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On Tuesday 24th May the Church celebrates the English hymn writer and preacher Charles Wesley. He was born on 18th December 1707, the eighteenth child of the rector of the Anglican church in Epworth, Lincolnshire. It is said that all 19 Wesley children received individual weekly instruction in religious matters from their mother. Although Charles was bright, he wasted much of his energy socialising with his friends when he began his studies at Christ Church, Oxford in 1726. In 1729, after he had settled down, Charles, his older brother John, and several other Oxford students formed what was known as "The Holy Club", for the purpose of studying the Bible and receiving Holy Communion. The group became known as the "Methodists".

By the time Wesley had received his masters degree in 1733, he had proved himself to be an excellent scholar and a master of Latin. In 1735 he was ordained a priest in the Church of England. It was in the spring of 1738 that Wesley experienced a profound religious awakening. He saw more clearly than ever before that the message of the New Testament, and how faith in Jesus Christ could change one's life. For the next 50 years Wesley brought this message to as many people as he could, particularly to the poor and uneducated workers in London's slums.

In January 1739, he was appointed as curate of St. Mary's Church, Islington but was forced to resign when the churchwardens objected to his evangelical preaching. Later that same year, finding that they were unwelcome inside parish churches, the Wesley brothers took to preaching in open fields. Along with his brother and their "Methodist" friends from Oxford, Wesley preached that the value of one's life is to be measured by faith and decent sober conduct, rather than by church attendance. Many Church of England officials were displeased by the 'Methodists' approach. Less devout people often ridiculed their strict and fervent preaching.

Eventually Charles and his brothers travelled the nation converting followers to the Methodist Revival through preaching and hymn singing.

In Newcastle, Charles established its first Methodist society in September 1742, and faced mob violence at Wednesbury and Sheffield in 1743.

After Wesley married in 1749, he lived for a short time in Bristol, where opposition to his ideals was less severe. However, 12 years later he resumed his preaching in London.

Wesley was a master of the English language. Over the years of his ministry he wrote 6,500 hymns to spread the New Testament message as he understood it. Many of his hymns (among them, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, O for a thousand tongues to sing, Forth in thy name O Lord, I go and Lo, he comes with clouds descending) are sung in churches to this day, and it is for them that Charles Wesley is famous. Let us thank God for the legacy of a very talented and gifted man.

Every Blessing,
Canon Dave

FROM THE REGISTERS - ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

**30th March ~ THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE LIFE OF
Alan William Jackson Shimwell aged 89years**

INTERMENT OF ASHES

11th April ~ Kenneth Parkin aged 96years

BAPTISMS

Saturday 2nd April ~ Milo Blake Workman

Saturday 9th April ~ Sophie Ella Bloor

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Make time for your older relatives

Many of our older people are lonely. They lost touch with their families during the pandemic, and it seems that they have still not caught up again.

A recent survey by Age UK found that as many as 27 percent of people aged 60 and over admit that they speak less to their families now, and 24 per cent of older people say they feel less close to their relatives than before the pandemic.

The survey also found that millions of older people have lost the confidence to go out, and suffer more from memory loss, disturbed sleep, and anxiety.

The charity is urging people to reach out to their older friends and relatives and encourage them. It warns: "The pandemic has had a big impact on everyone and very few of us are emerging from the last two years completely unscathed."

Knit a corgi for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thousands of people across the country are buying in light brown and white wool just now, in order to knit up a corgi in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is a fun way in which anyone with knitting

needles can get involved in the coming celebrations.

If you google 'knitting patterns for corgis', you will find a wide variety of free patterns on offer. Knitted corgis could help decorate house windows, local shops and churches as the big day approaches.

Easy Fundraising

If you already SHOP ONLINE, or if you haven't yet done so, then why not use Easy Fundraising and help raise money for St. Peter's Church? There is no extra cost to you and a percentage from your purchase will come back to the church.



To Register

- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Click on **Register**
- Choose **Saint Peter's Church - Chatsworth Park** as your charity and fill in the rest of the form

To Shop

- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Search for your store in the alphabetical list
- Go ahead and shop

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

JUST GIVING AT ST. PETER'S

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



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

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

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

Thank you

Dates for your Diary - May

- 7** **Wedding - St. Peter's 1pm** Edward Smail & Hester Davies
- 10** **BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - Early start, Chatsworth Gardens
Another fantastic walk - Steve Porter, Chatsworth
Refreshments - Sarah
- 17** **BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** - 7pm Beeley Village Hall
Talk on the Pictorial History of Beeley Part IV by Chris Boyce
- 18** **CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms
AGM and Resolutions Meeting
Competition: a Chatsworth related item

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY (BASH)

THE MEDWAY CENTRE, NEW STREET, BAKEWELL

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

8 May **JoJo Rabbit**

Booking for a seat essential

FLOWER FESTIVAL

'FAIRY TALES'

ST. GILES PARISH CHURCH,
GREAT LONGSTONE

SATURDAY 14TH - SATURDAY 21ST MAY

Opening times

*10am - 5pm daily **except Sunday 15th** 1pm - 5pm*

Refreshments served all day in the Village Hall

St. Peter's Church 100 Club March Draw 2022

1st Prize £30 - no. 9 Nadine Harrington

2nd prize £20 - no. 93 Mavis Cunningham

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

The cost of petrol

Here is a sobering thought:

petrol selling at 1.649p per litre
in the UK is equivalent to £7.50
a gallon!

THE PEAK MUSIC SOCIETY

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

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

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

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

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

We look forward to welcoming you

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

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

Paul Lewis Pianist on Tuesday October 11th

The Haffner Wind Ensemble on Wednesday November 9th

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

The Sacconi Quartet on Thursday April 27th 2023.

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

Do come and join us

Jennie Ball
Chairman

The Padley Centre

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Padley Centre in Derby. Although Spring may officially be here, the weather can still catch us out with chilly winds, rain and even hail! 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.

There, but for the grace of God, go I

by the Ven John Barton

This saying is attributed to John Bradford (1510-1555), who was one of the Protestant Reformers. When he saw criminals on their way to execution, Bradford would utter, "But for the grace of God, there goes John Bradford." It was his way of acknowledging that he depended every day on the mercy of God, despite his sins, which he considered were on a par with those of rogues.

Sadly, Bradford's freedom was to last only a short time, for he was convicted as an heretic, incarcerated, and finally burned at the stake, during the reign of Queen Mary. Renowned for his prayer life and preaching, Bradford had continued to proclaim the Gospel in prison. One of his biographers wrote, "He lived a long life in a short space of time."

Longest overdue library book has been returned - 313 years late

If you have ever been late in returning a library book, take heart: the 1704 copy of *The Faith and Practice of a Church of England Man* was recently handed back to Sheffield Cathedral.

A handwritten inscription inside reads: "This Book belongs to ye Lending Library in Sheffield Church 1709." It left the library just over 300 years ago.

Sheffield Cathedral's Reverend Canon Keith Farrow said that the

family of a deceased woman who lived locally had asked in her will for it to be returned.

"Now it's come back home. It's a joy to have this little jewel back in the cathedral."

With overdue fines of 50p a day, librarians could have charged the family more than £54,000 for the book — which itself is worth about £300.

The canon joked: "We might have got a new roof or something."

Out and about on the roads? Remember the NEW Highway Code

When did you last read the Highway Code? Various 'fundamental' changes were recently made which will surely affect you.

For example, there is a new hierarchy of road users, where drivers now have new responsibilities to watch out for people who are walking, cycling, or riding a horse.

Another example is that cyclists are now advised to cycle in the centre of lanes in slower-moving traffic.

Finally, do you even know how best to open your car door? According to the Highway Code, you should use your hand on the opposite side to the door you are opening; for example, use your left hand to open a door on your right-hand side. This will make you turn your head to look over your shoulder. You are then more likely to avoid causing injury to cyclists or motorcyclists passing you on the road, or to people on the pavement.

Read all about the new rules at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>

The story behind ‘Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son’

Here is a hymn that is so well known and loved that it has simply burst the bounds of Easter, and gets sung regularly at other times of the year. It has two stories behind it.

First, the music. The rousing music did not start out as a hymn, but instead was written by Handel for his opera ‘Judas Maccabeus’, first performed in 1746. Originally the words ran ‘See the conquering hero comes’, for Handel’s opera tells the story (found in the Apocrypha) of the leader of the Jews, Judas Maccabeus, who led an army against the Syrians and restored worship at the Temple. With its triumphant refrain after each verse, the music is easy to learn and sing, and can be (and has been!) played to great effect either by the trumpets, on an organ in a large resonant church, or even on guitars (!).

Secondly, the words. They were not written until 1884, which was 138 years after the music. We owe them to the Revd Raymond Budry, a Swiss pastor from Lausanne. Ordained in the Free Evangelical Church in Vaud, he spent 35 years as the pastor of Vevey on Lake Geneva. Budry wrote the hymn in French (‘A Toi La Gloire!’) to console himself after the

death of his first wife, and a year later (1885) it was published in *Chants Evangeliques*. Soon it found its way into English – translated by a Baptist minister from Kingston-upon-Thames, Richard Hoyle.

It is not clear who first had the happy idea of teaming those words with that music, but when they did, the hymn really took off. By 1904 it was being translated into other languages.

The theme of ‘battle’ is never far from this hymn, whether it was the battle of Judas Maccabeus, or the battle over sin which was won by Christ on the cross and in rising from the tomb. Easter, of course, marked the biggest victory over the biggest enemies of all time: sin and death.

What would Handel make of it, if he could know that his battle music had become one of the world’s most popular and well-known Easter hymns? He was a devout man, working for the poor, praying twice each day, and attending St Paul’s Cathedral. So, it seems pretty certain that he would be delighted.

Sent on behalf of Dorcas Bunton, Chair of Trustees

Dear all,

We are looking for volunteers to join our board of trustees to help lead the charity and support the management team in developing our services and securing vital resources.

Our aim is for a diverse board who represent our population and all those that use our services. Ideally applicants will live, study or work in or nearby the areas we service.

Our board comes from many different backgrounds. What they all share is a passion for representing the local community and the diversity of clients who benefit from our free and impartial advice. This is

a great opportunity for anyone interested in:

- Utilising existing skills and experience
- Learning and developing new skills
- Helping to shape and lead the organisation
- Giving back to their local community

If you are interested in the role, or have friends, family or colleagues that may be interested, you can find more information and an application form on our website

(www.citizensadvice.derbyshiredistricts.org.uk). **The closing date for applications is 9am on Tuesday 3 May 2022.**

Kind regards
Dorcas

English is becoming, like, less formal stuff, maybe, okay?

In the biggest ever study of its kind, researchers from Lancaster University looked at 100 million words to analyse trends. One expert says: "The most striking thing we found is how informal language has become. There has been a systematic shift towards more informal vocabulary and grammar."

Some examples include a steep decline in the use of modal verbs

such as 'shall', 'must' and 'may', while the use of Mr and Mrs is down by up to 57 percent. Instead, first names are used more and more often, even in formal letters.

Split infinitives are on the rise, and 'shorthands' such as 'omg' (oh my God), 'tbh' to be honest and 'defo' are used so much that they are now common parlance.

Could apostrophes become a thing of the past? In the last three decades alone, its use has declined by eight percent.

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War in Ukraine: John Rutter pens new work after Ukraine invasion

John Rutter, the composer, has written a new choral work in response to the invasion of Ukraine.

Funds raised from 'A Prayer for Ukraine', are going to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine appeal.

Rutter explained: "How can a composer respond to a global tragedy? I suppose by writing music: like everybody I have been shocked and dismayed by the events of recent days.

"The first thing I wanted to do was write music that would respond in my own way. I went to a late-night service in my old college chapel where they sang a setting of a lovely Ukrainian prayer, so having encountered the Ukrainian text, on Thursday I wrote my own music. I

hope the meaning of the text will resonate in people's hearts."

The words of the piece, which are originally in Ukrainian, translate into English as: "Good Lord protect the Ukraine. Give her strength, courage, faith, and hope. Amen."

He added: "I hope it speaks in terms which reach out to the Ukrainian people in their hour of need."

The score is available for free by [submitting this form](#). You are welcome to duplicate the score for the sole use of your own choir. You may like to make a donation to a Ukrainian relief charity, perhaps equivalent to the approximate cost of the copies had you purchased them. If you wish, you are free to make an audio or video recording of the piece without a special licence to do so.

Listen to the new work at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bx4QFxfW2s>

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On the other hand, the word 'amazing' has increased in use five-fold – from 16.6 times per million to 88.6 times per million, while the use of 'maybe' has almost tripled, from 89.3 to 236.1 parts per million.

'IN' words on the street now include: A bit, amazing, 'cos, focus groups,

fame, global, internet, just, like, maybe, me, net, ok, online, phone, really, stuff, website

'OUT' words include: Authority, church, employment, may, which, whom, Mr, Mrs, must, shall, telephone, unemployment, upon, usually.

'Cathedrals are at the heart of Covid recovery' says lead Dean

If you value cathedrals, please visit them! This will assist their recovery in the aftermath of Covid-19.

The Dean of Leicester, David Monteith, who Chairs the Church of England's College of Cathedral Deans, has responded to recent data showing an expected fall in visitors and on-site worshippers during Covid-19.

"The simple message for everyone is 'come and visit your cathedrals!'" he said.

"Cathedrals across the country are working hard to welcome back more visitors and worshippers. It is a challenging environment, not least because of current utility cost increases.

"Cathedrals and churches are here to support their communities including people who are still struggling following Covid-19, and as focal points for prayer and reflection and action in light of world events including the war in Ukraine.

"Local people have supported their cathedrals throughout, and we are grateful for the emergency grant funding which the Government and

Church have provided, but this has now ended.

"Cathedrals serve congregations and wider communities through worship, heritage, education and civic events.

"They are landmarks which characterise our regions and are testaments to faith and witness across the centuries. We are committed – with the help of all who visit, worship, and value them, to ensuring they continue long into the future. We exist for God's glory, for all the peoples of England and for those who join us from further afield."

Recent figures from the Church of England and the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions (ALVA) show a 57 per cent reduction across all cathedrals, with St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey both named in the report.

The Church of England's Cathedrals Data from 2020 showed a 64 per cent reduction between 2019 and 2020 in on-site worshippers throughout the week, largely owing to the Government's closure of buildings for much of the year.

The data also showed that cathedrals stepped up to the challenge of providing worship and support remotely during the pandemic,

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through an increase in reaching congregations via online, telephone, email and postal means.

Cathedrals have now streamed thousands of online services to people around the world, while elsewhere the Church of England's national online services have been seen more than 16 million times since the start of the pandemic, with many more services broadcast by local churches.

In recent weeks cathedrals have become the focus of prayer vigils and community gatherings following the invasion of Ukraine, with many lighting up in the colours of the Ukrainian flag.

A 2021 study by the economic research agency Ecorys showed that cathedrals attracted over 9.5 million tourist or leisure visitors in 2019, an increase of 15 per cent on the 2014 total of 8.2 million.

Charity urges people in energy crisis to seek free debt help

The national debt help charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), is busy responding to people hit by the recent energy price cap rise, which will see households paying around 50% more for their energy bills

Low-income households, says CAP, "are already struggling to afford the basics they need to live with dignity."

In just the first two months of this year, the charity saw requests for emergency fuel vouchers double, compared to the first two months of 2021. The charity has also delivered over £23,000 worth of crisis support, which includes emergency fuel vouchers, food shops and essential items.

CAP is in regular contact with suppliers, Ofgem and the Government to help them understand the impact these increases are having on the people it supports.

It is also wants to hear from people in need: "With the expected increases in energy costs running into October and beyond, it's more important than ever that people who are struggling don't wait until their debts get out of hand."

If you are struggling with debt and need free help, get in contact with CAP today on 0800 328 0006 or visit capuk.org.

26th May - Where did Jesus go at the Ascension?

In Salvador Dali's picture of Jesus' ascension all you can see are his feet! As we celebrate the event this month, it prompts the question 'where did Jesus go?' Peter says Jesus 'has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand' (1 Peter 3:22). However, the New Testament tells us three things about what Jesus is doing at the Father's side.

At Pentecost Peter said that Jesus is 'exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear... "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand"' (Acts 2: 33-4). Peter is affirming Jesus' position of authority and power at the heart of the universe. By pouring out the gift of the Holy Spirit upon us, Jesus gives us a foretaste of the life of heaven ie eternal life, forgiveness, healing, release and God's provision for our lives.

When Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was being stoned to death by the Jewish authorities he points out, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' (Acts 7:56). Our experience of heaven is only ever partial, as we live with the reality of suffering and setbacks. However, Jesus is still on

the throne! We are called to trust him daily.

The Bible also tells us that '*Christ Jesus who died...is interceding for us.*' (Romans 8:34, cf Hebrews 7:25). Even when we don't know how to pray, we have the assurance that Jesus is already praying for us! He knows our needs even better than we do ourselves, so when we feel condemned or defeated in our Christian lives, we have somebody on our side!

The Ascension reminds us that the risen Jesus lives in the immediate presence of God, and both transcends and embraces our present experience. This truth lies at the heart of the up language used to describe the event.

'Heaven relates to earth tangentially so that the One who is in heaven can be present simultaneously anywhere and everywhere on earth: the ascension therefore means that Jesus is available, accessible, without people having to travel to a particular spot on the earth to find Him.' (Tom Wright).

Christian Basics No. 5: Understanding the Bible

Canon Paul Hardingham

The Bible is a popular book, with five billion copies sold worldwide every year, as well as a uniquely precious book. At her coronation the Queen was given a Bible, *'the most precious thing this world affords'*.

The Bible isn't simply one book, but a library of 66 books, composed by some 44 writers over a period of 1500 years in a range of styles including history, poetry, prophecy, letters and apocalyptic (looking at the end times). Despite having a number of different writers, the Bible claims one author - God Himself!

As the Word of God, it is the primary way by which God speaks to us. *'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly*

equipped for every good work' (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible is inspired (*'the word of God in the words of men'*) and is a *manual for life*, equipping us to live for God in every aspect of our lives. We also have the promise of the Holy Spirit, who helps us to apply its words to our lives: *'But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth'* John 16:13.

The Bible can also be described as a love letter from God, as it deepens our relationship with Him. Jesus said: *'You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about Me, yet you refuse to come to Me to have life'* (John 5:39,40). Christians follow a person not a book, and the Scriptures are intended to help us to know Jesus better. Like a signpost, the Bible points us to the person of Jesus.

The White Stone – the art of letting go (Book Review)

By Esther De Waal, Canterbury Press,
£12.99

This book reflects on the changes and losses that come with growing older. Esther De Waal reflects on solitude and, following a period of illness, saying goodbye to a family home and the Welsh border landscape she had known for decades which inspired some of her greatest

writing, and adjusting to a new city environment. In her characteristic style, she sees everything as a portal into a deeper spiritual understanding.

She draws on the wealth of the Christian tradition to help her navigate her way through not only the inevitable sense of loss that accompanies such change, but also to embrace the new possibilities it brings.



Looking again at Mary Whitehouse

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

Is it time to look again at the legacy of anti-obscenity campaigner Mary Whitehouse?

Although many Christians under 40 may not know her name, Mary Whitehouse was a high-profile figure from the mid-sixties until she retired in 1994. To many people, she was a figure of fun, often parodied and mocked in the media for her campaigns against obscenity on TV, in print and on the stage.

A recent BBC radio profile, 'Disgusted, Mary Whitehouse' based on 30 years of newly available diaries and letters, has led some to a reassessment of her impact.

Programme presenter Samira Ahmed raises a key question: "Mary Whitehouse's name became shorthand for anti-liberal prudery and censorship, but more than 20 years after her death, do her diaries reveal a woman who was ahead of her time in warning about the corrosive impact of internet pornography on society?"

The documentary reviews Mary Whitehouse's years of protests and

records how she persistently lobbied MPs and ministers to draft legislation.

Her successes included laws criminalising the making of indecent images of children and controlling sex shops and the displays of pornographic material in newsagents, and laws that regulated the sale of extreme content (so-called 'video nasties'). She warned about technology getting out of control, long before the internet was born.

As a teenager, I interviewed Mary Whitehouse in the 1970s, and asked about her faith and how this motivated her. She told me, *"It's basic. I can't say any more than that. I couldn't have stood up to what I have if I didn't have a sense of commitment that God wanted me to do this work."*

Many people saw Mary Whitehouse as a campaigner seeking to return Britain to 'Victorian values.' In fact, in many ways, she was warning about the increased sexualisation of society that the internet – then many years in the future – would bring.

As journalist Samira Ahmed concludes: "Although some of Mary Whitehouse's religious beliefs were very out of step with modern Britain, she would see the impact of internet pornography on the young as exactly what she'd been warning against and support the current efforts to finally get it under control."

Coventry Cathedral – 60 years on

by Tim Lenton

Sixty years ago, on 25th May 1962, the new Coventry Cathedral was consecrated. The previous one had been destroyed by German bombing during World War Two. The Queen had laid the foundation stone in 1956, and she was present for the consecration.

On the night of 14th November 1940, the old Cathedral – together with much of the centre of Coventry – was devastated by incendiary bombs, but the decision to rebuild it was taken the next morning. The Provost, Richard Howard, wanted to do so as a sign of faith, trust and hope, rather than as an act of defiance.

This rejection of bitterness and hatred led to the Cathedral's Ministry of Peace and Reconciliation, which continues to give spiritual and practical support in areas of conflict. It is symbolised now by the Cross of Nails, made from three nails found in the roof truss of the old cathedral and set in the centre of the altar cross.

The place now called Coventry Cathedral, on the site of a

Benedictine monastery, is in fact two buildings – a joining of the old and the new. The older building, still hallowed ground, was originally a parish church, and then given cathedral status in 1918. Its 295ft (90m) spire, containing 181 stone steps, is the third highest in England, behind Salisbury and Norwich.

The 'new' Cathedral was an inspiration to many celebrated artists, most of them yet to become famous. Among those commissioned by the architect, Sir Basil Spence, were Graham Sutherland (iconic Christ in Glory tapestry), John Piper (baptistry window), Ralph Beyer, John Hutton, Elisabeth Frink and Jacob Epstein, who created the striking sculpture of St Michael defeating Lucifer.

The famous Charred Cross was created when the cathedral stonemason, Jock Forbes, saw two wooden beams lying in the shape of a cross after the bombing and tied them together.



Parishes prepare for mass ‘citizen science’ biodiversity events for ‘Churches Count on Nature’

Churches and cathedrals across the country are preparing for the annual Churches Count on Nature event.

The ‘citizen science’ event - set to run between 4-12th June - will welcome people to churchyards and encourage them to record what animals and plants they see.

That data will then be collated on the biological records hub, the National Biodiversity Network.

Last year more than 540 activities and events were organised by churches across the country. People submitted 17,232 recorded pieces of data on wildlife they saw, with more than 1,500 species recorded.

This year’s event will take place during the same week as Love Your Burial Ground Week (4-12th June).

Churchyards and gardens have been called an “incredible home of biodiversity, making up thousands of acres of green oases in every community of the country”. Last year, hundreds of parishes got their local community searching for insects and plants in their open spaces.

“The Churches Count on Nature is a great opportunity to help people

understand their local environment and that biodiversity is essential for the processes that support all life on earth, including humans.”

Last year, many parishes used Churches Count on Nature as an opportunity to reach out to their local community.

Churches Count on Nature is jointly run by the conservation charities A Rocha UK, Caring for God’s Acre together with the Church of England and the Church in Wales.

Andy Lester, from A Rocha UK, said “Churches Count on Nature is a unique opportunity for those who love their churchyards and church spaces to take part in the largest ever nature count. With nature still in decline nationwide this count will provide valuable data on what is happening to wildlife. In turn that will help us to collectively work to take targeted action for nature’s recovery.”

Last year 540 groups organised events during Love Your Burial Ground Week, resulting in over 1,700 new wildlife records. More than 4,000 people got involved.

With over 20,000 churchyards and other burial grounds across England and Wales, these special places are seen as crucial havens for wildlife.

Note: *If anyone would like to take on this event at St. Peter’s, please do so and let us know. The Churchyard is there for everyone to enjoy either as a quiet, open space with time for reflection or to count the wildlife.*

Take a walk on the wild side!

How neat do we like our gardens to be? Full of manicured lawns, with immaculate flower beds?

Well, yes and no. A recent survey by BBC's Gardener's World magazine has found that more than half (54 per cent) of gardeners now include 'uncultivated areas' in their garden. And some 44 per cent of gardeners have also set up a wildflower area.

Certainly, Nature could use a helping hand just now. In 2019 32 per cent of us saw a butterfly in our garden. By 2020 that was down to 21 percent. By 2021, that was down again, to just 16 per cent.

Simple tips to rewild your garden:

- Avoid chemical pesticides and herbicides, which also kill 'good bugs', butterflies and bees.
- Tolerate as much mess as you can. Leave wood and leaf piles for hedgehogs and invertebrates.
- Set aside some room where grass can grow longer, and wildflowers can bloom.
- Don't pull up all your weeds – they can be a critical source of pollen for bees.



Time to welcome your slugs and snails

So says the Royal Horticultural Society, as it recently began a campaign to encourage us to see the gastropods in our gardens in a better light.

The RHS says that the species play a key role in garden ecosystems, and thus are in need of 'positive PR'. It seems that only nine of the 44 known species in the UK are likely to threaten our gardens, and that all of them play a vital role in

recycling dead plant material and animal waste, and acting as a food source for hedgehogs, frogs, birds, beetles and flies.

In fact, the RHS's principal entomologist says that we should consider our slugs and snails not as marauding pests bent on eating our flowers and vegetables, but rather as 'garden visitors'. "Our gardens would be duller and messier without them."

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>

Humility

A few years ago I visited the Smithsonian Museum's Hall of Human Origins. Our guide, the curator of anthropology, was keen to help Christians understand his research. Whatever you make of the evidence for human evolution, the fact remains that other species a bit like us were around before we came on the scene – or in the case of Neanderthals, at the same time.

Part of the exhibit included lifelike reconstructions of the face and hair of several different hominins, displayed on pillars at the right height for each species. So I could crouch down to 'meet' *Homo floresiensis* or stand tall to look into the eyes of *Homo heidelbergensis*. Most of these – beings? creatures? – were on other branches of the evolutionary tree to us, and we share a common ancestor much further back. I did, however, feel as if I was meeting my forebears.

As I walked between the statues I asked myself, "Why us?" There's evidence that Neanderthals used

symbolism as we do, and also buried their dead. Did they have the potential to evolve to a point where they could do similar things to us? The curator explained how, as the ice ages came and went, human beings moved around but other species appear to have stayed put and suffered the consequences – they just weren't ready yet for that big change. As I took in the displays about how we began to gather socially around a fire, make music or write, I felt humbled. We managed to adapt, but we could so easily have disappeared with the rest.

In his book *The Message of Creation*, theologian David Wilkinson shares his view that being made in the image of God has nothing to do with our own cleverness or abilities, but is a gift. God created us on purpose (I believe through the long slow process of evolution) and chose to enter into a relationship with us, making us His representatives on earth.

Thankfully I don't have to figure out how to interact with other human-like hominins today. I do, however, have an equal share in humankind's God-given commission to tend and keep creation. Am I ready to go further than ensuring my own species' survival - not necessarily because we have evolved further

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than our ice-age ancestors, but because I have one of the 'new hearts' promised in Ezekiel 11:19? Can I work together, in a true spirit of humility, with people from all over

the world to ensure the full diversity of life can flourish?

**For resources on this question, try the [Faraday Institute](#), [BioLogos](#), and [Christians in Science](#).*

The Conservation Foundation celebrates 40 years

Remember the Millennium, and thousands of churches getting involved in planting 'Yews for the Millennium'? Then you will have encountered the Conservation Foundation.

It is turning 40 this year, and the 'Millennium Yews' project was only one of many for which the Church of England has worked with the Foundation, in an effort to preserve our natural environment.

When David Shreeve and David Bellamy formed the Conservation Foundation back in 1982, they wanted to inspire and enable positive environmental action wherever they could.

Looking back, David Shreeve says: "40 years ago, it was acid rain and population concern, today it's climate change, net zero, health and wellbeing. 40 years ago, we were concerned about polluting our rivers and streams, we needed more trees, we wanted more people to get on their bikes.

"40 years ago, lots of people cared, but now you could argue that more people care more because some of the issues we face seem to be even more pressing. We like to think of the Foundation having been an environmental incubator, helping fledgling ideas, projects and organisations get off the ground.

To find out more, visit: <https://conservationfoundation.co.uk>

Our addiction to plastic

Take a good look next time you go to the supermarket. What is the thing you see most? Plastic.

It is everywhere. Tight around the cucumbers, holding the groups of

apples together, protecting the chickens, keeping the sausages in a neat line. The yoghurt pots are all plastic. And on it goes.... Milk, juice, water, pasta, rice, frozen fish.... Almost everything we buy comes with a layer of plastic around it.

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Packed lunches are back in style

With food prices soaring, who needs a bought sandwich or salad? They can cost nearly £8 a day from LEON or Pret or other food outlets. Instead, it seems we are investing in plastic food containers (John Lewis reports sales are up 64 per cent on last year) and taking our own lunches to work.

As one cookery blogger explains, "You can't reduce your council tax,

but you can make little savings on everyday meals, which add up to a significant difference."

"It's 'cool' these days to take a packed lunch to the office," says Suzanne Mulholland, author of *The Batch Lady: Shop Once. Cook Once. Eat Well All Week*. "Being organised and prepared is seen as a good thing."

As for coffee, consider this: buying a £3 cappuccino every day adds up to £1,095 a year. Far cheaper to fill a flask at home.

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In the UK we use around 500,000 tonnes of plastic packages a year just for our food, and we generate 7.7 million single-use water bottles.

As Professor Steve Fisher of the University of Portsmouth points out: "Half of all plastic becomes waste

within a year of being made, and the vast majority isn't recycled. Eleven million metric tonnes of plastic ends up in our oceans every year, a shocking figure which is estimated to triple to near 29 million metric tonnes by 2040, if nothing is done."

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

Reflected Faith Series:

The Meaning of Colours - part I

In March, April and May this year the coloured frontal of the altar will have been changed many times – as will the colour of the priest's vestments.

Each colour – and there can be as many as six in a church's store – has a different meaning. They reflect the significance of that day or the season.

In March purple was used as a symbol of penitence, as we were in Lent and trying to prepare ourselves for Christ's final act of love for each of us.

Holy Week – the time of Christ's final journey – was denoted by the colour red. Red, the colour of blood, is used for feasts of martyrs as well as those for the Holy Spirit – when it more likely represents his flames of 'fire' which rested on those in the Upper Room.

Maundy Thursday, we switched to white for any Communion service, as this celebrates the remembrance of the first Communion with His apostles which He commanded us to continue.

Good Friday, and we were back to red.

Then on Easter Sunday, the day of the greatest Christian Celebration, we entered to an altar bedecked in gold or the 'whitest' with the most elaborate decoration the church possesses.

'Plain' White will be used for the Easter Season signifying purity and Christ's triumph over death until Ascension Day on 26th May. This, being a special and more significant day in the life, death and resurrection of Christ, goes to gold again: then immediately back to white for the next ten days.

On the day of Pentecost itself, Whit Sunday, 5th June, the colour will be? Yes, you got it, red for flames of fire.

This month:

Watch out for the changing colours indicating the special meanings that day has in the life of the church. If you could choose a different colour for a different or even one of the same meanings, what would you choose and why? In June it will all change again, so we'll consider those next month.

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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District Nursing Team 01332 564 900

Health Visitor: 01629 816633

Normal Surgery Opening Times

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

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(Phones 8am – 6.30pm Mon - Fri).

Surgery Closure for training -

The surgery will be closed on
Wednesday 11th May

Bank Holidays: The surgery will be closed on the 2nd of May.

Ordering Repeat Medication

You can order repeat medications in the following ways:

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

Prescriptions can be collected from reception inside the surgery.

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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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Time to take some responsibility for our health

Did you know that nearly one half of the NHS budget is spent on diseases that could have been prevented? And that Britain's overall health budget is now bigger than the GDP of Greece?

So says the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, who has recently warned that the NHS cannot continue spending

“vast sums” on lifestyle conditions that are “wholly avoidable”.

Just one example is obesity. Obesity rates have doubled since the 1990s, with two out of three adults now overweight or obese. Our lifestyles have also become increasingly sedentary. The result? An eighth of the NHS drugs budget is now spent just on treating cases of diabetes, 90 per cent of which are caused by excess weight.

Something to think about if you have a heart or lung problem

What is the quality of the air like in your home? That is the concern of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Nice).

It urges that anyone with breathing or cardiovascular conditions who

has “repeated or worsening respiratory conditions” should be asked about their housing conditions. Nice warns that exposure to poor indoor air quality may cause or worsen symptoms such as coughs and wheezing.

READINGS & ROTAS FOR MAY 2022

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>		
1	3pm	Family Communion			Fiona Swain
8	9.30am	Holy Communion			Fiona Lichfield
15	9.30am	Holy Communion		" "	
22	9.30am	Morning Prayer			Liz Turner
29	9.30am	Holy Communion		" "	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>		
1	10.45am	Holy Communion			R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
8	10.45am	Holy Communion			Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw
15	10.45am	Matins			Mr & Mrs Wardle
22	10.45am	Holy Communion			Mr & Mrs Jackson
26	9.30am	Holy Communion for Ascension Day			
29	10.45am	Holy Communion			John Bowns/Mike Pindar
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>		
1	Mr & Mrs Hubbuck	Mr & Mrs Wardle			Christine Robinson
8	Joy & Clive Thrower	Mr & Mrs Grealey			Wedding flowers
15	Jane Dickson/Kate Green	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters			Wedding flowers remain
22	Gill & John Caws	Mr & Mrs Jackson			Helen Garvey
29	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw			Diana Walters
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>		
1	Acts 9: 1-6 John 21: 1-19	John Bowns <i>Easter Three</i>			TBA
8	Acts 9: 36-43 John 20: 22-30	Mike Woodcock <i>Easter Four</i>			Fiona Lichfield
15	Acts 11: 1-18 John 13: 31-35	Christine Robinson <i>Easter Five</i>			Claire Cadogan
22	Acts 16: 9-15 John 5: 1-9	Roger Wardle <i>Easter Six</i>			Fiona Swain
29	Acts 16: 16-34 John 17: 20-26	Trevor Grimshaw <i>Easter Seven</i>			Sarah Porter
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