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PARISH MAGAZINE

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Dear Friends,

On Monday 21st March the Church of England celebrates the life, faith and witness of Thomas Cranmer who was The Archbishop of Canterbury from 1533 to 1553. I thought it would be helpful and appropriate to give a brief outline of his life in this month's magazine.

He was born on 2nd July 1489 at a place called Aslockton in Nottinghamshire and lived in that village until the age of 14 in his parents' cottage which still stands to this day in Abbey Lane. He studied at Cambridge University and received his bachelor's degree in 1511. He went on to become a fellow at Jesus' College Cambridge and later became the college's master. In this position he worked as an instructor for students studying Theology, Hebrew and Greek. He went on to study for a doctorate in theology at the University of Padua in Northern Italy. This University was founded in 1222 by a group of students and teachers from Bologna and is now one of the oldest surviving Universities in the world.

It was after receiving his doctorate from Padua University in 1517 that Cranmer was appointed as the chaplain to Henry VIII. During this time he began working on translating the Bible into English.

In 1533, Henry VIII appointed Cranmer as Archbishop of Canterbury after the previous Archbishop refused to annul his marriage with Catherine of Aragon. His position now made Cranmer the most important person in the English Church. During his time as Archbishop, Cranmer helped to establish the Church of England and wrote many of its official documents. He also played a role in Henry VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon and subsequent marriages to Anne Boleyn and Jane Seymour.

After Henry VIII died in 1547 and was succeeded by his son Edward VI, Cranmer continued in his position as Archbishop of Canterbury. He made many changes to the Church especially in the ordering of liturgy. It was in

1549 that he published a book that contained the First English Prayer Book called **The Book of Common Prayer**.

Cranmer's career ended when Edward VI died and was succeeded by his half sister Mary I. The new Queen wanted England to return to Catholicism so she had Cranmer arrested for heresy and treason. In 1533, he was tried at Oxford University where he confessed that he was guilty of Protestantism. He was burned at the stake in Oxford on 21st March 1556 under the orders of Queen Mary I.

Thomas Cranmer is known as one of the great Architects of Anglicanism which he established during Henry VIII's reign. He wrote many of its official documents including the Book of Common Prayer which we use at St. Anne's and St. Peter's. Furthermore, all Cathedral Choirs sing a daily service of Choral Evensong according to the Book of Common Prayer.

Cranmer's legacy continued even after his death. In addition to being an important figure in Anglicanism, he has also been recognised as a martyr by the Catholic Church. He was also a potential candidate for sainthood by the Church of England but sadly this never happened due to his execution on charges of heresy and treason.

Those of us who love the liturgy and the language of the Book of Common Prayer owe our deep gratitude to Thomas Cranmer who was clearly a devoted disciple of Christ and whose legacy lives on.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT ST. PETER'S

There will be a service of Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday at St. Peter's, Edensor, on Wednesday, 2nd March at 9.30am.



ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

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FROM THE REGISTERS - ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

9th December 2021

Interment of Ashes ~ Rachel James aged 90years
(in the grave of Joseph Richard Jackson)

Numbers drop at Sunday services

In the past 30 years, the Church of England has seen a steep decline in the attendance at Sunday services.

Numbers are down by an average of 40 per cent at Sunday services in

churches across the UK's 43 dioceses. The only exception is London, where there has been a rise in Sunday worshippers.

A recent analysis of Church of England data shows that between 1987 and 2019 the number fell from around 1.2 million to 689,000.

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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
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- Choose **Saint Peter's Church - Chatsworth Park** as your charity and fill in the rest of the form

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- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
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- Go ahead and shop

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

JUST GIVING AT ST. PETER'S

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



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

Easy Fundraising

Congratulations Saint Peter's Church - Chatsworth Park, you're getting paid!

£23.20

Thank you to everyone who uses the Easy Fundraising website when buying items online. It's so easy and doesn't cost you anything.

Did you know that it was 25 years ago, on 21st March 1997, that the Rev WV Awdry, British clergyman and children's writer, died. Best known as the creator of *Thomas the Tank Engine*.

Dates for your Diary - March

- 10 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
Walks in Derbyshire - *Sally Moseley*
Tea & Raffle: Chris & Jackie
- 15 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** - 7pm Beeley Village Hall
Talk on the Pictorial History of Beeley Part III by *Chris Boyce*
- 16 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms
Speaker: Twisted Willow Creations - willow-weaving talk and 'have a go' workshop.
Competition: a small spring flower arrangement

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

THE MEDWAY CENTRE, NEW STREET, BAKEWELL

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

13 March *Call Me By Your Name*

Booking for a seat essential, tickets £15



CHATSWORTH WI

As I'm sure you'll understand, it was very difficult last year with all the uncertainties and changing regulations to organise a full year's WI programme in advance and so we arranged a lot of our WI meetings month by month as we went along. Now that things seem to be improving (fingers crossed), I'm pleased to say that we've managed to put together a full programme of speakers for 2022.

We are a small and friendly group who meets monthly in the Baslow Church Rooms (within the grounds of Baslow St Anne's church). Visitors or new members are always welcome (£4 visitor fee on the day) and if anyone wanted to get in touch with someone from Chatsworth WI in advance, then Mary Read in Edensor would be more than happy to have a chat and take them along with her to a meeting (Mary Read 01246 582434).

Melanie Holmes

President - Chatsworth WI

EASTER LILIES AT ST. ANNE'S



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

EASTER LILIES AT ST. PETER'S

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



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

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

St. Peter's Church 100 Club January Draw 2022

1st Prize £30 - no. 5 Roger Sherwood

2nd prize £20 - no. 55 Elizabeth Bradshaw

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

The 100 club raised £673 in 2021 for the Restoration Fund.

The running total raised for the Restoration fund is £10,510.77

Thank you all members past and present who have supported the 100 club.

Ann Hall

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 every four weeks. 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. Thank you

Your sacrifices have saved lives

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, has thanked front line workers, parishes, and all who have made sacrifices to help protect one another from Covid-19, as England recently began to move away from 'plan B' restrictions.

Bishop Sarah, who chairs the Church of England's Covid Recovery Group, said: "When the first measures to curb the spread of Covid-19 were

introduced in March 2020, few would have imagined that we would still be making adaptations to the way we live our lives – including our worship – two years on. It has been a very challenging time.

"People have made huge sacrifices to protect one another – not only those they know and love but strangers they might never meet. We've learnt again as a society something of what it means to love our neighbour, as Jesus taught."

Every church region in the country signs up to become an Eco Diocese

All 42 dioceses in the Church of England have signed up to become an 'eco diocese' as part of their commitment to reach net zero carbon by 2030.

The Eco Dioceses scheme, developed by the charity A Rocha UK, sees churches and dioceses awarded bronze, silver, or gold status depending on actions taken to improve their environmental footprint.

The Church of England is seeking to reach 'net zero' carbon by 2030 to meet a target set by General Synod in 2020.

Graham Usher, the Bishop of Norwich and lead bishop for the environment, said:

"A Rocha UK's Eco Church and Diocese scheme is a great tool which enables local churches at every level of their climate justice journey to engage with environmental issues. As Christians, we must make real differences to our lives to care for God's creation and limit the impact of the climate emergency.

"The whole Church is [currently looking at our proposed Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030](#) and I would encourage everyone to read it and engage with the survey so we can make the journey to net zero carbon together."

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Derbyshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/derbyshire> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Derbyshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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Bored with retirement?

People who retired early (before the age of 66) are going back to work. A study has found that the reason is because they miss having a sense of daily purpose in their lives, or they miss the companionship of work colleagues.

A recent study by Aviva found that people who want to retire early do so primarily because they want to have more freedom while still being fit enough to enjoy it. But sometimes, it seems, retirement is not as much fun as they had expected it to be.

The Padley Centre

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Padley Centre in Derby. Although Spring may be just around the corner, 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 ahead. We should continue to think of those less fortunate people who know what it is like to be hungry, homeless and cold. Canon Dave continues to deliver donations through the Padley booking system for dropping goods off.

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

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

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

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

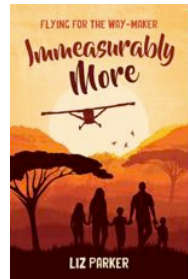
Thank you for your continuing generosity with food, toiletries and clothing donations.

Immeasurably More: Flying for the Way-Maker

By Liz Parker, 10 Publishing, £9.99
(Book review)

When Liz Parker was growing up in a Liverpool vicarage, she never in her wildest dreams imagined that she would one day marry a missionary pilot and eventually serve with him in Uganda. This is the story of their family's

travels from their four-year preparation in South Africa, to sun-drenched Tanzania, to the unexpected conflict of South Sudan and to the fast-moving busyness of Kenya.



Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on Wednesday 26th January 2022

Nine members of the PCC were present

Canon Dave Perkins opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the previous meetings held on 3rd November and 3rd December 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Report from the Chair: Canon Dave was delighted that the meeting on 8th December, re the Bishop's Vision, had been very positive and productive.

Canon Dave was sorry that the Advent Service had to be cancelled due to snow.

The Christmas services had been well attended, especially the Carol Service, which had outstanding music supplied by Lynne Clark and the Derbyshire Singers.

Pilsley School had once again been able to hold their Nativity plays and Carol Service at St. Peter's.

The light fitting over the south porch had been repaired and this was now giving more light along the church path.

Canon Dave said he continues to be in touch with the elderly or housebound and said how delighted people were to receive the Christmas gift bags.

Lent: Canon Dave plans to have a discussion group again during Lent.

Platinum Jubilee: A special service will be planned to mark the Sunday of the celebrations.

Weddings & Baptisms: The weddings postponed during the last two years, plus new bookings, are now beginning to fill the calendar, together with baptisms and he is also planning a confirmation service for later in the year.

Financial Report: Canon Mark presented the draft statement of financial activities and thought that in summary, considering all that has happened, St Peter's has had a good year, and accomplished a great deal, especially the guttering repair work and the installation of the new toilets.

One of the main things making a difference has been the fact that so many people have committed to regular giving.

The matter of the parish magazines was raised as they are costing £1369.41, but the receipts are only £866.84 – a loss of £502.57, and printing costs are likely to increase still further this year. The meeting discussed the future of the magazine – whether to increase the cost of advertising, subscriptions, or to publish online only. The meeting felt that it's good to be able to have hard copies of the magazine to give to new members of the congregation, for those without computers, and to keep villagers who don't come to church regularly in touch with what's happening. If we are going to put the price of advertising up, the decision needs to be made before October.

Canon Mark reminded the meeting that a decision needs to be made as to where the coffee money donation should be sent this year.

The meeting wished to record its thanks to Mark and all he does on the Church's behalf.

COVID 19 Review: The PCC agreed that St. Peter's had been cautious, careful and responsible in its approach to the pandemic. With new Government guidelines it would now be up to individuals whether they wore masks or not.

The decision was also made to re-open the church fully from Thursday 27th January. The question was asked about opening up the Chancel so that Communion could be taken at the main altar but the meeting decided that this should wait until the chalice is used again.

Schedule of Works: Liz reported that we now have the faculty in place for the sale of the 8 small pews. These would be sold at £150 each and two had already been spoken for. We are able to replace the pews with up to 24 stacking chairs, which must be of solid oak and the design approved by the Chancellor before purchase. This would be deferred until we had the money from the sale of the pews.

Folding tables were also discussed and Lynne said that Derbyshire Singers had recently bought some Gopack tables so she would ask Joe to do some research for us. Gala Tents was also suggested as a supplier of folding tables. Canon Dave thanked Liz for all her efforts in securing the faculty.

Leaks: Canon Dave said he has been in contact with Derek, the builder about the leak in the south porch and over the organ.

Safeguarding: Canon Dave said that he needs to bring his own training up to date.

Edensor Day: Canon Dave told the meeting that the Edensor Day committee had met to discuss the future of Edensor Day and all present had agreed that there would be some sort of event on Saturday 18th June 2022, but the format has yet to be decided. All Edensor residents have been invited to a meeting next week to see how many will be prepared to open their gardens, and discuss other plans for the day. The PCC discussed whether it would be possible to still have cream teas in Church, which will be dependent on how many people there will be to help with this, and also with stalls on the village green. It was agreed that the congregation will need to be asked for help with this.

Other fund raising events: It was decided that no plans for fund-raising can be made at the moment due to the uncertainties of the pandemic, but it was hoped that we might be able to have one or two events later in the year.

Dates of next PCC Meetings:

Vision meeting 7pm Wednesday 2nd March 2022

PCC meeting to agree accounts 7.30pm Wednesday 23rd March 2022

APCM Sunday 3rd April 2022 after morning service

The meeting ended with the Grace.

Smile as you eat your broccoli

If you look happy while you are eating vegetables, you will help your children consume up to double the amount that they would have eaten otherwise.

A study by the College of Health and Life Sciences at Aston University has found that adults who have a positive expression on their faces while they eat can convey 'food enjoyment' to their children, who are then more willing to try the vegetables for themselves.

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

The story of the yellow ribbons

We are loved with everlasting love! One of the greatest and most comforting doctrines taught in the Bible is the love of God for His people. In the Law and in the Prophets; in the poetical and historical books; in Gospels and Letters – all agree to tell us what God said to His people through Jeremiah. “I have loved you with an everlasting love” (Jeremiah 31:3).

It was that love that moved the Father to send His Son into the world (John 3:16). Paul writes glowingly of “that great love with which He loved us” (Ephesians 2:4). John emphasises the same great truth in a magnificent creed of just three words: ‘God is love’ (1 John 4:8). Quite simply there is nothing in all creation more reassuring, more comforting, more encouraging, more uplifting than to know that God loves us. And we can go further and put it in personal terms as Paul did. ‘He loved me and gave Himself for me’ (Galatians 2:21).

How can we illustrate the illimitable love of God? One such illustration

was told by the Rev John Wilbur Chapman of Indiana, an ordained Presbyterian minister who in 1893 went into full-time evangelistic ministry.

One evening Chapman was travelling by train in a rural part of Kansas. The other passenger in the carriage was a young man who kept glancing out the window and then covering his face with his hands. Chapman asked if he could help.

The young man confessed that many years before he had run away from home and ‘sown his wild oats.’ He had not written to his parents at all, until a few weeks before, telling them that he would be travelling on this train. At a certain point it passed very close to his home. In the letter he had begged his parents’ forgiveness and asked if they wanted him to come home. If so, they were to tie a yellow ribbon on the old apple tree that grew right beside the railway lines.

“Sir,” he said to Chapman, “the train will soon pass my home but I’m afraid to look. If there’s a yellow ribbon on the tree, I’ll get off at the next station and go home. If there’s no ribbon, I’ll just travel on. But I’m too afraid to look out for the tree.” So Chapman offered to look for him.

“You can open your eyes now,” he
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said a few minutes later. The returning prodigal looked at Chapman with tears and quivering lips. 'All is well,' said the evangelist. 'There is a yellow ribbon on the apple tree. In fact, there's far more than one. Every branch is hanging with yellow ribbons, scores and

scores of them. Your parents love you that much, they want you to come home."

If parents can love their wayward children like that, how much greater is the love of God! Truly, we are loved with everlasting love.

A solution for middle-aged depression?

Many middle-aged people struggle with a bit of depression and the vague feeling that they should be closer to their children. But not many middle-aged people turn to skateboarding, as a solution.

Yet a recent study by Exeter University has found that some older people who skateboard say that it has a 'spiritual meaning' in their lives, and that it boosts their well-being and happiness. It seems that skateboarding helps them meet a whole new community of people, and also gives them a new identity

that remains separate from other areas of their lives.

As one professor explains: "Skateboarding provides a serious emotional outlet for people who have experienced personal trials in the collapse of long-term relationships, career challenges, parenthood and substance abuse."

Perhaps one great advantage is that the sport takes it for granted that skateboarders will fall off many times, and so 'failure' is seen as perfectly acceptable.



'Anxiety' comes top

The word 'anxiety' has been chosen by children as how they would describe their experience of 2021.

Oxford University Press (OUP) asked more than 8,000 pupils, aged between seven and 14, to select a word from a shortlist of 10 words.

The words were: anxiety, challenging, isolate, wellbeing, resilience, bubble, kindness, remote, cancelled, empathy.

The children were asked to choose which word they felt was most applicable to them. 'Anxiety' was closely followed by 'challenging', and then 'isolate'.

The Real Easter Egg celebrates its 12th year with an invitation to 'Let's Celebrate'!

For the first time since the pandemic began, churches and communities across the UK will be coming together to celebrate Easter as restrictions are relaxed. So, no wonder that the theme for the Real Easter Egg this year is 'Let's Celebrate'!

The Real Easter Egg was created in 2010 as a way for churches, groups and individuals to share the Easter story while supporting Fairtrade. 12 years on, it has a network of thousands of churches and supports. More than three million people have read the Easter Stories it produces, and it has raised more than £320,000 for good causes.

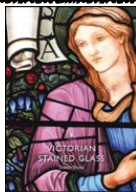
This year, you can also reach out to UK families facing hardship by donating to food banks through the Real Easter Egg's new foodbank scheme.

All Real Easter Eggs are made of Fairtrade chocolate and come with an Easter story in the box. The stories range from simple guides to 24-page activity book versions with a prize competition worth £200. They are Palm oil free and plastic free.

Because of the continued effects of the pandemic, it is more important than ever that we find ways to share the Easter story in 2022 and support producers. The Real Easter Egg is a proven way to do this. More details at www.realesteregg.co.uk

Victorian Stained Glass

by Trevor Yorke, Shire Publications, £8.99
(Book review)



This beautifully illustrated guide will introduce you to the world of Victorian stained glass.

Victorian stained glass is often magnificent, and can still be found in countless British churches, municipal buildings and homes. It is often glowing with colour, with designs

influenced by the Gothic Revival, the Arts and Crafts Movement, and even the Art Nouveau, as a new century dawned. Its famous designers include A.W.N. Pugin, and Pre-Raphaelites William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones.

Trevor Yorke, an historian, tells how Victorian craftsmen re-learned the lost medieval art of colouring, painting, and assembling stained glass windows. But also, as this was an age of industry, of how windows became templated, and mass produced.

Wear your daffodil to support Marie Curie and the National Day of Reflection

This March the UK's leading end of life charity Marie Curie will once again be asking people across the UK to support its Great Daffodil Appeal.

Money raised from the flagship fundraising appeal will help the charity's doctors, nurses and hospice staff continue their vital work providing expert care to people at the end of life, and their families. Funds raised also go towards the Marie Curie Information and Support Line, which provides support for people dealing with all aspects of end of life including bereavement.

Last year Marie Curie provided direct support to more than 69,000 people – a 15% rise on the previous year – which is more than ever before.

Marie Curie would like to encourage as many people as possible to give their money or time through volunteering, donating, and fundraising. This could include taking part in a Step into Spring challenge, organising a fundraising event, purchasing products from the Marie Curie online shop, or donating.

This year, for the first time in two years, Marie Curie's volunteer collectors will be back on the streets donning their daffodil hats and selling the charity's iconic daffodil pins.

During the Great Daffodil Appeal, on 23rd March, Marie Curie is inviting everyone in the UK to take part in the National Day of Reflection. It will be a day to come together and support the millions of people who are grieving and remember those we have lost.

You can show your support for the day by wearing a daffodil pin and joining the minute's silence at 12 noon. Or take part by joining one of the many local events happening across the UK or join one of the online talks for inspiration, support and reflection.

For more information on the National Day of Reflection and how to support Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal this March, visit: mariecurie.org.uk



Did you know that it was 175 years ago, on 3rd March 1847, that Alexander Graham Bell, Scottish-born American engineer, and scientist, was born. Credited with inventing the first practical telephone.

Remembering Aretha Franklin

by Tim Lenton

Eighty years ago, on 25th March 1942, Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul, was born. The American soul/R&B/pop/gospel singer was known for her many hit songs including 'Respect' and 'I Say a Little Prayer'. She died in 2018.

Aretha began her career as a young child, singing gospel songs at New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, where her father C L Franklin was a minister. His emotional sermons led to him being known as 'the million dollar voice', and he earned money preaching in churches across the country, making him something of a celebrity.

That led to his becoming friends with such luminaries as Martin Luther King, Sam Cooke, and Clara Ward – a singer who acted as a role model to Aretha, who then achieved widespread commercial success after she signed for Atlantic Records in 1966.

Her successes as a singer are too many to document fully, but she won

18 Grammy Awards, and was the first female artist to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

She was also inducted into the UK Music Hall of Fame in 2005 and into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2012. In 2010, Rolling Stone magazine ranked her top of its list of the 100 Greatest Singers of All Time. A year after her death the Pulitzer Prize jury awarded her a posthumous special citation "for her indelible contribution to American music and culture for more than five decades".

Life was not always easy for her. A fear of flying stopped her travelling overseas after 1984, and she performed only in North America after that.

Aretha was a Christian who believed in supernatural healing and regarded her singing abilities as a gift from God. "My faith always has been and always will be important to me," she said.

Have you ever considered that.. (Smile..)

- ~ A bird in the hand is safer than two over your head.
- ~ A narrow mind and a wide mouth usually go together.
- ~ A penny saved is a ridiculous waste of time.
- ~ A stitch in time would have confused Einstein.
- ~ We need to save the earth. It's the only planet with chocolate.

The moral turmoil of our times

by the Ven John Barton

Yes, Britain is in serious political and moral turmoil. So is the USA. Many other countries are heading towards totalitarian rule or are savagely divided along tribal, religious, or racial lines.

We shouldn't concentrate on cataloguing our complaints, though, before counting our blessings, which is a healthier activity for the human soul. Here's a start. The British National Health Service may not be the best in the world, but we're the envy of the many countries which have nothing. Arguably, we were the first with a mass vaccination programme. We have a comparatively good legal system which benefits from its independence from Parliament. The introduction of a Living Wage for workers was a step in the right direction.

There are still vestiges of Christian civilisation: we can appeal to an underlying sense of justice, and in this year when we mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we can be grateful for her exemplary life of Christian service.

Now for the downside. Many of the old moral signposts have been vandalised or destroyed. We don't trust our leaders. So many

commercial companies have broken the law (Argos, BP, HSBC, NatWest, Royal Mail, Southeastern Trains, Tesco, Vodafone, Volkswagen, Wells Fargo, etc) that we wonder which others aren't on the list simply because they haven't yet been caught. Fines for breaches in data protection cost (in Euros) Amazon 746m, WhatsApp 225m, Google 50m, British Airways 22m.

Freedom of speech is threatened by those who claim to be liberal minded but would censor anyone who holds different convictions. Sex is now widely regarded as a recreational activity. Most people protest they are not racist, without recognising its insidious subtleties. Hypocrisy is No 1 on the moral hit list, though its origin in the New Testament and, consequently, its true meaning, go unrecognised. We are clinging on to our trust in the Police Force, despite grave breaches by officers.

The 18th Century American President Thomas Jefferson said, "The government you elect is the government you deserve." Jesus said, "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged." Both suggest that criticism should begin at home.

Remembering Mothers

by Lester Amann

The honouring of mothers goes back to Roman times. Each Spring, a pagan festival honoured Cybele, supreme Goddess of Fertility and Mother of all the Gods. Other celebrations paid tribute to Mother Earth. From the Middle Ages, in England, it became traditional for outdoor labourers and craftsmen to have a day off in Lent. Later, domestic servants were also given short leave to visit their mother and family.

These brief holidays became opportunities to go to church. This might have been their home church or their nearest cathedral. The Services at the 'mother' church symbolised the coming together of families. The term 'Mothering Sunday' dates from the 16th century. This year it falls on the 27th March.

'Mother's Day' is a secular festival. It originated in 1908 after a woman called Anna Jarvis held a church memorial service for her mother in West Virginia, USA. She was a peace activist and a nurse. She founded Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna wanted people to honour the mother of the family, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Before she died Anna regretted the

commercialism that followed and expressed that this was never her intention.

Many mothers are mentioned in the Bible along with interesting stories about them. These include Eve, Hagar, Leah, Ruth and Bathsheba, to mention only a few. A few times God enabled childless women to have a baby: Rachel, Rebekah, Manoah's wife (unnamed) and Hannah who eventually gave birth to Joseph, Jacob, Samson and Samuel respectively. There was also Sarah, wife of Abraham, who aged 90, became the mother of Isaac.

It is possible that these miraculous births were remembered by the Virgin Mary. She was certainly aware that her elderly relative was pregnant. These events foreshadowed the angel Gabriel's announcement that Mary was going to have a baby. Then he added "For nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

On our Mothering Sunday, what else can we remember about mothers and give thanks to God for them?

31st March: John Donne, the metaphysical poet

John Donne (1572 – 1631) was an English poet, scholar, soldier, secretary and finally Dean of St Pauls Cathedral in London. But he is most remembered for his poetry, for he is seen as the greatest of the 17th-century 'metaphysical' poets.

Donne was born in 1572 into a Roman Catholic family in London at a time when the Church of England was the dominant faith, and those who remained Roman Catholic were considered second class citizens. Although Donne studied at both Oxford and Cambridge, because of his Roman Catholicism, he was denied a degree. So, in 1592 Donne went to London to study law at Lincoln's Inn.

In 1594 Donne decided to convert to the Church of England, and this opened up a whole new life for him.

In 1596 he joined the naval expedition led by the Earl of Essex against Cadiz in Spain. When he returned in 1598, he was appointed private secretary to Sir Thomas Egerton, Lord Keeper of the Seal. All was going well, but then he fell in love with Egerton's 16-year-old niece, Anne More, and in 1601 he secretly married her. Egerton was furious, and Donne lost his job, and even ended up in prison for a short time.

For several years after that Donne worked as a lawyer. Then in 1610 he wrote a book encouraging Roman Catholics to take the Oath of Allegiance to the king. The book caught the eye of James I, who may have suggested that Donne go into the Church. Certainly, Donne was appointed as a royal chaplain only a few months after his ordination in 1615.

In 1617 Donne's beloved wife, Anne, died. In 1621 he was appointed the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, and proved to be a much loved and inspiring preacher.

Throughout his working life, Donne continued to write poetry, though most of it remained unpublished until 1633. It was then mostly forgotten after his death, until early last century. Then, in the 1920s, both Ezra Pound and TS Eliot openly acknowledged their literary debt to him.

Donne's place as one of the greatest of the 17th-century 'metaphysical' poets is now assured. He wrote both sacred and secular poetry, with his main theme being that of human love and divine love.

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>

Science and a sense of the Transcendent

What is the difference between a cathedral and a physics lab? Are they not both saying: 'Hello'? - Annie Dillard

Scientists often speak of a reality beyond the objects they are studying, and for some this is encountered in powerful – if rare – episodes of wonder and awe. The Christian writer J.W. Sire quotes this line from Annie Dillard in his book *Echoes of a Voice*, which explores spiritual or 'transcendent' experiences.

In his analysis of these experiences Sire describes moments that are “emotional, intellectual, highly charged, usually sudden, unannounced, often odd, some weird, others glorious”, and places them on three different levels:-

A material object that points beyond the material reality. For example, someone might develop a sense of what is good and evil, based on the actions of others.

Experience of “something personal... just behind the surface of what we are directly experiencing, often something with which one feels at peace or even at one, or, perhaps, as dangerous or threatening.”

A felt presence that has a specific character or presence, e.g., holiness, or inspiring humility, fearful awe or wonder.

According to Sire, level 1-2 experiences are fairly common but level 3 is rare. He gives a wide range of examples, including scientists. Some of these people are religious or interested in spirituality, others are atheists. Some of their moments of transcendence carried a particular meaning, others simply sparked curiosity.

The famous geneticist Francis Collins described several significant moments when he was young: “being transported by the experience of looking through a telescope”, or “a Christmas Eve where the descendant on a particularly beautiful Christmas carol...left me with a sense of unexpected awe and a longing for something I could not name”.

These experiences meant that when Collins was faced with the question of belief in God, “all [his] arguments seemed very thin”. Now, as a fully-fledged scientist and a believer in

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God, he is able to say that “for a scientist who occasionally is given the remarkable privilege of discovering something not previously known by man, there is a special kind of joy associated with such flashes of insight.”

Most of us are not scientists, but we may well have had experiences like

this in different contexts. How can we, in our engagement with scientifically minded individuals, make connections through our shared experience of the transcendent? Can we listen as well as explain, finding some common points of connection?

Bob Dylan – 60 years on since his debut album

by Tim Lenton

Sixty years ago, on 19th March 1962, the American folk-rock singer Bob Dylan released his debut album, ‘Bob Dylan’. It contained only two original songs, the other 11 being mostly folk covers and partial rewrites, but his huge talent was already apparent. He came from northern Minnesota, but no-one could have guessed where he was going.

Dylan’s great inspiration was Woody Guthrie, a folk singer and spokesman for the poor, who was dying in the early 60s of Huntington’s Chorea. Dylan visited him in hospital, and his first album contained a tribute to him, called ‘Song to Woody’.

That album did not make a huge splash, but the follow-up, *The Freewheelin’ Bob Dylan*, released in May 1963 and containing all Dylan’s own songs, was a huge success – the first of many. He quickly transformed himself from a first-rank folk singer to a

singer-songwriter of huge versatility, outraging many of his original fans by ‘going electric’ at the Newport Folk Festival two years later.

A motorcycle accident in the mid-60s stopped Dylan in his tracks, and made him rethink the direction he was going – now married and starting a family. But he had a huge following, and everything he produced was snatched up. He combined imaginative, poetic lyrics with attractive melodies, and his singing, though criticised by some, was notable for its innovative but perfect timing, copied by many.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s Dylan shocked his fans by producing three explicitly Christian albums following an experience where, he said, “Jesus put His hand on me”. For a while he would play nothing else, but his output became wider again after *Infidels* (1983). Though he has produced (for him) indifferent albums, he continues – especially in recent years – to come out with breath-taking masterpieces. He is 81 this year.

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Shy about reading out loud?

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part of The Kennel Club's Bark and Read Foundation, which was first set up to give children the confidence to read out loud to specially trained support dogs.

More details at: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/about-us/charity-work/bark-and-read/>

Beware those innocent family board games!

If you want to start a family row, you could always suggest a game of Scrabble. It seems that it is the board game which scores highest in sparking arguments.

But don't underestimate the potential of Cluedo and Monopoly.

Apparently, the Royal Family long ago decided not to play Monopoly, because it got too "vicious", according to Prince Andrew in 2008.

If you want to keep calm, better to play Ludo or Risk, which seem to be much more peaceable. The survey of board games was conducted by thortful.com, a greeting card firm.

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

Reflected Faith Series: the Ashing Service

Such a strange name for a church service! Why would anyone be attracted to attend such a thing?

This year Ash Wednesday is close to the start of March; on the Second of the month. As the first day of Lent the service is used to physically place a sign of the cross on each person's forehead using ashes made from the previous year's palm crosses.

The use of ashes has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship; the Old Testament referring to sackcloth and ashes over twenty times.

There is clearly a visual link with the blackness of evil and sin but also the 'dirtiness' that spreads everywhere from it. We all know how a small amount of mud on the shoes walked into the house will soon go everywhere and take a much harder and longer clean-up operation than if it was wiped off before entering.

In Christian records, ashes are used for penitents by the sixth century, but it is not until the beginning of the eleventh century that the faithful took part in a ceremony on the Wednesday before Lent that included the imposition of ashes. Still later

this came to be called Ash Wednesday.

Over the centuries the emphasis of meaning for the imposed ashes has changed, from a preparation for baptism, a renewal of baptismal vows, to an understanding of a community's preparation for the event of the Paschal mystery of rebirth at Easter. It reminds of what is past and what is to come, and it encourages us to think again of how we can change that journey should we wish to do so.

This month

The Imposition of Ashes is a powerful nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. It is 'felt' in the heart and soul – as well as on the skin.

And can be one of the most profound experiences of humility as we enter together as a Christian community across the globe our journey towards the Cross and the Resurrection.

As the priest says the traditional words over you, *"Remember that you are but dust, and to dust you will return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. Amen."* what will you be focusing upon?

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.

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The surgery will be closed on
**Wednesdays 9th March, 13th
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February
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March
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Nigel Beeton writes: "One thing that never seems to improve as we get older is the deepening mystery of the power that computers have over us, and the utter confusion that results when they do something that we don't expect!"

The Computer Swallowed Grandad!

The computer swallowed Grandad!
Yes! Honestly! It's true!
He pressed Control and Enter -
And disappeared from view!

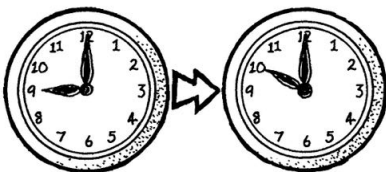
It devoured him completely
The thought just makes me squirm!
He must have caught a virus
Or been swallowed by a worm!

I've searched through the recycle bin,
And files of every kind;
I've even searched the internet
But nothing did I find.

I went to Mr Google
My searches to refine
His reply was in the negative,
'Nothing found' was Google's line.

So, if inside your inbox
My Grandad you should see -
Please copy, scan, and paste him
And send him back to me!

By Nigel Beeton



BRITISH SUMMER TIME!

Don't forget to put your
clocks forward by 1 hour
- Sunday 27th March !

READINGS & ROTAS FOR MARCH 2022

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES*</u>
6	3pm Family Communion	Fiona Lichfield
13	9.30am Holy Communion	Liz Turner
20	9.30am Morning Prayer	“ “
27	9.30am Holy Communion	Sarah Porter
* Brasses only during Lent		
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>
2	9.30am Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday	
6	10.45am Holy Communion	Mike Pindar/John Bowns
13	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon
20	10.45am Matins	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
27	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Bradshaw/Mrs Jackson
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>
6	John & Jill Caws	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters
13	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Jackson
20	Mr & Mrs Hubbuck	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw
27	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Wardle
<u>FLOWERS</u>		
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<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>
6	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Luke 4: 1-13	Christine Robinson Lent One
13	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 Luke 13: 31-35	Roger Wardle Lent Two
20	Isaiah 55: 1-9 Luke 13: 1-9	Trevor Grimshaw Lent Three
27	Colossians 3: 12-17 John 19: 25-27	Gloria Sherwood Lent Four (Mothering Sunday)

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It was 150 years ago, on 16th March 1872, that the first FA Cup Final was held at the Oval in Kennington, London. Wanderers beat the Royal Engineers 1-0.