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# The Bridge



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*including CHATSWORTH, CALTON LEES & PILSLEY*  
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On 27<sup>th</sup> November, which has just passed, it would have been very appropriate to wish each other a happy new year. No, it isn't 2023 yet, but Advent Sunday was the first day in a new church year. Advent Sunday marked a new beginning. So why, as we begin winding down into winter and the days are getting shorter does the Church make a new beginning now? Why not start a new church year in January, or at least during the Christmas period? After all, the birth of a new baby marks a new beginning. We have to remember that like all babies, the new baby of Christmas didn't come out of the blue. One of the many miracles of childbirth is that we usually have nine months to get used to the idea! In the case of Jesus, there had been more advance warning: centuries of it.

By the time Jesus was born, many in Israel were looking forward to the coming of a Messiah who would offer them a new beginning, a new relationship with God, a new hope for the world. In Advent, the Old Testament readings tell the story of God's people in waiting, of Israel preparing for her promised Messiah: the story into which Jesus fits.

Advent is a time of not only waiting but also of preparation for the second coming of Jesus. In Advent we are reminded that we have to be in a constant state of readiness because we don't know when he will return. It is difficult in our age of timetables and deadlines, of clock-watching and appointments to cope with not knowing when. What would his disciples have said if they had known that over 2000 years would pass and the Lord still hadn't returned? However, because God planned our salvation, because Jesus was born as a human baby at Christmas, because he died and rose again at Easter and because he sent his Holy Spirit upon the Church at Pentecost, we already have a new beginning now. The new beginning has already started, now before the second coming. Just as the Christian new year has already started before the excitement of Christmas, Advent gives us a chance to acknowledge that new start with God. It is time for thinking about our faith, what it means to us and how we can live it now. Advent helps us to prepare for Christmas.

God has already done what is necessary. He has sent his Son to share our human life, to carry our sins to the cross and to nail them there. What else can we do to be ready? In his letter to the Romans Paul urges us to lay aside the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light. Every day we should clothe ourselves in Jesus Christ, so that when people look at us they see him, radiating goodness and love, justice and peace. Drawn into that light, they too may see the new beginning which God holds out to everyone. Then on Christmas morning we can all welcome the birth of his Son and look forward with joy to his coming in glory.

Wishing you all a joyous and happy Christmas.

Every Blessing  
Canon Dave



## ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
7.30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.45AM

HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE WELCOME

## ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

CHRISTMAS EVE  
6PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30AM

HOLY COMMUNION

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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](http://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](http://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.

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## FROM THE REGISTERS

### ST. PETER'S

**Service of Thanksgiving followed by Cremation 8<sup>th</sup> November**

~ Janet Yvonne Machin aged 80years

## ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

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



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT



**St. Anne's Church, Beeley**

**14<sup>th</sup> December 22 at 7.30 pm**

**“The Garden Singers”**

**A Derbyshire Choir, singing carols traditional, new,  
local and from the middle ages.**

**Admission free with all donations to the church funds**

## 'THE BRIDGE'

**The magazine subscription for 2023 is now due - £1 per copy - £12 per year.**

Please give the money to the person who delivers your magazine. Cheques should be made payable to **Edensor PCC**.

If I post the magazine to you please enclose a book of 12 stamps with your cheque or add on the cost of the stamps (a book of second class stamps is £8.16 bringing the total to £20.16) and send your payment to me, Liz Bradshaw.

**Remember that any stamps without a bar code cannot be used after 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.**

Thank you for subscribing to 'The Bridge'.



### CHRISTMAS GREETING

via 'THE BRIDGE'

*Donations to Church Funds*

*With all good wishes for Christmas & the New Year*

*To friends, fellow members of both congregations and readers of 'The Bridge' from:*

*Liz Bradshaw; Maureen Adams; Jill Toyne; Kate Green; Dave & Margaret Perkins;*

*Lynne & Joe Clark; Jayne Boyd; Gloria & Roger Sherwood; Jennie Ball;*

*David & Margaret Jackson; Tony & Ann Hubbuck; Diana & Dick Walters*



## Dates for your Diary - December

- 13 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall  
Christmas wouldn't be the same without the wreaths  
*Refreshments: All Secret Santa: All*
- 14 St. Anne's Church Beeley 7.30pm** - The Garden Singers
- 14 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms  
Seasonal Quiz and Christmas Party  
*Competition: a card with a robin on*
- 18 St. Peter's & St. Anne's - Christmas Jumper Sunday**  
(See below for details)

## BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY (BASH)

The Medway Centre, New Street, Bakewell

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

### 11 December

**"84 Charing Cross Road"** 1987, UK/USA PG Biography/Romance

When a humorous script-reader in her New York City apartment sees an ad in the Saturday Review of Literature for a bookstore in London that does mail order, she begins a very special correspondence and friendship with Frank P. Doel (Sir Anthony Hopkins), the bookseller who works at Marks & Co., 84 Charing Cross Road.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER SUNDAY!

St. Peter's Church Edensor & St. Anne's Church Beeley



The Padley Group is holding a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.....but we have no services on that day so we are inviting everyone to wear your best, or worst, Christmas Jumper to our services on

### SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Just a bit of fun to brighten up the winter morning - and raise vital funds through donations to help people who will need to choose between heating and eating.

If you haven't got a Christmas Jumper, jazz up a regular jumper with a bit of tinsel!!!

## St Peter's Church Edensor & St. Anne's Church Beeley

November 2022

Dear Friends,

### Retirement of Canon Dave Perkins

You are no doubt aware that Canon Dave will be retiring soon and his final service in St. Peter's Church will be on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 10:45am.**

Canon Dave is currently the longest serving member of the clergy in the Diocese of Derby and, together with his wife Margaret, has made an impact on the community life of the parish and Estate villages.

To mark and celebrate this milestone in their lives we invite you to a light lunch in church at 12 noon on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January. You are, of course, welcome to the service as well! For catering purposes please fill in the reply slip below if you will be coming to the lunch. There will also be a Family Communion Service at St. Anne's at 3pm followed by celebratory refreshments to which you are also invited.

If you have any fond memories, anecdotes, photos etc. of Dave and Margaret, please share these with us in advance. We are aiming to encapsulate their time with us in some form of permanent record.

We will be presenting a cheque to them so they can either buy something for their new home or create more memories. ***If you wish to make a donation in cash please hand this in a sealed envelope marked 'Retirement donation' to one of the church wardens.*** Alternatively donations can be made ***through the SumUp machine in church or directly into the church account:***

St Peter's Bank Account: Co-op Bank - Sort code: 08-92-99 A/c: 654 14327

Please mark your transfer as 'Retirement donation'

Kind regards

Liz Bradshaw 07803 317402 Lynne Clark 07767 652624 (St Peter's Church Wardens)

Rupert Turner 01629 732794 Fiona Swain (St. Anne's Churchwardens)



I / we .....(insert names) will be attending Canon Dave's Retirement lunch on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 12 noon in St. Peter's Church.

Special dietary requirements / food allergies:.....

Phone number (in case of snow !!!) .....



## TWO AMAZING EVENTS.....

..... took place in St Peter's Church during October!

**Janet Gough**, OBE, gave us a delightful, illustrated lecture entitled 'What did the Victorians ever do for us?' Answer: a lot!!! Vibrantly colourful decor, new music, preservation of old architectural style and development of new to incredible towers and spires – all of this and more can be seen in the 2438 churches built between 1851 and 1875.

George Gilbert Scott played a major part and designed our very own church in which we can see preservation of 'old styles' (remnants of the Saxon church, the 'Norman' archway over the South door) and the amazing spire. Janet's enthusiasm for her subject was inspirational. She loved visiting our church...and was REALLY impressed with our toilets(!), citing these as an example of how old buildings can be made fit for modern use in a sympathetic way, preserving the integrity of the building.

We are indebted to Janet for giving us this lecture free of charge – and donating a further £1 per book from every book sold immediately after the event.

**James McKay** captivated us with his life story so far. Through his work with animals, James has met people from all walks of life and participated in many television and radio programmes.

None of us will forget his 150-year-old tortoise (yes, still alive!), the ferret doing a loop-the loop or the snake (thankfully curled up and docile). James trained many of the owls used in the Harry Potter movies, so it was a delight to meet some of his raptors and owls. Star of the show was the owl, Lizzie, with her six-foot wingspan. How brave was Raya who never flinched as Lizzie swooped directly towards her and landed, to command, on her arm?! Incredible!

James also shared the difficulties he has experienced since the outbreak of Covid. He did not qualify for the furlough scheme but still had to keep his many, many animals warm and fed at a cost of £1500 per month. As if enormous bank loans were not enough to contend with, he was then diagnosed with serious illness for which he is still undergoing treatment. Despite all of this he is still smiling, and humour was interwoven throughout the evening.

Some audience members have enquired about how to send donations to James to help him defray costs and reduce the likelihood of animals having to be euthanised. Please contact Lynne (07767 652624) if you would like to help.

## Daffodil planting

The clocks have gone back, the nights are drawing in and many of us are already longing for the brighter days.

Four of us, helped by Sophie, planted lots of new mixed daffodil bulbs on either side of the path to the South Porch of St

Peter's. It was a somewhat miserable, wet morning, but we still enjoyed the fresh air, friendly chat, cuppa, and the delight in watching Sophie stamp the turf back into place.

Look out for the fruits of our labours in Spring!



## St. Peter's Church 100 Club October Draw 2022

1st Prize £30 - no. 2 Barrie Bateman

2nd prize £20 - no. 83

Brenda Marshall

Funds to church this month - £50

Subscriptions for 2023 are now due in order to be eligible for the January draw.

These are payable at £12 per number held. Please make out cheques to:-

St. Peter's Church 100 Club

Thank you for your continued support.

We would like to invite new members for 2023 to ensure a membership of 100 throughout the year.

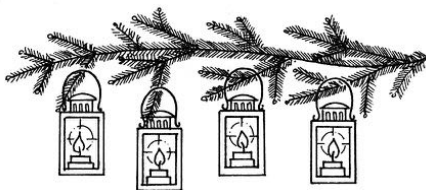
Membership is open to everyone from the villages and the church and their families and friends.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Ann Hall

Another £2.90 has been given to us for 'SPICE' Sunday taking the FINAL total to: £3,280.90.

Thank you and you can now enjoy spending your 5pence pieces.



## The Padley Centre

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Padley Centre. With winter just around the corner and the weather bringing cold winds, rain and the possibility of 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 (getting colder at night), unworn underwear etc. and sleeping bags are always much appreciated as are toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, shower gel and men's and women's hygiene products. **Food in date and unopened** - tins of meat, fish, soup, vegetables, beans and tomatoes; dried pasta; rice; flour; sauces; long life milk; tea; coffee; fruit squash; biscuits, 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.

### First sermon in British Sign Language at St Paul's Cathedral

A Baptist minister, the Revd Sue Whalley, has recently delivered the first ever known sermon in British Sign Language (BSL) at St Paul's Cathedral.

The invitation grew out of a meeting in London between Deaf Church Leaders and Church of England

Clergy. Building on the momentum of the BSL Act last April (when British Sign Language was accepted as an official language in England and Wales), it was suggested that a Deaf person preach at St Paul's Cathedral.

A maximum of 30 Deaf people were expected to attend alongside the hearing visitors to the cathedral. But instead, 60- 70 Deaf people turned up, "highlighting the importance and significance of the event."

## **The special gift of Christmas for people living with dementia**

Christmas time, with its music and traditions, offers “a special gift” to people living with dementia. Christmas can act as a powerful reminiscence therapy, especially for Christian believers, who will have long term memories of past Christmases, even though their short-term memory (working memory) has faded.

So says Louise Morse, a cognitive behavioural therapist and author of several books about dementia (Lion Monarch and SPCK) and old age. So, this Christmas she is urging families who have someone with dementia to use those long-term memories and help a loved one who is suffering memory loss.

Louise Morse explains: “Reminiscence therapy helps us recall the past as a means of owning it, and strengthens a sense of self. Grandma may have only a tenuous grasp of herself in the present, but in the past, she knew who she was – and therefore, still is.”

The effect of music on the brain is well known, and so Louise Morse urges that traditional Christmas music can play a big part here. She quotes a line from the hymn ‘O Holy Night’, when ‘the soul knows its

worth.’ She says: “And bound up in Grandma’s memories of Christmas will be worship. Worship unites us with God, and we enter into His peace.”

Louise Morse also advises other music. “There are also the popular songs Grandma would have heard in her day, like Bing Crosby’s ‘White Christmas’. Perhaps record a selection and play them through wearable earphones. Also, don’t be surprised if she ‘time-travels’ temporarily to a familiar place in the past!

If this happens, “don’t ask them, ‘do you remember?’ or even say, ‘I remember when,’ because it will challenge and disturb your loved one. Instead, when showing family photographs or memorabilia to them, simply frame the memory with enthusiasm and warmth by saying, ‘that was the day our Kevin ...’ Or ‘this came from Aunt Mabel when ...’

“Let the rhythms and music of Christmas do their work.”

Louise Morse is a writer and speaker for Pilgrims’ Friend Society ([www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk](http://www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk))

## **Mothers' Union partners campaign against domestic abuse**

Mothers' Union has teamed up with Women's Aid in a campaign to help draw attention to end domestic abuse.

The campaign aims to highlight the fact that 1.6 million women in England experience domestic abuse every year. Three women are killed each fortnight by a current or ex-partner. And one in every seven children will have to live with domestic violence at some point in their childhood.

As Bev Jullien, CEO of Mothers' Union, says: "It's what happens behind closed doors which is so very worrying. Domestic abuse takes

many forms. As well as the bruises and violence, which is absolutely shocking, it's restricting access to money, it's tracking your partner online, it's controlling who they speak to. It's very much about exercising power over those who are closest to you. Of course, the longer it continues, the more impact it has on any children in a relationship as well.

"God created man and woman as equal. He teaches us to love one another, and those core principles should lead us all to be in healthy relationships and help others to be so too."

More details at: <https://www.mothersunion.org/partnerships/womensaid>

## **REFLECTIONS ON THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

### **Matthew 1:18 Joseph's dilemma**

*This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about. His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit...."*

It is not clear at what point Mary told Joseph the news of her pregnancy, but when she did it came as a bombshell. What should he do, knowing the child was not his? Could her story be true? He was however a righteous man, and

he sought God for direction rather than acting impulsively. God spoke to him through a dream, confirming that the child was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and this gave him the courage to stand by her, and take her as his wife. It was a brave decision, but he now knew that the child would be the One to save people from their sins.

It is easy when we have difficult decisions to make to be impetuous or hasty, but the best decisions are made slowly and with prayer. When you are making important choices ask God to guide you clearly, and to give you the courage to do what is right.

# 90 years of broadcasting the Royal Christmas Messages

*by Tim Lenton*

This year we shall have our first Royal Christmas Message from King Charles III. He follows in a tradition that spans three generations. It was 90 years ago, on 25th December 1932, that the first Royal Christmas Message was broadcast on radio. King George V addressed the nation live from Sandringham. A quarter of a century later, on 25th December 1957, the Christmas message by Queen Elizabeth II was televised for the first time.

King George V had been asked to broadcast a Christmas message in 1922, but at the time he felt that radio was for entertainment, and therefore not suitable. Ten years later, after a visit to the BBC, he was persuaded otherwise, and agreed to do it as part of the inauguration of the new Empire Service (now the World Service).

The time chosen was 3pm because it was the best time for reaching most countries in the Empire. In fact the first message started five minutes late and lasted only two and a half minutes, but it made a massive impact and established itself as a regular Christmas Day event.

Edward VIII never delivered a Christmas broadcast, but King George VI continued the tradition, using it to encourage people during the second world war. Queen Elizabeth II broadcast her first Christmas message in 1952, again from a room at Sandringham, and five years later agreed that her Christmas message could be televised – live. She proved to be a natural broadcaster.

But times changed, and in 1960 the message was pre-recorded from Buckingham Palace, which meant that it could be sent to Commonwealth countries for broadcast at a convenient time. However, the 3pm UK broadcast continued every year – except 1969, when the Queen wrote a message instead, believing that the Royal Family had received enough exposure with the TV documentary Royal Family, which had aired in the summer.

But the tradition was resumed the following year. The Christmas message is now also available each year as a podcast and can be seen through Facebook and YouTube. King Charles III is expected to give his first Christmas message this year.

## **Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in the Cavendish Chapel**

*Seven members of the PCC were present and apologies were received from John Bowns, David Hartington and Paul Thompson.*

Canon Dave opened the meeting with a prayer.

*Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were agreed and signed as correct.*

Matter Arising: Nadine Harrington is standing down from the PCC due to other commitments. Thanks were given for her work whilst on the PCC.

John Bowns has also said he wished to stand down due to work commitments.

Report from the Chair: There had been an extremely helpful talk by Leigh Griffiths, from the Alzheimer's Society. Leigh hadn't charged for giving the talk and the PCC agreed to make a donation of £500 from money raised from the coffee donations to the society; proposed by Cynthia Gordon and seconded by Nadine Harrington.

Two car loads of goods from the Harvest services had been delivered to the Padley Centre. The Padley share resources with other local charities if they have too much of certain items. Nadine volunteered to continue to take donations after Dave's retirement.

Mike Pindar has offered to pay the annual contribution for St. Peter's to join the Prayer Book Society. The PCC were all in favour of this.

Foundation Governors - Chris Hubbuck was willing to continue as a Foundation Governor and was proposed by Liz Bradshaw and seconded by Cynthia. Agreed.

Claire Cadogan is to stand down and Canon Dave asked that names for a replacement governor be sent to him for consideration.

Quote from MSM for £480 + VAT for clearing the church gutters, including the valley gutter. The PCC agreed to accept this and the work will be done once all the leaves have fallen from the trees.

Forthcoming events were discussed - James McKay 26<sup>th</sup> October; Mick Brown Christmas Wreath making 1<sup>st</sup> December - tickets £20 and limited.

Canon Dave has asked Joe Clark to arrange choirs for the Advent Service of Light and Christmas Carol Service.

Mission Action Plan: Lynne has updated the MAP and will email copies to the PCC.

Finances: Copies of the accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. Noted that planned giving had dropped by approximately £800.

Gas and electric contracts renewed at preferential rates.

A permanent, contactless donation station has been ordered. Artwork/logo needed.

Quinquennial Inspection: The Report had been circulated to the PCC prior to the meeting.

Churchyard: Tree work in the churchyard now completed.

Daffodils to be planted to replace those that had gone 'blind'. Date to be arranged.

Gravestones Margaret Jackson has completed a survey of the gravestones. Three are deemed unsafe. Although others are leaning they remain secure. It was decided that for safety reasons the three unstable ones should be laid flat. All in agreement.

Maintenance contract The grass has had its final cut of the year and the contract with the gardener has therefore expired. It was suggested that new quotes be obtained for next year. All in agreement.

Schedule of Works: Following on from the report by the Heating Adviser a quote has been obtained from Neil Simpson for replacing the heaters in the Cavendish Chapel - £2,500 (depending on any additional work needed to the wiring). All were in agreement that this be accepted and will be partly funded by an anonymous donation.

Safeguarding: Nothing to report

Services/Events help: Lynne stressed the need for volunteers to help during events ie. be on the door; provide/serve refreshments; wash up and general tidying afterwards.

Lent Meetings: It was agreed to continue with last year's format, where local people/ contacts spoke for about thirty minutes on their life experiences as Christians, followed by tea and biscuits. All in favour.

Correspondence: A letter from Marie Curie has been received by the Church thanking Edensor Village Day for a donation of £1,050 in memory of Barbara Tanner.

A letter of thanks received from Christine Robinson for garden vouchers given in recognition of her work as PCC Secretary over many years.

A.O.B: This was Canon Dave's last PCC meeting before his retirement. He wished everyone well and said it had been a privilege to lead the meetings during his time at Edensor.

Cynthia led everyone in thanking Canon Dave for his superb leadership and guidance. He has been exemplary.

The meeting ended with prayers and The Grace

Date of next meeting to be arranged.

### **Matthew 1:22 Long-awaited Immanuel**

*All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us')... And Joseph gave Him the name Jesus.*

The plan of salvation is intimately connected to the Old Testament, and

was the fulfilment of prophecies made long ago. God was sending His Son into the world that we might be saved. God is with us – this astonishing, mind-blowing truth underpinned Joseph's straight-forward trust in Him. Today as you get on with your life, pray that the wonder of knowing that God is with you will never be far from your awareness.



## Lord Reith – running the BBC 100 years ago

by Tim Lenton

One hundred years ago, on 14th December 1922, John Reith (later Lord Reith) was appointed general manager of the newly formed BBC. He was its first director general when it became a public corporation in 1927.

Born in Stonehaven, Kincardineshire, Reith was educated in Glasgow and Norfolk. An engineer by profession, he had fought in the first world war, where he was wounded by a sniper. He was 6ft 6in tall and a Scottish Presbyterian whose Christian faith was both real and strict.

When taking control of the BBC he was, in his own words, "confronted with problems of which I had no experience". These included copyright and performing rights, as well as dealing with – among others – music publishers, playwrights, associations of concert artists and wireless manufacturers.

He was at the BBC for only 16 years, but he created long-lasting templates for public service broadcasting in Britain and elsewhere. He largely fought off politicians' attempts to influence the BBC – although he had to comply with Government strictures during the General Strike of 1926 – while offering programmes to "educate, inform and entertain". During his time at the BBC it had a firm Christian perspective, broadcasting to what was a Christian country. It did not start programmes on a Sunday until 12.30pm, to give people time to go to church first. Critics nowadays see the BBC as fostering the new fundamentalist religion of secular humanism.

Reith left the BBC in 1938 to become chairman of Imperial Airways. During the war he was appointed Minister of Information and became an MP for Southampton. He was later transferred to the House of Lords. The annual BBC Reith Lectures were inaugurated in 1948 in his honour.

### **Luke 2:13-15 - Angel hosts**

*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'*

The darkness of the Judean hillside was lit up by the appearance of a great angelic choir, messengers sent to herald the birth of the Saviour. Their song breaks the stillness of the night, first in praise of God for his act of mercy in sending the Son, and then in

proclamation of the peace the child will bring to earth. The shepherds now decide to do the unthinkable - leave their flocks, and head off into town to see the new born King. Such is the drawing power of the Saviour.

Sometimes there are things we too must leave behind if we are to follow his call, but whatever sacrifice is needed, it will be worth it just to find him for ourselves.

## **The man who gave us safe milk and saved the silk industry**

*by Tim Lenton*

Two hundred years ago, on 27th December 1822, the French biologist, microbiologist and chemist Louis Pasteur was born. One of the fathers of germ theory, he was best known for the pasteurisation process, which is named in his honour.

At school he was not an outstanding student, his favourite subject being art. But he eventually became a professor of chemistry first at the University of Strasbourg, where he met his wife Marie, and then, in 1854, at the University of Lille, where he was also dean of the science faculty.

A Roman Catholic by birth, he was said to have retained strong beliefs in God and eternity, –saying that studying nature led to his amazement at the works of the

Creator. But he rarely attended church, saying that he prayed while working in the laboratory.

His achievements were many and varied, though after his death some doubt was cast on his methods and his failure sometimes to attribute the work of other scientists. He is best known for the now familiar process of pasteurising milk, removing harmful bacteria, but he also developed vaccinations for anthrax, TB and rabies. He also created, in 1865, a method of eliminating microbes that attacked silkworm eggs and was said to have helped save the silk industry as a result.

In 1868 he suffered a stroke and became partially paralysed, but he was able to continue his work. In 1885 he vaccinated a boy who had been bitten by a rabid dog: the success of this brought him fame and led to fundraising and the building of the Pasteur Institute in Paris in 1888. He died in 1895.

## **Safe driving this winter**

The temperatures are dropping now, and if you are going away for Christmas, it is a good idea to nurture your car battery. Cold, damp weather can cause problems for it. The RAC recommends the following to take best care of your battery:

- Before you switch off your engine at the end of a journey, turn off the

lights, wipers, and heaters. This prevents any unnecessary drain on the battery next time you start the car.

- Check that everything is switched off before you turn on the ignition.

- Avoid using the heater longer than necessary, as it puts high demands on the vehicle's battery. Check that you don't leave interior lights, satnavs or phone chargers connected. If possible, park in a garage.

## Reflected Faith

*The Rev Jo White continues her series:*

### Reflecting faith - To the Glory of God

Everything about the church building is intended to tell us something about God.

But it doesn't end there. We put into the building things that are important to us and again reflect not just our specific denomination but our ways of worship.

Imagine visiting someone in their home whom you are just getting to know and have a look around at the decorations, photos, wall hangings, books, music etc. What are their hobbies? How do they enjoy spending their time? Who is important to them? Well our church interiors are like that.

In most church buildings each week there will be a display of flowers. Venues vary from being large and elaborate to simple and homely and so do such arrangements. Of course, much depends upon finance and the

availability of flowers as well as the interest and skills of the arranger. Flower arrangements 'should' be in keeping with the church season or the occasion that is being celebrated. During Advent (Latin meaning 'coming') while we anticipate the birth of Christ at the Feast of Christmas most places of worship show restraint in their arrangements and often decline to use any coloured flowers, using only evergreen leaves, or having no arrangements.

Then nearer to Christmas itself everything changes and either flowers are added to the original evergreens or they start completely new. Colours change to red for love and Christ's death and passion, white and gold for importance, royalty and celebration: with green alongside for the hope of new birth and spring.

*This month: Have a look at the flowers used in a church near you. What do they 'say'? Perhaps there will be poinsettias, lilies or even irises. Each has a different story to tell of the glory of God.*

## Protect our birds

This Christmas why not give the birds in your garden a Christmas present by joining the RSPB? More and more of our wild birds are disappearing, making the RSPB's work vital, to make sure that the birds we

have grown up with and love remain a familiar sight for our children and future generations. More than 200 different kinds of wild bird live within our shores – why not help the RSPB to help them? Visit: [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

## God in the Sciences

*Dr Ruth Bancewicz, who is based at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge, writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.*

### The Incarnation: fearfully and wonderfully made

*My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.*

*Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*  
*Psalms 139:15-16*

You began life as a single cell. For a few hours you were a minuscule but highly complex blob of jelly, until it began to divide: two cells, four, eight, sixteen, a ball, a hollow ball, and then something more recognisably like a living organism. You were still tiny, but developing a nervous system, a head, a body, arms and legs.

Until recently I hadn't thought much about Jesus being an embryo. Somehow, I find that thought even more shocking than His birth. How could God, who made the universe, have become something so completely and utterly vulnerable? Maybe in the past, when the development of a child happened in 'secret', it was possible just to let that part of the Christmas story go untold.

Today, when we see images of a developing child, or even embryos

outside the womb, it is harder to ignore the process of Jesus developing into a baby. The incarnation meant that God's Son went through all the stages in the diagram in my developmental biology textbook: 'zygote', 'morula', 'blastocyst', implantation, and so on.

Jesus was there in the beginning, and all life owes its existence to Him. But instead of remaining aloof, He chose to become one of us. The Son of God shared the same kind of DNA as every other organism on the planet. He knows what it feels like to have a body, to feel hungry and thirsty, pain and pleasure, dark and light.

In Psalm 139, the writer is meditating on God's intimate knowledge of him, which began when he was an embryo. There is nothing God doesn't know about him, and even darkness cannot obscure him from God's sight. The incarnation means that God's intimacy with us now extends even further. He became one of us, lived alongside us, and shared our very fragile material nature.

The transcendent God is also immanent, longing for us to relate to Him as Father. He became as fragile as we are so He could rescue us from the messes we so often find ourselves in. With His help, we can remember what it means to be fearfully and wonderfully made.

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## The 'wonder' of the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem

*The Ven. John Barton considers that first Christmas night...and how it might guide us in our proper reaction to Jesus' birth...*

Shepherds in first century Palestine would have been attuned to the wonders and ravages of nature: starlit nights, cold and heat, storm and calm, and the unwelcome attention of predators, both animal and human. They would have been more aware than we of human dependency on the seasons, and more respectful than us of the precarious nature of existence. Fear, as well as appreciation, would have shaped their religious sensitivities.

Some think the shepherds near Bethlehem may have been guarding sheep for the Jerusalem Temple, which used them as part of the sacrificial ritual of Judaism in those days. Yet the kind of work shepherds did and the hours they had to keep barred them from orthodox religious observance; they were regarded as uncouth and untrustworthy and were not allowed to give testimony in law courts.

It was typical of St Luke (the only New Testament writer to refer to the shepherds) to put them in the forefront of his narrative. Luke is the writer who favours the underdog: tax collectors, sinners, women, old and

poor people and non-Jews all figure favourably in his account. Deliberately he sets before us shepherds as the first Christmas worshippers. They already knew how to wonder.

William of St Thierry wrote: "A man who has lost his sense of wonder is a man dead." The 19th Century scientist Michael Faraday wrote: "Let us consider... how wonderfully we stand upon this world. Here it is that we are born, bred and live, and yet we view these things with an almost entire absence of wonder..." This is no plea for anti-intellectual faith, but rather for the discovery of an extra dimension. Wonder is the prime ingredient of worship, and we need to recover it and use it. It takes practice.

William Blake encouraged us to look into the ordinary and see the extraordinary:

*"To see a World in a Grain of Sand,  
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower:  
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand,  
And eternity in an hour..."*

The late Michael Mayne, Dean of Westminster wrote, "A sense of the sublime leads to a sense of awe, which is I suppose that combination of wonder and fearfulness you may feel in the presence of what takes your breath away. It is not afraid in the sense of feeling scared, but rather

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an awe-struck sense of amazement that the ordinary is rather more extraordinary than the extraordinary... it is not the rabbit out of the hat but the rabbit out of the rabbit that is so surprising..."

So, in the astonishing story of heaven-come-to-earth in Bethlehem, of divinity in a cowshed, it is shepherds who receive the revelation. Not priests, not presidents, not philosophers. "An angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified." For all they knew it might have been bad news. "But the angel said to them,

'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord'."

The response of the shepherds was to go and see. Not to question or even to reason. The main constituent of their belief was already wonder. They were accustomed to marvelling, for they were surrounded by a world of marvels. So, they went to look. And as they looked, they marvelled. Later, they were to return "glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard."

## **I heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

I heard the bells on Christmas day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words  
repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along th'unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:  
'There is no peace on earth,' I said  
'For hate is strong, and mocks the  
song  
Of peace on earth, good will to  
men.'

Then pealed the bells more loud and  
deep:

'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to  
men.'

Till, ringing, singing on its way,  
The world revolved from night to  
day  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

*By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

*For those who like a traditional poem, this  
is a famous one by the American poet  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, written in  
1863.*

## The mysterious ways of mistletoe

Mistletoe has long been used as part of our Christmas decorations. It is not your usual kind of plant.

Instead, it is hemiparasitic, meaning that although its leaves enable it to feed itself through photosynthesis, its roots invade the host tree or shrub to extract water and other nutrients.

Mistletoe loves living in apple, lime, hawthorn, poplar or oak trees. You may spot it high up, as a large globe, on the bare trees in winter. There is one spectacular example in Windsor Great Park, clearly visible from the path on the opposite side of the Thames.

Mistletoe's berries are almost translucent, fleshy and sticky. They form in the forks of mistletoe's many branches. While they are toxic to humans, they are attractive to birds, who wipe the remaining seeds off their beaks onto the nearest branch, which of course helps the plant to spread.

For some reason, Romans thought mistletoe represented Peace, Love and Understanding. Perhaps that is how it got into our Christmas celebrations? The earliest documentary evidence for kissing under mistletoe dates from the 16th century, but we don't know who got kissed first.



### Companions on the Bethlehem Road

By Rachel Boulding, BRF, £14.99  
(Book review)

This book of daily Bible readings and reflections for Advent and Christmas is based around spiritual insights gleaned from some of the best-loved poets of the past – T.S. Eliot, George Herbert, Tennyson and Auden, among others.

While they come from different ages and backgrounds, these writers wrestled with the same questions that we do, about God, love, hope, and suffering. This book is not a literary study of their work, but a

quest to see what they can tell us about life and faith today.

The poems are quoted in short sections, with suggestions about what they might mean for us now. While we can glimpse only part of the picture of God's love for us, it often seems that, in poetry, our deepest yearnings can come to the surface.

As we travel the road to Christmas in the company of these great poets, we may find our minds enlarged and our hearts touched with something of the wonder and joy of this special season.

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## **Why naps for children are good**

Short naps in the daytime are very good for your young child. They can be key to allowing their young brain to fully develop.

According to a recent study, the part of the brain that processes memories, the hippocampus, is underdeveloped in children. Taking a nap will help them, as their immature hippocampus quickly reaches its limit of memory storage. Taking a nap will ensure that nothing is forgotten, and free up more brainpower for learning.

As one scientist explained: "they have a massive amount of information that must be learned," yet "the neural systems that support learning are still under construction." So naps help children to deal with the information coming in, and to store it properly.

Naps also help a child to consolidate their emotions from the day. As one scientist observed: "This provides a potential explanation of the oft observed phenomena that habitually napping children are emotionally dysregulated at the end of the day if they do not nap (the 'witching hour')." "

**The Christmas Star** (Book review)  
By Hilary Robinson, SPCK, £7.99

This is a fresh, heart-warming retelling of the story of Christmas for 3-5-year-olds. Children will love

the story of the small, plucky star that becomes the Christmas star, and will learn that everyone can play a part in God's story, no matter how small they are, and that everyone should be given a chance to shine.



## **Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow**

[www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk)

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

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

### **Telephone Numbers:**

Reception: 01246 582216

District Nursing Team 01332 564 900

Health Visitor: 01629 816633

### **Normal Surgery Opening Times**

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri**  
8am-6.30pm;

(closed Bank Holidays)

(Phones 8am – 6.30pm Mon - Fri).

### **Surgery Closure for training**

No closure in December

### **Ordering Repeat Medication**

You can order repeat medications in the following ways:

- In writing or with our on-line access service
- Return your repeat request form to surgery by Post or Fax

Please allow **three** working days before collection and **collect between 8am and 5pm**

**Prescriptions can be collected from reception inside the surgery.**

**Samples** – if you need to leave a sample with us please ensure it is labelled with your name and date of birth and returned in a bag, if provided, either through the letterbox or at reception.

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

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

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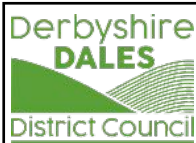


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## Local Plan review consultation

### Derbyshire Dales

District Council has launched a consultation to help drive forward its Local Plan up to 2040 as part of an ongoing review.

The Local Plan, which was adopted in December 2017, currently sets out the policies and proposals for the use and development of land for the period 2013-2033.

The District Council estimates available land in the Dales has capacity to deliver about 5,995 dwellings over the Plan period to 2040, a figure which wouldn't meet potential growth scenarios over the next 18 years.

Council consultants BDP have identified three potential options to meet future needs:

- Diffuse Growth – small scale development
- Urban Extensions – focus development on extensions to the main towns
- New Settlement – bring forward proposals for a 'new' village to meet future needs

Local residents and stakeholders can view the consultation document and [have their say here](#) on future options.

Alternatively, consultation material and forms to set out comments will be available in libraries, leisure centres and town halls in Matlock, Ashbourne and Wirksworth during normal opening hours.

The consultation runs from 10 November to 22 December.

# READINGS & ROTAS FOR DECEMBER 2022

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES*</u>		
<b>4</b>	3pm	Family Communion	Fiona Lichfield ( <i>Brasses only</i> )		
<b>11</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	"	"	"
<b>18</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	TBA ( <i>Christmas Decorations</i> )		
<b>24</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Service of Lessons & Carols			
<b>25</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion for Christmas Day	TBA		
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>		
<b>4</b>	10.45	Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw		
<b>11</b>	10.45	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle		
<b>18</b>	10.45am	Matins	Mike Pindar/Gillian Caird		
<b>20</b>	7.30pm	Service of Lessons & Carols	TBA		
<b>25</b>	10.45am	Holy Communion for Christmas Day	Mr & Mrs Gordon		
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>		
<b>4</b>	Lesley Butcher/Helen Garvey	Mr & Mrs Grealey	No flowers - Advent		
<b>11</b>	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	"	"	
<b>18</b>	Ann & Tony Hubbuck	Mr & Mrs Jackson	"	"	
<b>25</b>	<b>No Coffee</b>	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Christmas Decorations		
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Isaiah 11: 1-10</b> <b>Matthew 3: 1-12</b>	Christine Robinson <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	TBA		
<b>11</b>	<b>Isaiah 35: 1-10</b> <b>Matthew 11: 2-11</b>	Roger Wardle <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Rupert Turner		
<b>18</b>	<b>Isaiah 7: 10-16</b> <b>Matthew 1: 18-25</b>	Trevor Grimshaw <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Fiona Lichfield		
<b>25</b>	<b>Isaiah 9: 2-7</b> <b>Luke 2: 1-14</b>	Duke of Devonshire <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	TBA		

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