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Early on that first Easter morning, Mary Magdalene went to the garden where they had laid the body of Jesus just to get away and have some peace and time for reflection. So much had happened, so fast. The supper, the arrest and the hasty trial, the rush to execution, so much fear and grief in such a short time. And then the confusion of finding the tomb was empty. She knew he wasn't there, but still she stayed. It was so quiet. After all the noise, the rush, the emotion, now there was nothing, nothing but the still air, the dark space in the cave, and in a corner, the gardener doing whatever gardeners do.

Remember Jesus had rescued Mary. She had been despised, an outcast, a woman with no friends, stared and pointed at in the street, living on the edge. Jesus had drawn her into his circle of friends, his new community, people who were rejected by society, where people who were nothing gained self worth. Under his gaze, Mary had blossomed. She had learned of a new world where God reigned, where all the rules and regulations that had so oppressed her were overturned, where the poor became rich and the humble exalted, where the sick found healing and the tormented found peace and where even death could be challenged. But then the religious leaders saw Jesus as a threat and plotted to get rid of him. They colluded with the powerful Roman Regime and eventually he was crucified.

So now he had gone, leaving behind this empty space, this nothingness. The gardener was nearer to her now, disturbing her peace. Suddenly she was angry, that someone had taken the body away, denying her a last look, a quiet goodbye. Roman soldiers perhaps? The religious authorities? Misguided disciples? The gardener might know.

But then came a voice. "Mary," he said. The voice that had called her home into his family, calling her again. Even through her tears she knew it was Jesus. How could she have believed for one moment that death could defeat him? Had he not shown her that love was stronger than death?

Mary's story helps us to see the resurrection of Jesus through one person's eyes, someone to whom Jesus had been immensely significant, who grieved his loss desperately, and who had the courage to believe the resurrection

message and act on it, taking the news of death's defeat to the traumatised and sceptical disciples. Through Mary we too receive the good news. Death no longer has the last word. There is new life, eternal life for those who are willing to accept it. Love has proved stronger than hate, life stronger than death.

A joyful and blessed Easter to you all

Every Blessing
Canon Dave



FROM THE REGISTERS - ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

12th March - Baptism ~ George Alexander Preskey

St. Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect two churchwardens and an assistant churchwarden will be held on Sunday 3rd April in Church after morning service. All residents of the ecclesiastical parish of Edensor and on the local government electoral roll, or those on the church electoral roll, are entitled to vote.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow this meeting and only those on the church electoral roll may vote at this meeting. However, it is open for anyone else to attend.

Please supply Christine Robinson with your email address if you would like to receive the Annual Meeting documents via email. Her address is chris.robinson@w3z.co.uk

Documents will include:

Minutes of the 2021 APCM
2021 Accounts and Examiner's
Report
Steeple Keeper's Report
Electoral Roll

Annual Church Report
Deanery Synod Report
Nomination forms for
Churchwardens, PCC
membership, and Deanery Synod
membership
List of current PCC membership

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organisations you choose. **St Anne's, Beeley** is one of the organisations you can support. The donation is calculated without going via another website so doesn't affect your shopping experience.



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Praying for Ukraine

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued a pastoral letter to the clergy and people of the Church of England, calling on them to pray for peace in Ukraine.

They wrote: "This attack is an act of evil, imperilling as it does the relative peace and security that Europe has enjoyed for so long. The attack by one nation on a free, democratic country has rightly provoked

outrage, sanctions, and condemnation.

"We lament with the people of Ukraine, and we pray for the innocent, the frightened and those who have lost loved ones, homes, and family.

"We continue to call for a ceasefire and the withdrawal of Russian forces as well as wide-ranging efforts to ensure peace, stability and security."

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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>.

Volunteers needed for St. Peter's Cleaning/Coffee Rotas

We now have one new couple on the cleaning rota at St. Peter's (a huge thank you to them); however, another couple would mean a 6-week rota which would give more flexibility for anyone wanting to swap dates. The **coffee rota** could also do with extra people, so if you think you might like to help please have a word with either the Vicar or the wardens.

Thank you

Dates for your Diary - April

- 12 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
Fun with Floristry
- 19 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP Monthly Meeting** -
7pm Beeley Village Hall
Talk on the Pictorial History of Beeley Part III by Chris Boyce
- 20 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms
Speaker: Laura Billingham on 'Nursery Rhymes'
Competition: a teacup and saucer

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY (BASH)

THE MEDWAY CENTRE, NEW STREET, BAKEWELL

7.30pm 2nd Sunday of every month (except July & August)

10 April CALL ME BY YOUR NAME (2017)

CALL ME BY YOUR NAME, a film by Luca Guadagnino, is a sensual and transcendent tale of first love, based on the acclaimed novel by André Aciman. It's the summer of 1983 in the north of Italy, and Elio Perlman, a precocious 17-year-old young man, spends his days in his family's 17th-century villa transcribing and playing classical music, reading, and flirting with his friend Marzia. While Elio's sophistication and intellectual gifts suggest he is already a fully-fledged adult, there is much that yet remains innocent and unformed about him, particularly about matters of the heart. An American student working on his doctorate arrives as the annual summer intern tasked with helping Elio's father. Amid the sun-drenched splendour of the setting, Elio and Oliver discover the heady beauty of awakening desire over the course of a summer that will alter their lives forever.

Booking for a seat essential

If you haven't yet joined BASH here is another film to tempt you. You can apply to join via www.bashfilms.org.uk or telephone the membership secretary Joy Thrower 01629 814863. We aim to show a range of films - modern, classic, English language and foreign. As a member of BASH you will be entitled to borrow for two weeks any DVD or BluRay from our ever growing library of films (see www.bashfilms.org.uk for the catalogue). Our 2022 season now runs from February to July - membership for this short season is £15. Guest of a member for one film is £5. We aim to make the evening enjoyable with a short introduction to the film and an interval for refreshments whilst meeting friends with an opportunity to discuss the film.

EASTER LILIES AT ST. ANNE'S



If you would like to make a contribution towards Easter Lilies at St. Annes's Church, Beeley, please give your donation to Dave Perkins or Fiona Swain, by Palm Sunday, 10th April.

EASTER LILIES AT ST. PETER'S

Once again we shall be having Easter Lilies in St. Peter's church. If you would like to sponsor a lily by donating £5 per flower and, if you wish, signing a card in memory of a loved one, please contact Liz Bradshaw (01246582421).



The cards will be displayed in St. Peter's over the Easter period.

Cards need to be filled in and returned with your donation by Palm Sunday, 10th April.



EDENSOR DAY BRIC-A-BRAC SALE

at

The Cavendish Hall, Edensor DE45 1PJ

Saturday 9th April 2022

10am - 2.30pm

all proceeds to this year's chosen charities

**cash sales only - please bring change if you have it
payment made at each table**



TEA, COFFEE & CAKES

FREE ADMISSION





SPECIAL SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th April

Compline 7.30pm - St. Peter's, Edensor

Maundy Thursday 14th April

Holy Communion 7pm - St. Anne's, Beeley

Good Friday 15th April

Good Friday Liturgy 2.00pm - St. Peter's, Edensor

Holy Saturday 16th April

Easter Liturgy 7.30pm - St. Peter's, Edensor



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, EDENSOR

ANNUAL SHEEP SERVICE

Sunday 24th April 2022 ~ 10.45am

You are invited to come and share with us in celebrating the birth of the lambs and the care and work of shepherds and farmers.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club February Draw 2022

1st Prize £30 - no. 42 Christine Robinson

2nd prize £20 - no. 72 Janet Cosgrove

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

April rains

The rain, though
raining every day
upon the just and
unjust fellow,
falls chiefly on the just, because the
unjust has the just's umbrella.



THE PEAK MUSIC SOCIETY

The Peak Music Society is now in its 54th year based at the Cavendish Hall at Edensor and now happily enjoying an upsurge in subscription membership.

Our final concert for this season is **THE QUEEN'S SIX** on **WEDNESDAY MAY 18th AT 7PM** followed by drinks and canapés and a chance to meet the singers. Those of you who watched Prince Philips funeral will remember the wonderful singing from these lay clerks of St George's Chapel Windsor. They have come together to bring their unique style of entertainment to a much wider audience and their repertoire consists of everything from early chant to jazz and pop arrangements.

Subscription members automatically have a ticket but we are selling tickets to non members from our website peakmusicsociety.org.uk

All details are on there and we encourage you to buy soon as this will be a very popular concert and we are limited for seats at the Cavendish Hall.

You will have a chance to meet the singers afterwards over a glass of wine.

We look forward to welcoming you

We start our new season in **September** where we will welcome

I Musicante on Wednesday September 28th with Leon Bosch on Bass

Paul Lewis Pianist on Tuesday October 11th

The Haffner Wind Ensemble on Wednesday November 9th

Lizzie Ball and James Pearson on March 26th 2023 - a Sunday afternoon concert with drinks afterwards, starting at 4.30pm.

The Sacconi Quartet on Thursday April 27th 2023.

I'm sure you will agree a season to rival the Wigmore Hall.

Do come and join us

Jennie Ball
Chairman

The Padley Centre

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Padley Centre in Derby. Although Spring may officially be here, the weather can still catch us out with chilly winds, rain and possibly even snow! We should continue to think of those less fortunate people who know what it is like to be hungry, homeless and cold. Canon Dave continues to deliver donations through the Padley booking system for dropping goods off.

They always need clothing for adults, including waterproofs, warm socks, gloves, hats and scarves, unworn underwear etc. 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 – sheets and pillow cases* **but not duvets or pillows** due to health and safety reasons.

Thank you for your continuing generosity with food, toiletries and clothing donations.

Kerry Collyer from the Padley says:

We have not been able to secure enough funding and need to raise a total of £20,000. Help us to reach £10,000 and Crowdfunder will match it.

Our vision is that no one in Derby or Derbyshire is affected by homelessness and the associated poverty and social isolation.

Padley Group supports and empowers those affected by homelessness to improve their lives. We achieve this by providing:

- An accepting and safe environment with meaningful activities that improve health and develop self-confidence, relationships and wellbeing.
- Food, toiletries, clothes and facilities to meet basic needs.
- Support, advice, training and volunteering opportunities to improve financial security and independence.
- Support to move into and sustain a tenancy.

We work in partnership with other organisations and agencies so those affected by homelessness can access shared pathways of support and receive the most effective and holistic services. To make a donation go to:

<http://www.padleygroup.com>

How to have some happiness this April

‘April is the cruellest month,’ wrote TS Eliot at the beginning of his magisterial poem, *The Wasteland*. And it is a good description of what April may bring us, between the war in Ukraine and soaring energy prices.

But apparently, major problems do not mean that we can’t enjoy anything. According to the ‘science of happiness,’ fuelled by advances in brain-scanning technology and a cultural shift towards seeing happiness as a key index in human development, there is a way through the deep gloom that hangs over this month.

Neuroscientists suggest that even while we are dealing with the big problems of life, we can also make room for ‘small, fleeting moments of fulfilment’. These can range from holding the hand of a loved one, to appreciating the daffodils in your garden, to enjoying a cup of tea with a good friend. Such moments of quiet contentment are ‘joyful vignettes’ which can be the bread and butter of our daily human happiness. As one writer has said: “Hold on to the small moments and the bigger picture of gloom doesn’t have to be as overwhelming as it first seems.”

Get going this Spring!

One thing you need to put at the top of your list this Spring is to simply MOVE.

Whether you like gardening, cycling, jogging, walking or any other activity, make certain that you do some of it every day.

As Prof James Goodwin, of the Brain Health Network in London explains, “Only 25 per cent of our ageing – both physical and mental – is determined by our DNA. The other 75 per cent is lifestyle and

our environment, over which we have a lot of choice.”

He goes to explain that aerobic exercise indirectly stimulates the brain, and thus rejuvenates it. “Prolonged daily sitting down is the enemy of brain health.”

Prof Goodwin also advises people to develop a healthy routine and stick to it. “Constantly varying bedtimes, drinking and eating excesses, and irregular habits are bad for you.”

Handel's Messiah

The Ven John Barton considers the most famous of all Handel's works.

The original idea was not Handel's, but his collaborator's, Charles Jennens, a passionate Christian who wanted to demonstrate that Jesus really was the 'Christ', or Messiah. This was being denied by Deists in the 18th Century, who believed God created the world and then stayed distant from it.

Jennens combed the Old Testament for texts which anticipated God's continuing activity in the world, with the expectation of greater things to come: *Comfort ye my people; Every valley shall be exalted; And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed ...* and so on. Then there were poignant passages anticipating suffering, with deep significance for Christians: *Behold the Lamb of God; He was despised; Surely He hath borne our griefs.*

Throughout the work, there is the strong sense that God is both omnipotent and also intimately involved with the human race: *How beautiful are the feet; the kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ.* The Hallelujah Chorus, the best known of the work, concludes the second part of 'Messiah', before the focus shifts mainly to the New Testament and Christ's resurrection and triumph:

The trumpet shall sound; Death where is thy sting; and finally, Worthy is the Lamb.

Handel composed the music in 24 days, writing across the final manuscript, "To the glory of God". As he finished the Hallelujah Chorus, he said, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God Himself."

The work caused a stir by being presented in concert halls, rather than churches where some felt sacred works belonged. The first performance was in Dublin in 1742 and raised funds for charities. One of the soloists was Susanna Cibber, a woman of questionable reputation, whose rendering of "He was despised" so moved the Revd Patrick Delaney, that he cried out, "Woman, for this be all thy sins forgiven thee".

German-born Handel, who became a British subject and whose finances were sometimes precarious, didn't always get on with the wealthy Jennens, but the two men shared a single mission. The oratorio 'Messiah' is the result.

14th April: What about Maundy Money?

Every year the Queen distributes silver coins at a special service on Maundy Thursday. It is part of a tradition dating back many centuries, where the Royal Family took part in ceremonies washing the feet of poor people and giving gifts.

The Royal Maundy Service itself began in 1662, when Charles II gave out coins. The ones that the Queen gives out each year bear the portrait of Her Majesty designed for her coronation in 1953, even though the image on ordinary circulating coinage has since been changed four times.

According to the royal.uk website, the Queen decided early on in her reign that Maundy money should not just be distributed to the people of London. And so, for many years she

has visited various cathedrals or abbeys to give gifts to local people. Recipients of Maundy money are nominated by their local dioceses for contributions to their local church and community.

During the service, the Queen distributes gifts according to the number of years she has lived: for example, when she turned 80 she distributed 80 pence worth of Maundy money to 80 men and 80 women in recognition for their contribution to community and to the church.

Last year, in 2021, the service was cancelled because of Covid. Instead, the Maundy money was blessed at the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, before being posted to recipients alongside a letter from The Queen.

14th April: What is Maundy Thursday?

Maundy Thursday is the 5th day of Holy Week. 'Maundy' comes from the Latin word for command, 'mandare'. On this day the Church looks back to Jesus' command to His disciples that they should: "Love one another as I have loved you."

On the evening of Maundy Thursday Jesus shared the Last Supper with His disciples, before going on to the

Garden of Gethsemane and being arrested. It was the last evening He had with them before His crucifixion.

At the Last Supper Jesus shocked His disciples by washing their feet. He did this as an example, to demonstrate to them that they should serve others with humility. Over the centuries, some churches have recreated this act of humility at a special service on Maundy Thursday.

Where do you call home?

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

‘Where is it that you call home?’ I wonder how different people would answer that question.

It’s so much gentler than asking ‘where do you come from?’ That question declares that clearly you don’t come from around here so you must be a stranger in these parts.

But the question about home is much deeper and can prompt a range of answers. People can respond by telling you about where they live now, or where they were brought up, or maybe where their family came from.

Author Chine McDonald suggests the question in her book, ‘God is Not a White Man’ (Hodder & Stoughton) and I’m grateful to her. She says, “I love to hear the different answers people give.”

For many people, the answer will be complex. All of us have roots in several places, with relatives whose homes are many miles away, and possibly across oceans.

Fridge magnets that say home is where the Wi-Fi recognises you, or ‘where they have to take you in’, widely miss the point.

Just now, many parts of the UK are welcoming British Nationals from Hong Kong, families who have left the former colony after the Chinese government introduced laws severely restricting human rights.

It’s been good to see local churches helping to welcome the men, women and children who have crossed continents under the UK government’s resettlement scheme.

The Hebrew Scriptures encouraged God’s people to remember that they were once strangers in foreign lands, and to welcome those from afar.

In the gospels, Jesus underlines the importance of loving your neighbour, as you love yourself. He called on His followers to make hospitality one of their core values. It’s a way that we open our lives to others.

I’ve called Hertfordshire home for more than 30 years but hold a special place for the part of West London where I was brought up, and I still support the local football team. Family research reveals that my surname derives from Dorset.

So where’s home? It’s the place where I can feel at home, where I am known and where I can be accepted without pretence.

It’s my prayer that all churches may be places of welcome and hospitality for everyone.

Your favourite music

Why do you like the music that you do? It may depend on your personality traits.

A recent study has found that agreeable people tend to favour mellow music such as reggae, while neurotic people will tend to prefer intense styles such as grunge and metal.

The study spanned 50 countries, and despite differences in culture and language, the researchers still found clear correlations between personality traits and musical styles. Thus, people who are 'open' and 'sophisticated' will like jazz supremos such as Miles Davis, while more extroverted types will tend towards singers such as Ed Sheeran.

Dr David Greenberg, the University of Cambridge researcher who led the study, says: "We were surprised at just how much these patterns between music and personality replicated across the globe." There was a clear pattern of personality traits being matched to particular musical genres.

Thus, the trait of agreeableness, characterised by sympathy and co-operation, leads such people towards mellow music sung by artistes such as Bob Marley, Marvin Gaye and Norah Jones. People who display the traits of 'extroversion' prefer the excitement of contemporary music styles such as electro, rap, and pop, sung by artists like Beyoncé and Justin Bieber. Then there are the 'conscientious' music lovers, with personality traits such as obedience and a preference for order, who lean towards music defined as 'unpretentious,' which includes religious music and country styles.

People with 'open' personalities defined by their imagination and creativity, prefer compositionally complex styles termed 'sophisticated,' which includes jazz. Finally, neurotic people tend to enjoy intense styles such as punk rock and the grunge of Nirvana, which perhaps "reflects their inner angst and frustration".

The study was published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

It was 125 years ago, on 3rd April 1897, that Johannes Brahms, German composer, piano virtuoso and conductor, died.

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It was 75 years ago, on 16th April 1947, that the term 'Cold War' was used for the first time when American financier and presidential adviser Bernard Baruch described the relationship between the USA and the Soviet Union.

75 years since the school age was raised

by Tim Lenton

It was 75 years ago, on 1st April 1947, that the school leaving age in the UK was raised to 15.

This had been planned in 1939 but was delayed because of the outbreak of war. The Education Act of 1944 put it on the Statute Book, and it was brought into effect in 1947.

The same Act created the grammar school / secondary modern system, although grammar schools had existed for many years before that. The 1944 Act meant that 11-year-olds would sit exams to decide whether they were suitable for an academic or practical education. This was a good idea but poorly executed, which led to those not in grammar schools being regarded as “failures” instead of differently gifted; this was exacerbated by many from poorer schools who passed the exam not being able to take up their places in grammar schools.

In due course this imbalance led to the comprehensive system, with most grammar schools being

abolished. The school leaving age was raised to 16 in 1972.

The architect of the 1944 Act, Rab Butler, pushed it through despite Prime Minister Winston Churchill's objecting to getting involved in all the intricacies and “party politics” of it in wartime. The main problem was the integration of church schools into the state system, which had been attempted unsuccessfully before. But Butler persisted, writing later that, having seen the Promised Land, “I was damned if I was going to die in the Land of Moab”.

One result was the establishment of voluntary aided and voluntary controlled church schools, both of which had at least some of their costs met by the local authority, but differed in the amount of control the authority had. The Act also stipulated a daily act of worship in all schools – although it is still required, this rarely happens today.

Palm Sunday

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the crowds of Jerusalem...

It must have been a dramatic sight on Palm Sunday when Jesus approached Jerusalem to the adulation of the crowds. The Bible tells us that *'A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"* (Matthew 21:8,9).

But not everyone in Jerusalem welcomed Jesus; in the very next verse we read, *'the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"'* (10). But by the end of the week, the crowds had turned against Jesus and were demanding His crucifixion. (Matthew 27:22).

Why did they turn against Jesus so quickly? Perhaps they were disappointed because He refused to

fulfil their expectations in establishing a new political kingdom. Instead, He came to change our hearts and save us from our sins by His death and resurrection. As He said during that week, *'My kingdom is not of this world.'* (John 18:36). This deeply disappointed those who hoped that He would throw out the hated Roman occupiers.

Where would we have been on that first Palm Sunday? *Among the disciples who welcomed Him or among the sceptical crowds?* It's easy to judge those who condemned Jesus, but would we have acted differently? We too can be disappointed when Jesus fails to meet our hopes and expectations of Him?

The message of Easter is that God still loves and accepts us, and because of Jesus we can be forgiven. He came for one simple reason: *'For Christ also suffered once for sins...to bring you to God.'* (1 Peter 3:18). May we welcome Jesus afresh into our lives this Eastertime.

Two donkeys

Two donkeys were walking the streets of Jerusalem. One said: "Just a few days ago I came down that hill carrying Jesus, and the people were all singing and shouting and throwing down their cloaks and palms for me to walk on. But today they don't even recognise me."

The other donkey replied: "That is how it is, my friend. Without Jesus, none of us amounts to much."





Dates announced as Illuminations celebrate 125th birthday

The dates have been announced for Derbyshire Dales District Council's popular Matlock Bath Illuminations, which celebrate their 125th birthday in 2022.

The region's top autumn event will run every Saturday and Sunday night from 10 September until 30 October. Ticket go on sale on 1 July.

The unique parade of decorated boats created by Matlock Bath Venetian Boatbuilders' Association will once again be the star attraction, with fireworks every Saturday night in October.

Innovations for 2022 will include the creation of a tunnel of lights over the pedestrian bridge that links Derwent Gardens with Lovers' Walks and 12

new specialist lights on the Lovers' Walk side of the river. There will also be a silent fireworks finale on the event's final night, Sunday 30 October.

District Council Leader Councillor Garry Purdy said: "We are proud to continue to organise this fabulous event, which extends the tourist season here in the Dales. The aim as always is to boost the local economy at no cost to local council tax payers."

Matlock Bath Illuminations have a long established history dating back to 1897, when they were first held to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

The District Council took over the event 37 years ago after the previous organising committee hit financial problems.

National events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a four-day Bank Holiday from 2-5 June 2022:

Thursday 2nd June

The Queen's Birthday Parade - Trooping of the Colour - London
Lighting of beacons – around the country and Commonwealth

Friday 3 June

St Paul's Cathedral Service of Thanksgiving - London

Saturday 4 June

The Derby at Epsom Downs, attended by members of the Royal Family
Platinum Party at the Palace – a concert broadcast from Buckingham Palace

Pentecost Sunday 5 June

Pentecost Sunday services in churches around the country – linked to the Platinum Jubilee.

Platinum Jubilee Street Parties / Big Jubilee Lunch – around the country
The Platinum Jubilee Pageant on The Mall - London

Christian Basics: What about the Resurrection?

Canon Paul Hardingham considers what the Resurrection achieved.

‘Easter is not primarily a comfort, but a challenge. Its message is either the supreme fact in history or else a gigantic hoax.’ (CS Lewis).

As we celebrate another Easter, what is the significance of Jesus’ resurrection for us? As Paul writes, *‘if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins’* (1 Cor 15:17). What does the New Testament affirm about the resurrection?

It affirms that Jesus’ death on the cross was not a defeat but a victory over sin, death and Satan, in which we share. *‘But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him’* (Acts 2:24).

It points to our own bodily resurrection after death, *‘The body*

that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable’ (1 Cor 15:42).

It guarantees the forgiveness of our sins, *‘if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins’* (1 Cor 15:17).

It ensures that we can know the reality of His risen life today, *‘just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life’* (Rom 6:4).

The story is told of Russia under the Communist regime. A member of the Communist Party addressed a packed audience at length, seeking to discredit the resurrection of Christ. At the end an Orthodox priest rose and asked if he might reply. He was warned that he only had five minutes. *‘Five seconds is all I need!’* He turned to the audience and gave the traditional Easter greeting: *‘Christ is risen!’* Back with a deafening roar came the traditional reply: *‘He is risen indeed!’*

Getting ready for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, 2nd – 5th June

Two special books have been produced by HOPE Together, to commemorate the event, and you can order them now:

Our Faithful Queen - a gift book using rarely-seen prayers the Queen prayed as she prepared for the Coronation.

The Girl Who Grew Up To Be Queen (for under 5s)

You can order copies of both from cpo.org.UK/Queen

Remembering Samuel Morse of Morse Code

Tim Lenton considers the founder of the famous Morse Code

Samuel Morse died 150 years ago, on 2nd April 1872. The American artist and inventor is best known for developing a commercial single-wire telegraph system - and the Morse Code, with his friend Alfred Vail.

He was born in 1791 in Charlestown, Massachusetts, the son of Calvinist preacher and geographer Jedidiah Morse. He found a great deal of interest in lectures on electricity, which was then poorly understood. His parents were somewhat disconcerted that he also enjoyed painting miniature portraits.

It was in 1832, while returning by ship from Europe, that Morse had the idea of a commercial electric telegraph – after hearing a conversation about the newly discovered electromagnet. The idea of an electric telegraph had been put forward in 1753, but Morse believed it could be put into action.

His eagerness stemmed partly from an early tragedy. His first wife

Lucretia was taken seriously ill in 1825 while he was working on a portrait of the Marquis de Lafayette in Washington, but the message took ages to reach him by horse messenger. By the time he got home to Connecticut, his wife was not only dead, but buried.

By 1838 he and Vail had developed the system of dots and dashes that became known throughout the world as the Morse Code, and by 1844 the first telegraph line in the United States, from Baltimore to Washington, was completed, and he sent the first message: “What hath God wrought?” This had been suggested to him by Annie Ellworth, the teenage daughter of the commissioner of patents.

In 1871 there was a huge celebration of the telegraph in Central Park, New York, and Morse sent the final nationwide message on the day, part of which read: “Glory to God in the Highest; on Earth peace, goodwill to men.”

It was 65 years ago, on 24th April 1957, that the first episode of the British astronomy series ‘*The Sky at Night*’ was broadcast on BBC TV. It became the world’s longest-running TV series with the same presenter (Patrick Moore) until his death in December 2012. The series then continued with new presenters.

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>

The Wonder and the Sorrow of PCR Tests

PCR tests are a fact of life for most of us at the moment. As a biologist who was doing this procedure long before most people had heard of it, I take secret delight in people's use of the acronym. Let me open the laboratory door and share the wonders it conceals.

The swab that you, or someone else, pokes down your throat and up your nose goes into a tube containing a little liquid. That liquid is then heated or mixed with a chemical to kill any live virus particles, then purified to get rid of every part of the virus except RNA.

The test is actually RT-PCR, the first step being Reverse Transcription by an enzyme that converts any RNA present into DNA. Multiple copies of that DNA are then made using the Polymerase Chain Reaction. Reverse transcription produced one half of a DNA helix, like one side of an unzipped zip. The enzyme DNA Polymerase is a little like the zipper, except as well as zipping up it also

manufactures the other half of the zip using DNA subunits that have been added to the tube. This process works because a bit like a zip, the two sides of the DNA helix are mirror images of each other. If that new helix is unzipped, DNA polymerase can then make a new strand on both sides.

The beauty of PCR is in its simplicity. Multiple rounds of heating (which melts the DNA helix strands apart) and cooling (which allows the enzyme to make new DNA) produce more and more mirror-image DNA strands.

Scientists often have stories to tell about the wonders they study, or make use of, in the lab. Sadly, if this particular process works it means that there was probably COVID-19 in the sample, and someone may be about to become quite ill.

Do you live with similar tensions in your own life? Perhaps you sell a fantastic product that most people in the world can't afford. Maybe you love taking care of people, but your role only exists because others live with great physical or mental challenges.

For the Psalmists, a relationship with God was forged in the confusing space where the struggles of life

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mingled with praise for creation and trust in Him. How can we learn from these inspired ancient writers, celebrating the wonders we experience in our day-today lives while also lamenting the world's

brokenness, praying for healing and justice?

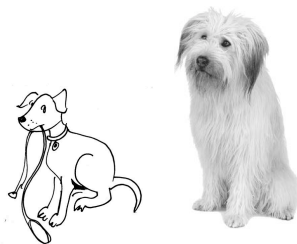
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If my dog doesn't love you, I won't either

Nearly half of all dog owners would not continue to date somebody if their dog did not like that person. And two in five dog owners prefer to date someone who also has a dog.

For those people who go online to look for dates, one in ten dog owners choose potential partners by looking to see if a dog is present in their profile picture. Two thirds of dog owners say that their dog is their best friend, and three in five dog owners admit they prefer to spend the evening at home with their pet than to go out on a date.

The study was carried out by the Kennel Club, who said that it is not surprising that owners rely on their pet's instincts when it comes to selecting a partner. Still, Kennel Club adds that owning a dog should not be seen as an obstacle in finding your soulmate, but a real help. Kennel Club suggested that dog owners might socialise more at doggie events like Crufts, where there are lots of fellow dog lovers.



Tree planted at Lambeth Palace as part of The Queen's Green Canopy

The Archbishop of Canterbury has planted a fig tree in the garden at Lambeth Palace as part of The Queen's Green Canopy to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said: "The beauty of trees reminds us of our responsibility to care for

God's creation, for each other and for generations to come. It's a fitting tribute to Her Majesty The Queen's seven decades of service, and the trees we plant this year will be a sign of our gratitude and celebration of this remarkable occasion for many decades to come. I encourage everyone to get involved in The Queen's Green Canopy, and plant a tree to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee."

The Rev Dr Jo White continues her series on aspects of Christianity.

Reflected Faith Series: Togetherness

Last month we began our Lenten journey with ashes on Ash Wednesday, reminding us of our beginning and our ending; and this month we will conclude that time with Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Such a relatively short time for so great a distance.

I'm reminded of this by the opening words used in Church of England services at the Palm Sunday services:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters His own city to complete His work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with Him in faith and love, so that, united with Him in His sufferings, we may share His risen life.

It's all about togetherness.

Together as a small group of people in that one church where we worship. Together with 'the' church

across all denominations and throughout the world. Together with Christ Himself.

It's one of the reasons that we process on Palm Sunday. Ideally a joyful and noisy procession with banners and rejoicing – reminding us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as much as into our own lives.

This month

It's in this joy wherein lies the contrast with our solemn and silent procession on Good Friday. We need them both. One on its own doesn't tell the full story. Just like a play on Good Friday without its follow-up on Easter Sunday leaves you hanging.

We all know that social media tends to only show happy occasions but that underneath all those meals and holidays and smiling faces there can be great heartaches and sorrows.

It's the togetherness of both of those emotions where the true depth of joy is to be found and not on the surfaces.

How do we greet Christ anew on Resurrection Sunday without the devastating loss of Good Friday, or that long week travelling in and out of the city walls? May you find real joy in togetherness this Easter!

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Nigel Beeton writes:

After Good Friday comes Easter and we think of the new life that comes each Spring. Last year we visited the gardens at Plas Cadnant near Menai Bridge on Ynys Mon, the Isle of Anglesey. I'm happy to give them a free plug – we had a wonderful day there!

A Garden of Delight

Shafts of sunlight on woodland
streams
Tumbling torrent that gaily gleams
Thrilling like our favourite dreams
Thrills of smell and sound and sight.
All our senses are conspiring
In this place of joy inspiring
Our imaginations firing
In a garden of delight.

Ordered beds, or sparkling fountains
Neatened lawns, or landscaped
mountains
Golden rod, or lily plantains
Verdant hues, or colours bright;
And it's truly hard to measure
Greater value, worth or treasure
Than the power and the pleasure
Of a garden of delight.

The Circle of Peace

**By Ken Lewis and Trevor Dennis,
SPCK, £10.99 (Book review)**

The Church is very good at challenging people to love their neighbours, but it is not so strong on encouraging us to also love ourselves.

Yet encountering the love of God sets us free to live as we were intended to live – loving ourselves and those around us. Through Bible passages, stories and exercises, the authors encourage us to throw off the sense of apprehension that bothers so many, and to enjoy living to the full in God's exhilarating company.

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

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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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The surgery will be closed on
Wednesdays 13th April & 11th May

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Prescriptions can be collected from reception inside the surgery.

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**For Urgent Calls when
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3rd April – the Boat Race

This month begins with one of the world's oldest and most famous amateur sporting events: The Boat Race.

First raced in 1829 by crews from Oxford and Cambridge Universities, it is considered the epitome of amateur sport, and each

year attracts more than 250,000 spectators to the banks of the Thames, as well as many millions more on television.

The Boat Race is raced along what is called the Championship Course, which is over 4.25 miles of tidal Thames in West London, between Putney and Mortlake. This year will see the 167th Men's Boat Race and the 76th Women's Boat Race.

What a hoot (smile..)

One evening a bird-loving vicar strolled over to his huge country churchyard, and just for fun, hooted softly, like an owl. To his delight, an owl hooted softly back. The next night the same thing happened, and again, the night after that. Soon it became a regular habit, and every night for the following year, no matter what the weather, the vicar would go to the churchyard and hoot back and forth with his feathered

friend. The hoots became longer and more complicated, and the vicar kept a careful log of the 'conversation'.

Just as he thought he was on the verge of a real breakthrough in interspecies communication, his wife had a chat with the neighbour who lived in a big house and garden next door to the church. "My husband comes here each night," she said, to "hoot to the owl in the churchyard." "That's odd," the neighbour replied, "so does my husband."

READINGS & ROTAS FOR APRIL 2022

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES*</u>
3	3pm Family Communion	Sarah Porter
10	9.30am Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)	Barbara Hawksorth
17	9.30am Holy Communion (Easter Sunday)	“ “
24	9.30am Morning Prayer	Fiona Swain
* Brasses only during Lent		
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>
3	10.45am Holy Communion	Sue & Roger Wardle
10	10.45am Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)	Mr & Mrs Jackson
17	10.45am Holy Communion (Easter Sunday)	Mike Pindar/John Bowns
24	10.45am Matins (Sheep Service)	Mr & Mrs Gordon
<u>COFFEE</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
3	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Grealey
10	Jane Dickson & Kate Green	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters
17	John & Jill Caws	Mr & Mrs Jackson
24	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw
<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>
3	Isaiah 43: 16-21 John 12: 1-8	John Caws <i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
10	Philippians 2: 5-11 Passion Gospel according to Luke	Diana Walters <i>Palm Sunday</i>
17	Acts 10: 34-43 Luke 24: 1-12	Duke of Devonshire <i>Easter Day</i>
24	Ezekiel 34: 11-15 John 10: 1-15	David Jackson Sarah Porter <i>Second Sunday of Easter - Sheep Service</i>

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Advice to gardeners: (Smile...)

The easiest way to tell the difference between young plants and weeds is to pull up everything. If they come up again, they're weeds. - Anon