritage and the life histories of hundreds of local people are on peaceful display.

Take a walk in your local cemetery.

The chances are it's a place where nature abounds, where socially-distant peace can be found, and you can meditate on the deeper issues of life.

It's true that graveyards seldom feature in most people's favourite places to visit. Many find them morbid, reminding them of their own mortality.

Or they can prompt memories of loved ones no longer with us, and the sadness overcomes the happy memories of the life shared together. Others simply rush past cemeteries or graveyards, without even noticing that they are there.

But walk among the gravestones, read the inscriptions and you find the stories of people's lives.

Samuel Ryder, the Hertfordshire seed merchant who devised the United States v Europe Ryder Cup golf tournament, is buried in the cemetery opposite the church where I minister. When I visited recently, someone had left golf balls on his grave.

In the same cemetery, there are more than 200 plain white graves of local and Commonwealth service people who died during the two world wars, and a memorial to the many local soldiers who died in the First World War.

To wander around any cemetery or graveyard is to enter into the lives of generations of families. To see the grave of the still-born baby close to the child who died in infancy, both near to the grandmother who died in her nineties. The husband and wife who died within months of each other, are alongside the wife who outlived her spouse by decades.

I'm always struck by how people are described. Most are defined by their family relationships – beloved grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, wife, husband, son or daughter.

Others are described by their roles in life – actress, golf professional or for the war graves, by their ranks. How long, I wonder, had the young

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Air Ambulance Service is Civic Chair's 2021/22 charity

Derbyshire Dales District Council's new Civic Chairman has chosen the Air Ambulance Service as his nominated charity for the coming year.

Councillor Steve Wain will attend scores of events during his civic year and residents can support the Air Ambulance Service through the Civic Chairman's Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/derbyshiredalescivicchair

The Matlock ward member said:
"The Air Ambulance Service

operates the local air ambulance services for Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland and Warwickshire & Northamptonshire as well as providing the national paediatric and neonatal transfer service and the Children's Air Ambulance which cover the whole of the UK.

"The Air Ambulance Service does not receive funding from the government for its daily missions. It relies entirely on voluntary donations and support from our communities and business, which means our support will help keep them flying."

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men and women been in uniform before meeting their deaths – and being remembered ever after as soldiers? In some cases, it may have been just a few months.

What, I find myself asking, would I like to have written on my gravestone? How would each of us like to be remembered? How can long lives be summed up in the few words you can fit on a gravestone?

And what is it that we are doing in life that will be of lasting value? Cemeteries are places that can make

you consider your own life and think about what is important in it.

Many Christian funerals begin with the words of Jesus Christ, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

It is a promise I hold to as I walk the paths around the graves.

The Revd Peter Crumpler is associate minister at St Paul's Church, Fleetville, St Albans.

Thanking God for our blessings

This comes from a blog by Alistair Birkett, director of Rural Ministries for Scotland and Northern England. You can read more at:

<https://www.ruralministries.org.uk/blog/anticipatingtheharvest?>

Our winter barley ripened quickly this year, and soon the combine harvesters were rolling here on the Northumberland / Scottish Border.

As the first trailer load of grain came into the shed, I ran my hands through the golden grains, offering a short prayer of thankfulness as I savoured the smell of fresh cut barley. It was a good harvest.

I've often reflected on the Old Testament festival of the Firstfruits, where the Israelites offered the very first sheaf of the spring harvest to God (Leviticus 23:9-14). I think this act required great faith, as they trusted God for a fruitful harvest to come, something that was far from certain, given their utter dependence on the weather.

I'm not sure about you, but I'm always up for giving thanks *after* the event. I'll sing 'Come ye thankful people come' and rejoice that "all is safely gathered in", but am I able to trust with anticipation for *what is yet to come*?

The festival of the Firstfruits reminded God's people that everything they had came from Him. I am reminded that I must learn (and relearn) to trust in God, who has proven His faithfulness to me, over and over again.

Perhaps right now as a church community or an individual you're waiting for a certain event, standing on the cusp of a new initiative, praying for a certain outcome or anticipating a long-held vision becoming reality. Let's all keep trusting that whatever the challenge, however things turn out, irrespective of what we anticipate, God is going before us and has secured the Firstfruits of an even greater harvest through Jesus, as He rose from the dead.

Just as the grain offering to God in the Old Testament anticipated a harvest to come, Paul reminds us that Jesus' victory anticipates an even greater bodily resurrection and eternal peace (1 Corinthians 15:20-22).

As we continue our journey with Jesus through the challenges of each day, let's do so with a deepening faith and trust. In the meantime, bring on the harvest - I'll see you on the other side!

World Wide Fund for Nature celebrates 60 years

by Tim Lenton

The World Wildlife Fund (now the World Wide Fund for Nature) was founded 60 years ago in Switzerland, on 11th September 1961. It is now believed to be the world's largest conservation group, working in wilderness preservation, and reducing human impact on the environment.

A group of distinguished scientists, conservationists and businessmen, including Sir Peter Scott and Sir Julian Huxley, put the organisation together and chose its original name and the famous panda logo. It changed its name to the World Wide Fund for Nature in the UK and several other countries in 1989, but

it still uses the initials WWF all over the world in advertising campaigns.

The late Prince Philip has been President of both the UK and international branches, and he was concerned particularly with encouraging faith communities to involve themselves in the environment. This led to a major conference in Italy in 1986, resulting in huge global publicity and tens of thousands of faith-led environmental initiatives around the world.

Although there has been criticism centring on the placing of environmental issues above human rights in some areas, the WWF now has more than five million supporters worldwide, working in more than 100 countries and supporting around 3,000 projects.

How much is that doggie in the rescue centre?

There are going to be a lot of homeless young dogs this autumn. That is because almost one in five people who bought a lockdown puppy last year are now thinking about giving up their new pet.

Research from The Kennel Club found that many owners are worried that they will be unable to give their dog a suitable home when they return to full-time work in the

office. The result is a "looming welfare crisis faced by this pandemic pup generation."

The Kennel Club also found that many new dog owners want to see more places open up for dogs. Accessibility is becoming an increasing priority for dog lovers, and so the Kennel Club is calling on establishments from all sectors to become more dog friendly. The campaign 'Open for Dogs' is stressing the benefits of welcoming canines to businesses and workplaces.

20th anniversary of 9/11 – looking back on the horror

The Ven. John Barton looks back on a day which changed US history.

The TV pictures looked like some macabre video game, with toy aircraft crashing into matchbox towers. Then incredulity turned into utter dismay. This was real: the most powerful nation in the world had been invaded by 19 airborne Islamic terrorists, with devastating effect. Nearly 3,000 people died.

The US government announced a war on terror. Futile invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan followed, with more loss of life.

9/11 was 20 years ago this month. Five years later, coordinated suicide attacks on London's transport system were carried out, also by Islamists. 52 people of 18 different nationalities were killed and more than 700 were injured. In 2017, 23 people died and 1,017 were injured in the Manchester Arena bombing. There have been other terrorist murders; at least three plots have been foiled during the coronavirus pandemic.

Today, the MI5 estimate of the threat of a terrorist attack in the UK hovers between substantial and severe.

The world isn't as secure as we had once hoped. In addition to the menace of unconstrained violence, our planet is silently protesting against centuries of abuse, and we're only just waking up to our accountability as stewards. At the same time, we must come to terms with the knowledge that Covid-19 and its variations are permanent additions to the list of deadly diseases to be held at bay by immunisation. There will be more to come.

Our forebears, who lived in even riskier times, drew strength from Psalm 91:

*You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."
For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence ...*

The Psalm is no panacea, or divine guarantee of earthly immunity, but the assurance that God holds the whole world in His hands and His ultimate purposes will not be thwarted.

Reflected Faith Series: the Bread we eat

The Revd Dr Jo White considers Holy Communion

The majority of Sunday morning service in churches throughout the world are based on the Last Supper of Jesus.

At the Passover meal, on the night before His death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "*This is My body given for you;*" (Luke 22:19a). He also took wine and passed it to each of them and said, "*This is My blood, given for you.*"

These two elements, the bread and the wine, continue to be the central focus for Christians: doing what Jesus asked us to do, '*Do this in remembrance of me.*' (Luke 22:19b)

What we call this service varies between denominations and even between churches within the same denomination.

It is a way of giving 'thanks' as Jesus did (the word '*Eucharist*' comes from the Greek by way of Latin, and it means 'thanksgiving'), reminding us not only of the tremendous sacrifice that Christ had made on our behalf, but also recalling the love and joy that Jesus brings to the community.

The word '*Communion*' comes from something done with others – the community. It's done with Christ. It's done with other worshippers. In sharing the meal, 'I' becomes 'us'.

The word '*Mass*' comes from the conclusion to the traditional service – which was in Latin: '*Ite, missa est.*' '*Go. You are being sent.*' Today we use similar words, '*Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.*'

At the moment many churches, especially the Church of England, are only giving bread to the congregation with the priest alone consuming the wine. So the meaning underlying the taking / the giving of bread is more crucial than ever. In some denominations the bread is literally the '*daily bread*', whilst in others it is a '*wafer*' or yeast free bread – as was used at the original Passover.

This month: Have a look at the bread that is placed into your hands the next time you '*receive*'. How does it reflect receiving Christ into your life?

This article comes from the LICC's 'Connecting with Culture' and can be found in full at: <https://licc.org.uk/resources/why-christians-need-to-re-think-defence-and-security-issues/> It is by Dr Ziya Meral, Senior Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute.

Why Christians need to rethink defence and security issues

The world is changing. It's on an accelerated path towards some worrying possibilities.

Ten years ago, our focus was primarily on combatting extremist terrorists. But for many in defence and foreign policy circles, our assumption was that the world was becoming more peaceful, conflicts less deadly, arms control more effective, and a major war between sovereign states unlikely.

Fast forward to 2021: the terror threat hasn't disappeared, and new forms of terrorism have been added to threat lists. A new global geopolitical competition among powerful countries has emerged, along with competition among regional medium powers often brutally seeking to advance their own interests beyond their borders.

There is already a new nuclear arms race unfolding. International law and platforms are undermined, side-lined,

and often judged incapable of meeting the current challenges. These are all accelerated by the new industrial revolution we are going through, from drones to artificial intelligence to information flows.

Today's world is precarious, full of misinformation, and risks of miscalculation that could easily escalate a crisis between countries.

As a Christian working on foreign policy, defence, and security issues, I often find myself asking: what do these factors mean for Christians? But, most importantly: does the gospel have anything to offer a world that is seemingly spinning out of control?

Sadly, there are no easy answers here, and no space for platitudes. Revamping old debates or rhetoric, from 'just war' to pacifism, are not of much help; neither are uncritical sentiments towards past wars or today's militaries. We need new voices and perspectives on global challenges based up on Christian ideals, to discern new personal responsibilities and new frameworks for national and international accountability.

Yet, what is new is most likely to look like what was always a given: appreciation of a good world intended for peace, not war; a fallen

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world, full of danger; a way forward centred on crucifixion and resurrection that offers an alternative basis for being human; but also a hopeful vision of the future that refuses to give darkness and pain the last words.

Every generation is called to grapple with what God's salvation story means for the particular challenges they face, and every generation faces the temptation to walk away from the implications of such questions. May our generation take up this mantle, and choose well.

In praise of motorway services

What have you got in common with the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and Eric Clapton?

You have all visited the Watford Gap Services on your way up or down the M1.

Back in the early 1960s, the M1 transformed the way that bands could travel, and visiting the service station was an integral part of their trip. In the 60 or so years since motorway services opened, they have also become part of life for tens of millions of us.

Motorway services not only provide a much-needed break from the road, they are also a great place for people-watching. All sizes, shapes and varieties of people can be found in one. As one journalist put it: "a motorway service station is the ultimate human zoo."

Not everyone used motorway services back in the 1960s. Many

people just pulled over onto the hard shoulder and unpacked a picnic.

There was even the true story of the family who pulled their car onto the central reservation of the motorway to have lunch – and survived to tell the tale.

Motorway services also confused people. One distraught couple, heading north, reported their car had been stolen. The police found they had crossed the pedestrian bridge, and then could not find their car in the south-bound car park.

Today there are 111 service stations in the UK. The law states that they must not be more than 28 miles apart, or 30 minutes of travelling time. By law, they must provide two hours of free parking, free toilets, and a free play area for children.

The first two motorway services were Watford Gap and Newport Pagnell, both of which opened in early November 1959, along with the M1.

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>

Faithful to Scripture, Faithful to Science: Alister McGrath on science and Christian faith

Alister McGrath is well-known as a theologian, but he started out as a scientist. After becoming a Christian as a student, he wanted to learn about his new faith so he studied theology at the same time as completing his PhD in molecular biophysics. He has not lost touch with science, but has continued to write and speak about how science and Christian faith work together. In this extract from a recently released interview, he shares his experience of being a scientist and a Christian.

“I think my most vivid experience of wonder took place in the 1970s when I was on vacation in Iran. We were travelling on a bus in the middle of the night because it wasn't hot then, and the bus broke down. We found ourselves in the middle of this solemn black desert, and the night sky shone with a brilliance like I had never seen before. That just overwhelmed me, it made me think there is something really wonderful here.

“Now, I was a Christian by that time and I knew how Christianity could answer that but it just struck me, that sense of wonder has two possible outcomes. One is science - this universe is wonderful, what's it all about? But of course, it is also about religion, the deeper levels of things that science can't really engage. I think one of the things I have discovered over time is that maybe this sense of wonder both opens the gateway to science and to faith, and that those two together are able to answer questions which on their own they simply couldn't.

“I think science is wonderful at asking questions. Some of those questions can be answered, but very often when you do answer them, they simply open up yet more questions. But of course, there are some more fundamental questions I think science simply cannot answer - they transcend its capacities to answer, and you might think of non-empirical questions like, ‘Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? What is good and how do I live a good life?’

“These are real questions and they're good questions but they're not scientific questions. And the psychologists tell us that we really need answers to those questions if we are to lead a fulfilled human existence. You find some scientists

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who say, 'Well because science can't answer them there are no answers to be given', but actually most realise that there are answers waiting to be discovered - it's just that science can't deliver them.

"Science fills in part of a big picture but there are parts of the picture you have to fill in from somewhere

else. Science is part of the answer but only part, and faith supplements it, giving us a vision of life that is exciting and reliable, and also something that we can inhabit meaningfully."

Find more on
wondersofthelivingworld.org

God and Stephen Hawking – whose design is it anyway? (2nd edition)

By Prof John C Lennox, Lion Hudson, £8.99 (*Book Review*)

"It is a grandiose claim to have banished God. With such a lot at stake we surely need to ask Hawking to produce evidence to establish his claim. Do his arguments really stand up to close scrutiny? I think we have a right to know."

The Grand Design and *Brief Answers to Big Questions* by eminent scientist the late Stephen Hawking were blockbusting contributions to the science religion debate. They claimed

it was the laws of physics themselves which brought the universe into being, rather than any God. In this forthright response, John Lennox, Oxford University mathematician and internationally known apologist, takes a closer look at Hawking's logic and questions his conclusions.

In lively, layman's terms, Lennox guides us through the key points in Hawking's arguments – with clear explanations of the latest scientific and philosophical methods and theories – and demonstrates that far from disproving a Creator God, they make his existence seem even more probable.

23rd September: When the sun goes edgewise – and daytime equals night

23rd September is the autumnal equinox (if you live in the northern hemisphere) or the vernal (Spring) equinox (if you live in the southern hemisphere) The equinoxes occur in March and September, when the Sun is 'edgewise' to the Earth's axis of rotation, so that everywhere on earth has twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of darkness.

Just how dangerous is cannabis?

The Ven John Barton considers recent research on the drug.

If you have a child or grandchild, it's quite possible they will have tried cannabis. Known in various forms as pot, weed, skunk, Ganga and marijuana, it's the most widely used illegal drug. One in three 17-year-olds have experimented with it and some are now regular users or addicts. Described as the 'gateway drug', one in 10 cannabis users have gone on to hard drugs.

Some claim it's a harmless recreational practice, less damaging than alcohol. It has been legalised in 18 American States, including California. Take a tourist bus tour of San Francisco, and your guide will point out the shops which are licensed to sell the drug. It is argued that the illegal use of pot was so widespread that licensing its sale was the only way to break the chain of criminal activity involved with its production and distribution. The American TV documentary series *Murder Mountain* suggests otherwise.

Recent research has cast doubt on the 'harmless' claim: not only does early use of cannabis increase by 37% the chances of depression in adulthood, but the drug actually causes long-lasting damage to the thinking skills and behaviour of

developing brains - worse than teenage drinking. Regular use may affect the respiratory and immune systems and even the ability to procreate. Whether or not it causes cancer is an open question, but it is usually mixed with tobacco, which is undoubtedly carcinogenic.

Evidence that cannabis may reduce certain kinds of pain has been examined by the Multiple Sclerosis Society, which reports that although cannabis may benefit some with MS, it has been linked to mental health problems such as anxiety, memory loss, panic attacks and psychotic episodes.

Just before he died in 2020, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks published *Morality*, a searching and sober analysis of behaviour in the West. In a chapter on widespread drug use, he wrote "I think of the lives that might have been saved, if figures of authority and influence had cared enough to say 'No' more firmly."

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

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Children and tea-drinking

Put the kettle on. Children should begin to drink tea from the age of four, in order to combat later stress, obesity and heart disease.

So says the results of a recent study which appeared in the Nutrition and Food Technology journal. It says that green tea and the more traditional black tea contain compounds which

can aid concentration and cognitive function.

As one doctor said, "Including three cups of black tea daily as a part of a healthy lifestyle could help to preserve physical and mental health in childhood... and into old age."

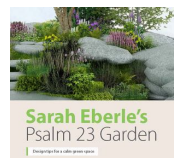
Parents could offer tea as a substitute for sweet and sugary drinks for children.

Sarah Eberle's Psalm 23 Garden - design tips for a calm green space

Bible Society, £6.50 (Book Review)

Sarah Eberle, winner of 17 gold medals at Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows, has designed the Bible Society's entry garden for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show this month (September 2021).

The theme of the garden is Psalm 23, and this is the full-colour book of photographs to go with it. Based on the themes of rest and peace, it offers a place of refuge and restoration, which is reflected in the meditations and stories within the book.



READINGS & ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

St. Anne's, Beeley -

Family Service 3pm other services 9.30am (pre-booked places only)
 please phone Canon Dave Perkins 01246 386385 to reserve a place

Sunday 5th September: Trinity Fourteen (Family Communion) 3pm

Isaiah 35: 4-7a

Reader: Theo Porter

Mark 7: 24-37

Flowers & Brasses: Fiona Swain

Sunday 12th September: Trinity Fifteen (Holy Communion)

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Reader: Sarah Porter

Mark 8: 27-38

Flowers & Brasses: Sarah Porter

Sunday 19th September: Trinity Sixteen (Morning Prayer)

Jeremiah 11: 18-20

Reader: Yvonne Ward

Mark 9: 30-37

Flowers & Brasses: Sarah Porter

Sunday 26th September: Trinity Seventeen (Holy Communion)

James 5: 13-20

Reader: Fiona Swain

Mark 9: 38-50

Flowers & Brasses: Liz Turner

Cleaning for September:

2nd - 5th - Fiona Swain

17th - 19th - Jane Hornsby

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

please phone Canon Dave Perkins 01246 386385 to reserve a place

Sunday 5th September: Trinity Fourteen (Holy Communion)

Isaiah 35: 4-7a

Reader: Roger Wardle

Mark 7: 24-37

Stewards: Roger Sherwood/Diana Walters

Sunday 12th September: Trinity Fifteen (Holy Communion)

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Reader: Trevor Grimshaw

Mark 8: 27-38

Stewards: Liz Bradshaw/Margaret Jackson

Sunday 19th September: Trinity Sixteen (Matins)

Jeremiah 11: 18-20

Reader: Duke of Devonshire

Mark 9: 30-37

Stewards: Sue & Roger Wardle

Sunday 26th September: Trinity Seventeen (Holy Communion)

James 5: 13-20

Reader: Gloria Sherwood

Mark 9: 38-50

Stewards: David & Margaret Jackson

Cleaning Rota - September Please phone the Vicar to arrange a day and to collect the key.

5	Trevor & Jackie Grimshaw	19	Mike Pindar/Jennie Ball
12	Sue & Roger Wardle	26	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters