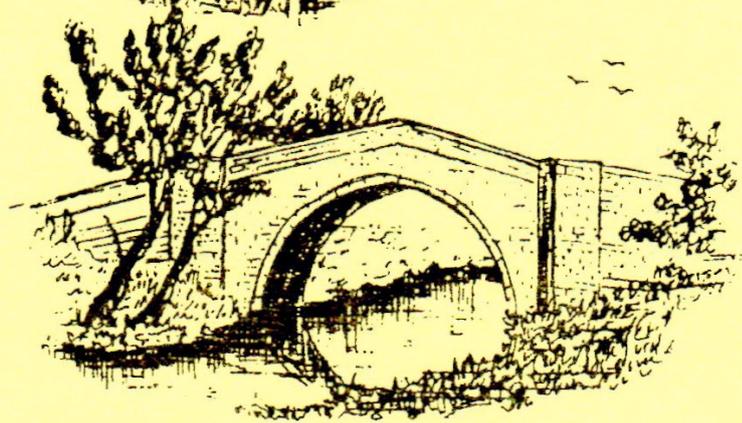
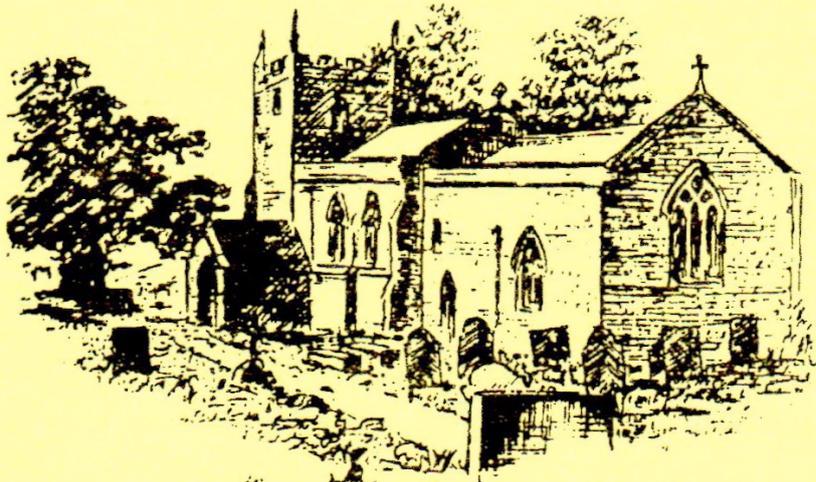
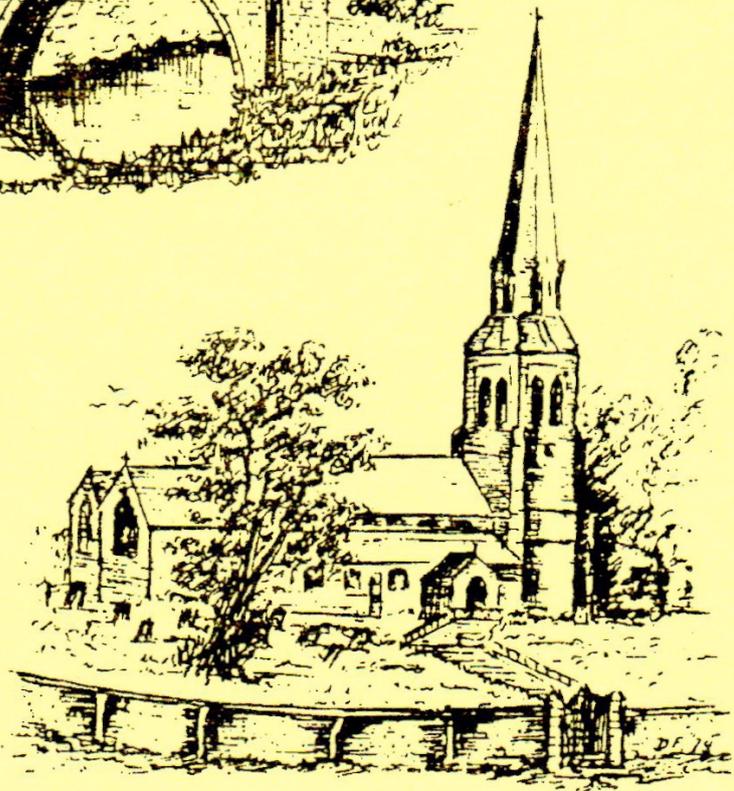


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During my time as Canon Precentor of Derby Cathedral, the Dean and Canons of the Cathedral were on a rota to celebrate Holy Communion for the Sisters at the Convent of the Holy Name in Oakwood. I used to look forward to this duty and enjoyed not only celebrating Holy Communion, but also the lunch we were invited to after the service. It was a silent lunch apart from Holy Days and Festivals where sherry and lively conversation would be enjoyed before sitting down for the meal.

On one occasion when it was my turn to be on duty, I arrived late, only having a few minutes to robe for the service. On arriving at the lectern in the chapel I could see it was Saint Scholastica's Day. I panicked and thought to myself who on earth is Scholastica! Trying to be calm, professional and confident, I welcomed the nuns to the service and said, "good afternoon and welcome to this service of Holy Communion when today we celebrate the life and work of Saint Scholastica – we thank God for his holiness and commitment to the Christian Church and pray that we may all follow his example." I could see the nuns chuckling and began to feel something was not quite right. It soon became evident whilst drinking a glass of sherry before lunch that Scholastica was in fact a woman. This taught me a very important lesson to check whose special day it is in the Calendar of the Church and do some research before launching into a service.

The Feast Day of Saint Scholastica is celebrated on 10th February. She lived in the 5th century and was St. Benedict's twin sister. At a very early stage in her life Scholastica entered a convent joining a Benedictine order for women. The Benedictine motto 'pray and work' became a real joy for this young abbess, for she had practised these things since childhood. She found it the best way to keep her mind occupied with God even though her duties as abbess kept her busy most of the day.

Every year, Benedict and Scholastica met to discuss their way of life and the various spiritual challenges in the two religious houses. However, since women were not allowed to enter his monastery, Benedict and a few

companions met her in the guest house at Monte Casino. One day when Scholastica was very ill, her brother came to visit her at the convent. They spent the day singing psalms and speaking about the spiritual life with all its compensations and challenges. When evening came, they sat down to supper and continued the conversation until quite late. Strict orders of the monastery only allowed one day for a monk to visit his family and never allowed him to stay away overnight. However, Scholastica asked her brother to stay the night since she was afraid that she wouldn't live until his next visit. Benedict, an obedient monk, would not hear of such a thing. Tradition has it that Scholastica folded her hands in prayer. A minute later when she looked up, lightning flashed in the sky, thunder roared and such a downpour of rain began that Benedict and his monks could not safely leave the house. Realising what had happened, Benedict reproached her saying: "What have you done, my sister?" Scholastica answered quite simply, "I asked a favour of you, and you refused to listen to me. So I asked God, and he, more generous than you granted my request."

In the days that followed, Scholastica became weaker and finally died of her illness. While praying in his room, as Benedict looked toward the convent, he saw a white dove circling the building, finally disappearing into the blue sky. He interpreted this to mean that his sister had died and her soul had gone to heaven.

St. Scholastica was outstanding for her simplicity and faith. She always spoke to God directly, in reverent familiarity, and without any complex or elaborate words. As an abbess, she instilled in her sisters the necessity of living in accordance with the great Benedictine aim: "That is in all things God may be glorified."

The Benedictine sisterhoods flourished under Scholastica and through the years to the present day. She demonstrated great faith and felt it was more important to tend the needs of others than to follow rigid rules. The Benedictine values of prayer, work, study, community, reverence and respect are hallmarks of this remarkable woman. She is a role model to all of us who are travelling on a journey with Christ at our side.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave.

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ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

The local Choral Evensong choir, '1662', will be singing their fourth service on Sunday 27th February, at 6pm at St Peter's Church, Edensor. 1662 are a chamber choir of like-minded singers, who enjoy singing the words of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer in full cathedral-style. Many of the singers are members of local parish church choirs, with others coming from as far afield as Manchester and Cambridge. The choir is directed by Neil Clarke, with organist Andrew Cummings at the console.

Dates for your Diary - February

- 8 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
Fabulous Felt - Jude **Tea & Cakes:** Chris & Jackie
- 15 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** - 7pm Beeley Village Hall
Talk on the Pictorial History of Beeley Part II by Chris Boyce
- 16 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms
- 27 St. Peter's, Edensor - 6pm Choral Evensong** with the
'1662 Choral Evensong Choir' directed by Neil Clarke with
organist Andrew Cummings

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- 13 If Beale Street Could Talk**
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The Old Smithy, Beeley

We feel it is only right we let you know before it goes onto our Facebook page that after our annual break, which will start this Saturday, we will no longer be running The Old Smithy as a tearoom.

We are very fond of the place and we would like to keep hold of it if we can, we just need to come up with a new plan for the place. We have a couple of ideas which we are still thinking about but we are not 100% certain on yet. Ideas are welcome but we can't just think about just doing what the villagers need. We need to make sure it brings other people in because financially we can't just depend on the village.

This last year has been a real struggle for us and we have tried to keep battling through, but our chef of 6 years left at the end of the summer and we have struggled to find a suitable replacement and I think Covid has just sent us over the edge, especially this last month. We have to think about our family and our health.

Thank you for all of you who have supported us and welcomed us into the village. We love Beeley and love The Smithy.

Thank you
Stuart and Sarah Yates

St. Peter's Church 100 Club December Draw 2021

1st Prize £30 - no. 49 Margaret Finney

2nd prize £20 - no. 26 Christine Bemrose

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

It was 70 years ago, on 6th Feb 1952, that Princess Elizabeth ascended the throne following the death of her father, King George VI. She was in Kenya at the time and became the first Sovereign in over 200 years to accede while abroad.

I'm sure quite a number of our readers will remember this event!

Beware bird flu this winter

If you are feeding the birds, please make sure that you keep their feeders very clean this winter. The UK is facing its worst ever outbreak of avian flu, and already there have been more than 40 cases around the country. The disease is thought to have been spread by migratory wild birds from Russia and Eastern Europe.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said: "Everyone should take care to maintain good hygiene when feeding garden birds, regularly cleaning feeders outside with mild disinfectant, removing old bird food, spacing out feeders as much as possible and washing your hands."

Humans can catch the disease by touching infected birds or their droppings. So, the advice is to **NOT** approach any dead or dying birds, and to wash your hands every time you touch anything to do with your bird table.

Fortunately, avian flu mainly affects larger species than our much-loved garden birds.

Christine Middlemiss, Britain's chief vet, recently told the BBC that the disease was at a 'phenomenal level' in the UK, which in turn has 'huge human, animal and trade implications'. And meanwhile, the migratory period for birds does not end until March.

Volunteers needed for St. Peter's Cleaning Rota

We need more people to help with the cleaning at St. Peter's - at the moment we only have 4 couples on the rota, which means their turn comes round once per month. Ideally another two or three couples would make things easier, so if you think you might like to help please have a word with either the Vicar or the wardens.

The Padley Centre

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Padley Centre in Derby. Winter is still very much with us, and we can be fairly certain that it will remain very cold with possible snow and almost certainly wet weather for the next several weeks at least. We should continue to think of those less fortunate people who know what it is like to be hungry, homeless and cold. Canon Dave continues to deliver donations through the Padley booking system for dropping goods off.

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

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

Donations can be brought along to a Sunday service if you are able to attend, or you can phone Canon Dave to arrange to drop them off at the Vicarage.

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

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

You and Chris Witty

Prof Chris Witty, England's Chief Medical Officer, wants you to use the stairs more.

At the recent Confederation of British Industry's annual conference, he told employers that they should tell their staff to take the stairs because it could mean the difference between entering old age 'healthy or not'.

He said: "in the medium to longer term, a lot of it is about trying to make sure people can be as active as possible. And in doing small things that help, for example, ...taking the stairs rather than the lift, can really help. It sounds trivial, but day in, day out over an entire work lifetime, it can be absolutely the difference between someone entering older age healthy or not healthy."

Why you should do housework

Now here is a great reason to do some housework: older people who regularly do household chores have better memory and attention spans than those who avoid domestic duties.

Not only that, but housework is linked to superior leg strength in people over 65. That means their risk of a fall is reduced.

The study, published in *BMJ Open*, found that a combination of light

housework, such as washing up, dusting, making the bed, hanging out laundry, ironing and cooking – and heavy housework, such as window cleaning, changing bedding, vacuuming, washing the floor, and chores involving sawing, repairing or painting, “was associated with higher cognitive function” among older people, who showed up to 14 per cent higher attention span scores than older people who did not do housework.

14th February: St Valentine’s Day, a poem

Saint Valentine’s Day, many believe, was named after one or more Christian martyrs and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 496 AD. Valentine of Rome was martyred about 269, and this day usually ‘belongs’ to him.

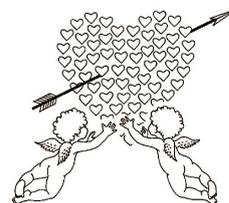
The first recorded association of Valentine Day with romantic love (1382) is from Geoffrey Chaucer. He wrote, ‘For this was Saint Valentine’s Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate.’ This poem was in honour of the first anniversary of the engagement of King Richard II of England to Anne of Bohemia.

Valentine Day is referred to by Ophelia in Hamlet (1600-1601).

*To-morrow is St Valentine’s day
All in the morning betime
And I a maid at your window
To be your Valentine.*

The modern mention of Valentine’s Day can be found in a collection of English nursery rhymes (1784):

*The rose is red, the violet’s blue
The honey’s sweet, and so are you.
Thou are my love and I am thine
I drew thee to my Valentine.*



God So Loved the World

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the nature of true love.

'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

This month, as we mark St Valentines' Day, we focus on the importance of love. In understanding the way God loves us, this verse shows us how we should love others. *God's love is unconditional:* God demonstrated His unconditional love for us by sending His Son into this world, to show us how we should love others, especially when it is undeserved! *'There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less.'* (Philip Yancey).

God's love is sacrificial: God's love is not selfish or self-seeking, but selfless and self-sacrificial, putting the needs of others first. This is demonstrated by the cross, which is the supreme demonstration of God's love. He died

for our sins to give us access to God's love, which is made real in our lives by the Holy Spirit.

God's love is forgiving: According to the film Love Story, 'Love means never having to say you're sorry.' Yet Jesus' love for us enables us to forgive others, as we find His forgiveness through the gift of eternal life, available to all who put their trust in Him.

In this World Cup Year, we remember Bobby Moore describing the terror of receiving the World Cup from the Queen in 1966: *"I noticed that the Queen was wearing some beautiful white gloves. I looked down at my hands and they were completely covered with mud!"*

Although we approach God with dirty and spoilt lives, because of His love, we can shake hands with a holy God and share that love with others.

Say it with flowers *(on a lighter note to make you smile..)*

A man stopped by his local florist shop to buy flowers for his new girlfriend on Valentine's Day. He asked the proprietor, "You know the expression, 'Say it with flowers'?"

"I do indeed!" the florist enthused. "How about three dozen of my finest roses?"

The man hesitated. "No, make it just a half dozen roses. I'm a man of few words."



14th February: Cyril and Methodius, helping the Slavs

Cyril and Methodius are saints for anyone with good secular qualifications, who now suspects that God may be calling them to use those skills in His service.

Cyril and Methodius were brothers, born into a wealthy family in Thessalonica, in 826 and 815 respectively. Their upbringing destined them for lives of respect and influence.

Methodius, the elder brother, was appointed governor in a Slav province of the Roman Empire, although within a few years he became a monk on Mount Olympus in Asia Minor. Meanwhile his younger brother, Cyril, went into academia in Constantinople, becoming a lecturer in philosophy and librarian.

But then, in 863, the ruler of Moravia, Rostislav, asked the emperor to send him some Christian teachers who could conduct services and teach his people in the Slavonic tongue. Emperor Michael III chose Cyril and Methodius.

It was a daunting task, for the Slavonic language had not yet been written down. But nonetheless, the brothers methodically set about their great work.

Cyril used his academic ability to create an alphabet for the Moravians, which eventually became the Cyrillic alphabet. The brothers then used this written language to teach Christianity in Slavonic, and to provide a way for the Moravians to worship in their own language. The brothers translated much of the liturgy and the gospels to this form.

During their time in Moravia, the brothers faced opposition from missionaries of the German Church, who believed that the official languages of the church should only be Hebrew, Greek or Latin. But the Pope pronounced that both brothers were orthodox, and made them both bishops, with Methodius ending up as Archbishop of Rastislav and Svatojiluk.

Cyril and Methodius have been held in high honour, as men who pioneered the use of the vernacular language in church services. Cyril would have been astonished if he had known the eventual consequences of his hard work. For not only did the Slavonic language spread quickly, with him becoming known as the Father of Slavonic Literature, but Slavonic went on to become the language of the Liturgy in the 9th century Russian Church.

In praise of plodders

The Rev Tony Horsfall, a former missionary in East Malaysia and then retreat leader based in West Yorkshire, considers the slow and steady type of Christian.

I've been pondering the words of the apostle Paul where he says, 'I press on towards the goal' (Philippians 3:14). It suggests to me taking one step at a time, and simply keeping moving in the right direction with discipline and determination.

This reminds me of the great Bible translator Willian Carey who said of

himself, "If he gives me credit for being a plodder, he will describe me justly. Anything beyond that will be too much. I can plod. I can persevere in any definite pursuit. To this I owe everything."

Christian discipleship is not always exciting, glamorous, or even enjoyable. Sometimes it is a matter of quietly getting on with it, with our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Loved nonetheless

The Rev Tony Horsfall

Here is a thought on a verse of Scripture from the encounter of Jesus with a man described as a 'rich, young ruler'.

This man was keen to follow Jesus, but when told he must share his wealth with the poor decided it was too much to ask, and he went away sorrowful. In this context we read that, "Jesus, looking at him loved him (Mark 10:21)."

This is a remarkable statement about Jesus, and the nature of divine love, a love that doesn't alter despite the ups and downs of our behaviour. It is constant and unchanging, truly without condition, and unshaken by the unpredictability of human response.

We might have expected to hear Jesus say, 'You foolish man' or 'You stupid boy', but there is no such rebuke, only love. Jesus might have been annoyed, disappointed, exasperated, alarmed, shocked . . . but all we feel is His love for someone who has missed a great opportunity.

What a joy it is to know that Jesus loves us exactly as we are. When He looks at us, nothing is hidden from His gaze. He sees through all our pretence, all our subterfuge, all our attempts to put on a brave front. He knows who I am, completely. And yet He loves me unreservedly and without reservation. Amazing.

Why walk away from a love like that?

The Hope-o-potamus

The Hope-o-potamus by Greg James and Chris Smith

This poem was given to me last Autumn by Margaret Jackson and I thought now would be a good time to include it, as we enter a new year...

In a drought, in the dust, in a dry river bed
A sad hippopotamus hung his grey head.
He'd had nothing to drink since the start of this week.
If he didn't find water things could get quite bleak.

The hippo was sad and the hippo was hot.
But did he sit down and give in? Of course not!
He remembered the words of a wise old giraffe,
that he'd heard long ago, when he'd been a young calf:

'There'll be times in your life when your road will be tough.
You'll be tempted to say that you've had quite enough.
There'll be people that try and convince you to stop.
And you'll feel that you're just about ready to drop.

But those are the times when you've got to keep moving,
And with every small step you will see things improving.
Just point any way that seems hopeful to you,
You move one foot forwards, then foot number two.

Then follow this up with your other two feet,
Then return to foot one, and repeat and repeat.
Remember these words,' said the wise old giraffe,
To our hero the hippo, when he was a calf.

So the hippopotamus nodded his head.
'I'll keep plodding and see where I get to,' he said,
And he looked all around at the arid terrain,
And thought, 'Will I ever find water again?'

Ahead, a high mountain rose up in the distance.
It looked rocky and steep, but with hippo-persistence,
He decided he'd walk 'til he had overcome it,
In case there were better things over the summit.

First he came to a desert, which wasn't too handy.
It was hard to walk through, rather slippy and sandy.
A camel was sitting on top of a dune,
And it told the hippo, 'You absolute loon!

Turn around! Go back! Or you'll look like a chump.
There's no water this way, except this in my hump.'
But the hippopotamus shook his head.
'Just a bit further,' he boldly said.

One step at a time he continued his journey,
'Til he came to a jungle - dark, dank, green and ferny.
The jungle was thick and the creepers were creepy,
And a large sloth hung down from a branch looking sleepy.

'This forest....it goes on for miles,' he said, yawning,
'Why don't you just hang here with me 'til the morning?'
The hippo - though tempted - again shook his head.
'Just a bit further,' he bravely said.

He plunged on through the jungle, and after a while
He arrived at the mountain - the ultimate trial.
Poor hippo was tired, almost giving up hope.
But - one step at a time - he pushed on up the slope.

The mountain was rocky and strewn with huge boulders;
The stones hurt his feet and the sun scorched his shoulders.
A lion sat there on a rocky outcropping,
and the lion called out, 'You're much better off stopping.'

But the hippopotamus shook his head.
'Just a bit further,' he proudly said.
His heart was so heavy, his feet were so sore,
But he climbed and he climbed - one step, then one step more.

And, just when he was feeling ready to drop,
He finally realised that he'd reached the top.
And a splendid sight met his eyes when he looked down:
A wide muddy waterhole, gleaming and brown.

He could see lots of splashing - someone was there bathing.
A hippo! A friend! And they seemed to be waving.
And the hippopotamus nodded his head.
'I'm glad that I chose to keep going,' he said.

Then a voice from behind him called out, 'We were wrong!'
The lion, sloth and camel had followed along.
And the animals cried, 'You're more brave than the lot of us.
Hip hip hooray for the hope-o-potamus!'

We continue our series of encouragement by Dr Herbert McGonigle, Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology & Church History, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester.

More than conquerors: In the depth of the sea!

(Micah 7:19)

The Bible is very expressive when it comes to speaking about how God can forgive our sins. It uses many descriptions to tell us how our sins are both forgiven and forgotten.

Here is a sample of these great promises. Our sins are 'forgiven,' (Ps. 32:5); 'washed thoroughly' and 'blotted out' (Ps. 51:2, 9); 'forgiven and covered' (Ps. 85:2); 'washed whiter than snow' (Is. 1:18); 'taken away' (Is. 6:7); 'put behind His back' (Is. 38:17); 'laid on Him' (Is. 53:6); 'remembered no more' (Jer. 31:34); 'pardoned' (Jer. 33:8); 'destroyed' (Rom. 6:6); 'purged' (Heb. 1:3) 'borne for us' (1 Pet. 2:24); 'washed away' (Rev. 1:5). What glorious news this is! In Christ we are truly forgiven! Our sins are cancelled! God will not hold our guilty past against us!

The prophet Micah has a very dramatic way of telling us this. He says that God has cast our sins 'into the depths of the sea' (7:19). So how deep is the sea? Far out in the Western Pacific Ocean, two hundred

miles from the island of Guam, lies the deepest part of the earth's oceans. It is called the Mariana Trench. It is more than 1500 miles long and over 40 miles wide but it is its depth that is awesome. It plunges down into the ocean bed for some 35,800 feet. By comparison, Everest, the world's highest mountain, is 29,000 feet in height. That means that the Mariana Trench goes lower into the ocean bed than the peak of Everest stretches up to the clouds. At that frightening depth the pressure from the waters above is more than eight tons to the square inch!

While these geographical facts and figures compel our attention, the theology of our forgiveness is even more wonderful! When we are 'in Christ' as His redeemed people, our sins are truly forgiven. God has thrown them into the depth of the sea, never to be resurrected! They are buried forever in the vast abyss of God's unfathomable love and mercy. What great, good news the gospel brings! Our guilty past is both forgiven and forgotten!

A few months after his evangelical conversion in May 1738, John Wesley went to Herrnhut in Germany. He met the Moravian hymn writer Johann Andreas Rothe. Wesley had learned German and enjoyed singing the Moravian hymns. He translated many of them into English, including

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one of Rothe's great hymns that includes the lines:

*O Love, Thou bottomless abyss
My sins are swallowed up in Thee
Covered is my unrighteousness
Nor spot of guilt remains on me.
While Jesu's blood through earth and
skies
Mercy, free boundless mercy, cries.*

By Dr Herbert McGonigle, former Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology & Church History, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester.

Five famous quotes from Desmond Tutu

The recent death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu was mourned around the world. Here are five of his more famous quotes, which show why he was so especially honoured for his justice and reconciliation work in South Africa.

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.”

“Don't raise your voice, improve your argument. Good sense does

not always lie with the loudest shouters, nor can we say that a large, unruly crowd is always the best arbiter of what is right.”

“Forgiving is not forgetting; it's actually remembering - remembering and not using your right to hit back. It's a second chance for a new beginning. And the remembering part is particularly important. Especially if you don't want to repeat what happened.”

“Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realise our need of one another.”

It was 175 years ago, on 11th Feb 1847 that Thomas Edison, American inventor and businessman was born. Best known for inventing the first practical incandescent light bulb, phonograph, movie camera and projector, and many more.

Paul Hardingham begins a year-long series on the very foundations of our Christian faith.

Christian Basics No 2: What's wrong with the world?

'How can a God of love allow suffering?'
Many people struggle with such questions, however the Bible helps us to understand how sin affects both our own lives and the world.

Genesis provides us with a picture of how sin entered the world. In Genesis 2:16-17, God gave Adam and Eve both permission (*'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden'*) and a prohibition (*'But you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil'*), alongside warning them of the consequences of disobedience (*'For when you eat of it you will surely die'*).

In Genesis 3, they broke God's law by eating fruit from the forbidden tree. As a result, their eyes were opened to the nature of sin (they knew *shame*) and their relationship with God was broken (they *hid* from Him). As a consequence, death entered their lives. This story

reminds us that God gives us free will (an essential aspect of being human) to choose whether God will be at the centre of our lives or not.

The Bible offers different ways of describing how sin:
a spirit of independence: we don't want God to interfere with our lives, preferring our own ideas, plans and ways of behaviour.

ignoring the Maker's instructions: if you ignore user instructions, you only have yourself to blame when things go wrong! God created us to function with Him at the centre of our lives.

missing the mark: we fail an exam even when we miss the pass mark by one mark: *'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God'* (Romans 3:23).

In a famous correspondence in *The Times* under the title *'What's wrong with the world?'* GK Chesterton's letter simply said: *'Dear Sir, I am.'*

It was 50 years ago, on 9th Feb 1972, that the British Government declared a state of emergency over the miners' strike which began in January. From 16th February, electricity supplies to homes and businesses were cut off for up to nine hours a day. The strike ended on 25th February. I remember this very well as it was the year we were married and we wondered if it would have any impact on our wedding, which was planned for the beginning of March!

The Christian faith of Denzel Washington

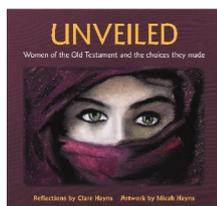
The American actor Denzel Washington, 66, mentioned his Christian faith in a recent interview with the New York Times.

Washington described himself as God-fearing and warned against the dangers of the digital age. He said: “The Bible says in the last days ... we’ll be lovers of ourselves. The No. 1 photograph today is a selfie, ‘Oh, me at the protest.’ ‘Follow me.’ ‘Listen to me.’... We’re living in a time where people are willing to do anything to get followed.”

NYT Journalist Maureen Dowd said that during the interview, Washington encouraged her to read the Bible. He said: “You have to fill up that bucket every morning. It’s rough out there.” He went on: “If you don’t have a spiritual anchor you’ll be easily blown

Unveiled - women of the Old Testament and the choices they made

by Clare Hayns and Micah Hayns, CPO, £9.99



This richly illustrated book contains 40 daily readings and reflections, each illustrated with original artwork created in charcoal, oils and collage, imagining the woman in question,

by the wind and you’ll be led to depression.”

Speaking recently at The Better Man Event conference in Florida, Washington said: “I hope that the words in my mouth and the meditation of my heart are pleasing in God’s sight, but I’m human. I’m just like you... If you want to talk to someone, talk to the One that can do something about it.”

Washington also said that before his 97-year-old mother died last year, he promised her he would “attempt to honour her and God by living the rest of my days in a way that would make her proud.”

Washington has been married to Paulette Pearson for 38 years. With Archbishop Desmond Tutu officiating, he and his wife renewed their wedding vows in 1995 in South Africa.

bringing her out of the shadows and making strikingly relevant connections with today’s context.

Some women of the Hebrew scriptures are well known, but many others are barely remembered. Even when they are, we often don’t pause on them long enough to think about what we might learn from them. Each reflection ends with a short application to everyday life, guidance for further thought and a prayer.

60 years since we first orbited Earth

by Tim Lenton

It was 60 years ago, on 20th February 1962, that John Glenn became the first American astronaut to orbit the Earth. He made three orbits in the space capsule Friendship 7, which he named himself.

The three circles of the globe – which lasted just under five hours – made the Presbyterian Christian a hero and a household name – but he was not the first man in space. He was preceded by two Russians, Yuri Gagarin and Gherman Titov, in April and August 1961.

The American launch was postponed four times because of mechanical issues and uncertain weather, and the flight was not without its frightening moments. An apparent problem with the heat shield necessitated a change in plans during the flight, but this turned out to be a relatively insignificant sensor problem.

Glenn was one of the first US astronauts – the Mercury Seven – who were immortalised in Thomas Wolfe's 1979 book, *The Right Stuff*, which became a film and more recently a TV series.

Glenn, who represented Ohio as a Democratic senator for 25 years from 1974, returned to space in 1998 aboard the space shuttle Discovery, making him the oldest person to fly in space. That mission's main aim was to study the effects of space flight on older people. He died in 2016, aged 95.

Glenn said that seeing the Earth from orbit stirred in him a tremendous sense of wonder that strengthened his faith, adding: "To look out at this kind of creation out here and not believe in God is to me impossible."

Does anyone remember this?

It was 65 years ago, on 16th Feb 1957, that the Toddlers' Truce was abolished in Britain. During the Truce, television transmissions closed down for an hour so that young children could be put to bed. Children's programming ended at 6pm and adult programming began at 7pm.

I wonder how many parents wish that this was still around - especially with modern technology and how they struggle to get children to switch off their devices!

And it was 75 years ago, on 7th Feb 1947, that the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in caves in Khirbat Qumran (now in the West Bank, Palestine).

In memory of Dolly the Sheep

by Tim Lenton

Just 25 years ago, on 22nd February 1997, scientists at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh announced that they had successfully cloned a mammal from an adult cell for the first time: a sheep named Dolly.

Dolly – named after country singer Dolly Parton – was not the first cloned mammal, however. Another sheep had been cloned from an embryo cell as early as 1984. Dolly was made from an adult mammary cell, which had been thought impossible.

The idea was to open up possibilities in breeding and in medicine, but Christians and others were alarmed at the possibilities that seemed to be opening up for human cloning, which some said raised difficulties because humans were made in the image of God.

The Vatican called for a total ban on the cloning of human beings, which it

said was a “dangerous experiment” that could undermine human dignity. But a number of Jewish thinkers argued that in certain circumstances it could be an acceptable and compassionate option.

Over the years Dolly gave birth to six lambs but in 2000 was found – with other sheep at Roslin – to be infected with a virus causing lung cancer; she was then diagnosed with arthritis, which was treated successfully, but in 2003 she was discovered to have tumours growing in her lungs and was euthanised to prevent her suffering, at the age of six. A healthy sheep would normally live to the age of 10 or 12.

Dolly’s body was donated to the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, where she has become one of the most popular exhibits.

Those who want to get married

(Smile..)

A minister was preparing to marry a local couple within a couple of weeks. At the close of the morning service, he saw them both in the congregation, and wanted to ask them to come forward, but he

couldn't think of their names. So he said: "Will those wanting to get married please come to the front?"

Immediately, nine single ladies, six single men, three widows, and four widowers walked up the aisle.

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 Love of Wisdom of Natural Things

Some time ago a scientist was invited to speak at the Dewsbury Women's Institute. He spoke about his research on polymers, hoping that the women of this Yorkshire mill town would connect with his desire to develop new fibres.

One person in particular, a woman called Betty who had worked in a mill since the age of 15, listened as if her life depended on it, and peppered him with questions afterwards. She had always been interested in how things work, but until that day had not found anyone to answer her questions. Whenever she had asked about the processes that they were using in the mill, she was just told to get on with her job.

From the outside, science can seem a closed specialty, hemmed in by intimidating jargon. When McLeish described science as 'the love of wisdom of natural things', however, he realised he was opening a door. He was moved to see that Betty was

not the only person who shed a tear when her questions were finally taken seriously, confirming that her enquiring mind was indeed probing in the right direction – only fifty years too late.

Hearing about people like Betty reminds me that science is a very natural activity for anyone to be involved in. McLeish is convinced that there is a future in 'science therapy'. In his book *Faith and Wisdom in Science*, where this story appears, he asks the question "If a reintroduction to the activity of representing both inner and outer worlds in paint, music and drama can help to heal minds, what hope might there be for a participation in a gentle and contemplative science in restoring a broken or misunderstood relationship with the physical world?"

This story inspired me to run a number of hands-on science activities with adult audiences in churches. I have extracted DNA from strawberries with a midweek group for older people, organised hands-on exhibits to liven up lecture or discussion events, and even had groups extracting DNA from their own cheek cells.

Every time I lead activities like these, I find that grown-ups are grateful for

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the opportunity to have a go at science themselves. I love helping church-based groups, in particular, to reconnect with science and celebrate

what they find. Science is not just for children and professionals – it is for everyone to enjoy and explore the world God made.

Saving the Planet via Kitchen and Bathroom in 2022

The Ven John Barton considers what each of us can do to help.

As world leaders wake up to the crisis of global warming and plan emergency measures before it is too late, each of us can make a difference right now, beginning in our own homes.

Start in the KITCHEN

25% of the world's food is thrown away. One supermarket discovered British households waste seven million tonnes of food waste every year, partly because most of our fridges aren't cold enough. Keeping the fridge temperature at a maximum of 4 degrees will help food last longer and save waste.

Vast quantities of greenhouse gases are released by animals reared to supply us with red meat and dairy products. Cutting down on quantities and conserving leftovers would help.

Conserving electricity by washing clothes at 30 degrees and replacing

power-hungry tumble driers with a clothes line or old-fashioned clothes-horse would have the added advantage of reducing soaring power bills.

According to the Good Housekeeping Institute, "many mainstream detergents are brimming with synthetic chemicals like phosphates, chlorine and bleach that pollute our waterways, damaging delicate ecosystems, and may irritate sensitive skin." Plant-based and eco-friendly alternatives are now readily available and work well in the washing machine and dishwasher.

Don't forget the BATHROOM

Annual increases in UK water consumption would be curbed, if we were to shower rather than bath. Exchanging the shower head for a water-saving type, which regulates or aerates the flow, would save both water and cash.

Spending less time in the shower needn't be a hardship. Daily shampooing may actually be counter-productive - it's best to let some oils

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What a tree can do for you

Trees can help prevent you getting depressed. At least, you are less likely to be on antidepressants if you live on a tree-lined street.

That is the finding of a survey by the Forestry Commission, which looked for the first time at the mental health value of our forests and woodlands.

Apparently, they save the NHS something like £185million in antidepressants each year.

A spokesman at Mind, the mental health charity, said: "Although many of us feel like hibernating in winter, getting outside in green spaces and making the most of the little daylight we get can really benefit both your physical and mental health."

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remain in the hair, so they can act as moisturisers. Biodegradable body wash is available in bulk, from which re-usable containers can be filled.

Eco-friendly toothpaste is now on the market, some of it in plastic-free containers. More water can be saved by turning the tap off as we brush.

Beware wet-wipes which may be 'flushable', but aren't biodegradable, because they are part-plastic. Eco-friendly alternatives are now available.

Saving the planet needn't cost the earth.

The Rev Dr Jo White continues her walk through the church year.

Reflected Faith Series - Candlemas

There are three reasons for this festival, which is held each year on the second of February.

Firstly, it's the halfway point between the shortest day and the Spring Equinox, so from that date on the daylight hours get longer.

In pre-Christian times, this day was known as the 'Feast of Lights' and celebrated the increased strength of the life-giving sun as Winter gave way to Spring.

Secondly, it's when we remember Mary and Joseph taking their baby Jesus, to the Temple forty days after His birth.

And the third reason? It's directly linked to the name of the feast – Candlemas. It was so named because on that day each year all the candles for the coming year were brought into the church to be blessed at a 'mass'. Remember that candles were important in those days, not only because there were no electric lights; people thought they gave protection against plague and illness and famine.

In many churches on this feast there will be a procession of the whole congregation with lighted candles –

often inside the whole building, going into every 'dark' corner. Everyone carries their own lighted candle, which they are encouraged to take home and light there also.

One of the prayers that may be used is this:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

*You make our darkness to be light.
For with You is the well of life
and in Your light shall we see light.*

This month:

Christ is often called the 'Light of the World' who came to bring light, hope, and peace into our darkness. Have a think about those places that are dark for you and perhaps you do not like going there or will not go there. Perhaps they are too painful or scary. Just pause for a short time with a lit candle and imagine Jesus going there for you or with you. Lighting your way. Making it safe. He came to give us life – and life to the full – even in those dark places.



Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

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

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

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(closed Bank Holidays)

(Phones 8am – 6.30pm Mon - Fri).

Surgery Closure for training -

The surgery will be closed on **Wednesdays 9th February & 9th March.**

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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February Sudoku ☞

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It was 20 years ago, on 4th Feb 2002, that Cancer Research UK was founded. It is the world's largest independent cancer research and awareness charity.



It was also 20 years ago, on 19th Feb 2002, that NASA's Mars Odyssey space probe began mapping the surface of Mars using a variety of imaging systems. It later discovered huge reservoirs of underground ice.

Statistics for Mission 2020

The Church of England's Statistics for Mission 2020 report has recently been published.

Figures show that more than 9,000 churches offered 'Church at Home' worship, such as online or dial-in services, during the March-July 2020 lockdown.

Attendance figures for services were, as expected, significantly lower than usual, amid legal restrictions because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Most of the figures are based on an annual snapshot taken in October

2020, which fell just before the second full national lockdown in England, when adult average weekly attendance was 57 per cent lower than 2019.

Despite the restrictions, the figures were still collected by the Church of England Research and Statistics Unit to record and recognise those things that churches were able to do in such difficult circumstances.

Eight in 10 parishes offered 'Church at Home' online, via email, post and telephone during the first lockdown, which helped sustain parish life when it was badly needed.

READINGS & ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY 2022

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	
6	3pm Family Service	Barbara Hawksworth	
13	9.30am Holy Communion	Fiona Swain	
20	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	
27	9.30am Morning Prayer	Fiona Lichfield	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
6	10.45am Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
13	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Bradshaw/Mrs Jackson	
20	10.45am Matins	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
27	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Jackson	
	6pm Choral Evensong with the local Choral Evensong choir '1662'		
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
6	Ann & Tony Hubbuck	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	tba
13	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Jackson	tba
20	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	tba
27	Jane Dickson + helper	Mr & Mrs Wardle	tba
<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>	
6	Isaiah 6: 1-8 Luke 5: 1-11	Diana Walters <i>Fourth Sunday Before Lent</i>	tba
13	Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Luke 6: 17-26	John Bowns <i>Third Sunday Before Lent</i>	Claire Cadogan
20	Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25 Luke 8: 22-25	Mike Woodcock <i>Second Sunday Before Lent</i>	Fiona Swain
27	Exodus 34: 29-35 Luke 9: 28-36	Bob Carter <i>Sunday Before Lent</i>	Sarah Porter



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