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As we approach the end of our working life, retirement can seem a very attractive prospect. We plan to do all the things we've had no time to do whilst working. We can look forward to visiting many places where we have always wanted to go. Retirement is a time for enjoying all that we worked and planned for throughout our working life. Perhaps we have a dream of retiring somewhere where the climate is mild and where we will be far away from the hustle and bustle of the working week. But then retirement so often disappoints people. If we have been so active, it is often difficult to change gear and slow down. It isn't easy to discover leisure and to enjoy all the hours of the day.

On Tuesday 1st November the Church celebrates All Saints Day – men and women who, down the ages have committed themselves to Christ and his teaching. Some well known, others only known to God. Those who have (as it were) retired. But their retirement is no escape from reality, nor is it an escape from all the concerns of the world. Yes, they are resting from their labours here on earth, but the saints are concerned for what happens to us here. They pray with us that God's will may be done on earth as it is done in heaven. The saints whose names and stories we know are usually those who have distinguished themselves by living extraordinary lives. Or they may have been great heroes going to their deaths for being faithful to Christ and the truth of the Gospel. They are men and women who have been blessed through enduring persecution, showing mercy and remaining pure in heart. The saints we read about often led dramatic lives or were caught up in historic or momentous events which spurred them on to perform great acts of faith and love. And so placed alongside the lives of such saints, our own lives may seem so dull and lacking in saintly potential.

Yet, in St. Matthew's Gospel Chapter 5 verses 1-12 Jesus actually tells us that there are less spectacular routes to holiness. We can become holy, Jesus explains, through the most ordinary situations that life presents to us. Perhaps the most startling routes to saintliness which Jesus suggests is the one that says "Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted." All of us will experience the sorrow of losing someone we loved during the

course of our lives. We all experience the great loss and sadness of losing a friend or relative. Yet Jesus tells us that bereavement brings comfort, not simply the comfort of those around us, but the comfort and the consolation of God. Knowing that we are made for life, knowing that we are made for love, death, understandably seems to shatter all our hopes. But death and sorrow can also open up to us the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit which transforms and renews all things. Sorrow can make us realise what is important and what is lasting. It can teach us to let go of the things which don't matter. It can teach us to place our trust in God. This is what all the saints who have gone before us have done. Through common human experiences, God is able to work in our lives.

Through the experience of death and new life, God is able to reveal his truth to us and make us holy. However, our faith in God does not enable us to retire from the suffering that goes on all around us. We can't just sit back, relax and wait for the kingdom of heaven to arrive. Far from it. As individuals and as the Church we are all involved in the world and responsible for those around us. Building God's Kingdom involves hard work and so often we cannot see concrete results of our labour. When we fail to find signs of heroic holiness in our lives, there is no need to despair or be discouraged. We should instead look for God's actions in the routine, common experiences in our everyday lives. Our despair and doubts don't need to lead us to give up our chances of becoming holy.

At the end of a life well lived we can look forward to resting with the Lord, but the retirement may well be more active than we had imagined. One thing is certain. We will find God who is the beginning and the end of all things and the fulfilment of our whole life's work. The hope is also that we will all be reunited with the saints and all our loved ones who have gone before us.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S

Baptism 8th October ~ Alexander Harry Taylor

Funeral Service followed by Cremation 13th October

~ Pauline Beryl Mather aged 87years

Burial of Ashes 14th October ~ Peter Beresford Coffey aged 86years

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ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, BEELEY

SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

3PM

PET SERVICE



Everyone welcome...
and do bring your pets



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, EDENSOR



HARVEST HYACINTHS

Sincere thanks to all who donated plant pots for our 'Harvest Hyacinths'.

We filled 100 bags - each containing a recycled plant pot, a hyacinth bulb, a bag of compost and an instruction sheet.

Every child in Pilsley Primary School (and other children in the congregation) now has a bulb to plant and care for - just like the farmers have to plant and care for our food crops.

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.



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St. Peter's Church 100 Club September Draw 2022

1st Prize £30 - no. 6 Zoe Penrose

2nd prize £20 - no. 51 Margaret Rhodes

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

Since the FINAL 'SPICE' Sunday, on 11th September, we have received a further £26.95 in 5pence pieces. If anyone else has any that they haven't yet brought in please try to bring them sooner rather than later and before the end of November when the new church year begins with Advent. Thank you.

CHATSWORTH SCOUT GROUP

The different sections of the Chatsworth Scout Group meet as follows:

Cubs 8-10 year olds - Wednesday 5:30-6:45pm & 6:45-8pm

Squirrels 4-6 year olds - Thursday 4-5pm

Beavers 6-8 year olds - Thursday 5:30-6:30pm (currently due to numbers after covid, but this may change to 5-6pm and 6-7pm if we keep growing)

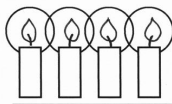
Scouts 10-14 year olds - Thursday 7-8:30pm or Friday 7-8:30

EDENSOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Mulled wine & Mince Pies in St. Peter's Church
at 5.45pm
followed by the official switch on by the
Duchess of Devonshire
at 6.30pm

ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT ST. PETER'S CHURCH SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 6PM

A service to mark the beginning of the Christian year, this service will include Advent Hymns, Readings, Prayers and Anthems sung by the choir.



ADVENT
EVERYONE WELCOME

THANK YOU, LEIGH!

Leigh Griffiths, from The Alzheimers Society, gave us a helpful and enlightening talk after the morning service on 9th October. She imparted information in a clear and simple way before answering questions.

Some of the things we can do to help ourselves and others include:

- keep hydrated (more water, less tea and coffee!)
- Exercise (a potter round the garden or up and down the road all helps. It doesn't have to be 'Boot Camp' style!)
- Keep in contact with people and socialise. You may be a naturally solitary, reflective person, but simply saying hello to a neighbour or phoning a friend for a brief chat can all activate those little grey cells.
- Puzzles, jigsaws, reading new material makes the brain work.
- Good sleep: regular routine, 'winding down' before going to bed, having a warm drink - all these can help.

Of course, the above list applies to a generally healthy life style. A few little tweaks here and there can make a difference.

Leigh has left literature and booklets at the back of church - all free for you to take. We can get more if needed.

It was lovely to see Leigh come to the service and she is clearly a very helpful person. If people need help or advice she can be contacted on:

leigh.griffiths@alzheimers.org.uk

Thanks again, Leigh!

Dates for your Diary - November

- 8 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
'Life as a film extra' - Mike Newbold
Tea & Raffle: Liz & Jill
- 15 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** - 7pm Beeley Village Hall
Keith Blood - The Bamford Dams Part I
- 16 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms
Speaker: Marie O'Gorman on 'Beekeeping'
Competition: an item with a bee/bees on it
- 27 'Chatty Crafts'** 10am - 12noon. Cavendish Chapel, St. Peter's

Early Notice

14th December St. Anne's Church Beeley 7.30pm - The Garden Singers

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY (BASH)

The Medway Centre, New Street, Bakewell

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

13 November

"Operation Mincemeat" 2021, UK, PG13, 128 mins. Drama/War

In the context of WW2 narratives, the story of Operation Mincemeat is unique, a bizarre and seductive cinematic blend of high-level espionage and ingenious fiction, where the stakes could hardly be higher.

Introduction by Ken Watson

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SUNDAY!

St. Peter's Church



The Padley Group is holding a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 16th December.....but we have no service on that day so we are inviting everyone to wear your best, or worst, Christmas Jumper to our 10.45am service on

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER

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

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

In the October magazine we invited readers to send in their own poems on the themes of Harvest & Gratitude, Remembrance or Our church building. The author of this poem wishes to remain anonymous but thank you for sending it in.

REMEMBRANCE

I see you,
In the purple hued sky,
Streaked with gold,
As the sun slowly sets.

I hear you,
In the gentle rustling of leaves,
The water lapping on the shore,
And in the wild winter storm.

I feel you,
Protecting me, in times of
Happiness and sadness,
Your arms always open.

As I remember,
The love and happiness,
The feeling of always being
cherished,
I thank God each and every day.

Getting ready to celebrate 900 years of pilgrimage to St David's Cathedral

The smallest city with the biggest history of pilgrimage – that is St David's Wales.

And next year, 2023, brings the 900th anniversary of Pope Callixtus II declaring that two pilgrimages to St David's Cathedral were equal to one journey to Rome.

No wonder that the Diocese of St David's has designated 2023 as its Year of Pilgrimage, beginning this Advent. Many events are planned.

Today, nearly 300,000 visitors cross the cathedral threshold annually, and the cathedral has converted a former school into a dedicated pilgrim centre.

A spokesman explains: "The notion of walking simply, mindfully, prayerfully and with purpose to places that have been considered sacred by generations of our ancestors sits comfortably with our 21st Century aspirations of physical, mental and spiritual well-being, eco-friendly lifestyles and desire to find connection with our heritage."



Revised protection orders for the Dales

Derbyshire Dales District Council's revised Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) start on 10 October.

PSPOs include restrictions and controls in various public parks and open spaces throughout the Dales.

Signage on site advises of any restrictions that apply regarding dog fouling and dog control, consumption of alcohol and the banning of open fires and BBQs.

A PSPO is made under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 and its introduction follows an extensive consultation exercise and council approval.

A District Council spokesperson said: "These orders also mean it is an offence to not clear up after your dog on any land that is open to the public whether that be public or private land.

"Dog walkers should carry something to collect their animal's

dog mess in, such as poo bags or a carrier bag. If your dog makes a mess in a public place, please pick up the mess in your bag, seal it and dispose of it in a dog waste bin, litter bin or take it home to put in your domestic waste bin."

Dog fouling, littering and fly tipping incidents can be reported via the District Council's website 'Report It' facility.

The spokesperson added: "As part of the implementation process, we are also carrying out a review of existing signage. New signage has already been replaced in many of our recreation grounds and gardens and we will continue the roll out programme in the coming months.

"The cost of new large signs in our biggest parks in Ashbourne, Bakewell and Matlock has been wholly covered through sponsorship from our wider signage project and the installations have been made at no cost to our council tax payers."

More information and details can be found at

www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/PSPO

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: **What happens then? (smile...)** A little boy was taken Christmas shopping :
: by his mother. He watched the escalator going down for several minutes and :
: then asked with concern: "What happens when the ground floor gets full of :
: steps?"
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The Padley Centre

Thank you to everyone who brought gifts of food to our Harvest services for the Padley Centre, they were very gratefully received.

We continue to collect food and clothing and with Autumnal weather bringing chilly winds and no doubt rain, we should continue to think of those less fortunate people who know what it is like to be hungry, homeless and cold. Canon Dave continues to deliver donations through the Padley booking system for dropping goods off.

They always need clothing for adults, including waterproofs, warm socks, gloves, hats and scarves (getting colder at night), unworn underwear etc. and sleeping bags are always much appreciated as are toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, shower gel and men's and women's hygiene products. **Food in date and unopened** - tins of meat, fish, soup, vegetables, beans and tomatoes; dried pasta; rice; flour; sauces; long life milk; tea; coffee; fruit squash; biscuits, chocolate and any other 'treats'.

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

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

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Freeze your leftover food, advises Sainsbury's

During the cost-of-living crisis, shoppers should learn to freeze everything from eggs to herbs to yoghurt, according to the supermarket's latest advice.

The average family wastes £60 a month by throwing food away, according to the waste charity

WRAP. "If it were a country, food waste would have the third largest carbon footprint in the world, behind only the USA and China," Catherine David, from WRAP, said.

Sainsbury's says that just one in ten of us even know that it is possible to freeze eggs. The most commonly thrown-away food includes breads, milk and salad.



Keep burglars in the dark this winter

As the nights get darker, burglars may take advantage of empty houses being easier to spot.

Whilst our areas continue to be safe, and we work hard to tackle burglaries, there are simple measures that you can take to protect your home.

If you're heading out, whether it's for a short or extended period of time, we've put together some security advice to help you keep the burglars in the dark. These tips include using lights and timers to make a house appear occupied even when it isn't, keeping your garden tools secure, and keeping valuables out of sight.

For the full details of this campaign please visit [our website](#).

Remember, remember it's Will Aid this November

Have you made out your Will yet? Now is a great time to do so!

Will Aid, www.willaid.org.uk, the UK's most enduring and successful charity Will-making scheme, runs again this month, throughout November. If you haven't yet written your Will, now is the time to think about it!

This is how the system works: Will Aid solicitors all over the UK agree to write basic Wills during November, without charging their usual fee. Instead, these solicitors raise as much money as possible for the Will Aid charities, by asking Will-

makers for a donation, which reflects the time and expertise they have devoted to writing the Will. The suggested donation is £100 for a single Will, £180 for a pair of basic 'mirror Wills'.

Will Aid is effective. Not only does it raise substantial money for charity, but also motivates people to get on and make their Will – something that many people have been meaning to get around to for years.

The contact details of participating solicitors are at www.willaid.org.uk. The website also has a good deal of information on Wills and inheritance issues as well as a useful Will planner to help people prepare their Will.

The Two Minutes Silence

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the value of a brief silence

In the month when we think about those who have given their lives in war, the Two Minutes Silence is a significant act of remembrance. The silence provides an opportunity to remember those who have suffered in war and how we can work for a peaceful world. However, we can also find ourselves thinking about lunch or whether we've switched off our phone?

Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but lack of meaning. The two minutes of silence enables us to connect with Jesus' message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, 'Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). He also demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life, 'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay

down his life for his friends' (John 15:13). When observing the silence, let's use it to reflect on this sacrificial love, as we call to mind those who have laid down their lives.

In our busy lives, where so much clamours for our attention, silence gives us an opportunity to reflect on our priorities and rediscover true meaning in our lives. This is not just for Remembrance Sunday, as Jesus often withdrew to find silence to seek God (eg: Luke 5:16). Let's use silence in our lives as space to seek God's will and offer ourselves to Him, just as those who gave themselves in conflict through the years.

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'



Support a Christian charity through your Christmas cards

If you are about to buy Christmas cards, you may find it worthwhile to visit <https://www.eden.co.uk/charity-christmas-cards/> as they offer a range of Christmas cards that raise money for various Christian charities.

Live Forever?

By the Ven John Barton

German billionaire, Peter Thiel, has registered to be cryonically preserved: his body will be deep-frozen when he dies, then thawed out and resuscitated if medical developments make it possible. Likewise, mega-rich Jeff Bezos has poured cash into anti-ageing research, which means more than inventing an improved wrinkle cream.

These 21st Century entrepreneurs may not know the Memorial Service read on the Jewish Day of Atonement, which considers the implications of their fictional world. It leaves us to speculate,

“If the existing generation were given the chance to live forever, but on the clear understanding that never again would there be a child, or a youth or a girl, or adolescent love, never again new persons with new hopes, new ideas, new achievements; ourselves for always and never any others ...”

Actually, most people don't want to live forever. A recent survey revealed only 19% of non-Christians and 11% of Christians “would like to live forever if scientists were able to engineer it.”

Dame Deborah James, who died earlier this year aged 40, showed the

world how to live with incurable cancer. Although she didn't want to die, as she approached the end, discovered,

“My appreciation for the little things in life has only increased: walking from the kitchen into the garden and enjoying the sunshine; listening to the birds; having something to eat. I've realised that nothing else matters beyond the simple things and the love of your family and friends.”

Christian belief in eternal life isn't about an endless extension of the here and now. We shall be changed, insists St Paul:

“... in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”

We aren't given all the details. Instead, Jesus invites us now to establish such a trust in His unseen presence, that when our time comes, we will be carried out of sight into something greater:

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him.”

The man who gave us the National Health Service

If you use the services of the National Health Service this autumn, spare a thought for the 'presiding spirit' which led to its founding.

Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan was born 125 years ago this month, on 15th November 1897, the sixth of ten children. The family lived in Tredegar, Monmouthshire, where his father was a miner, and his mother was the daughter of a colliery blacksmith.

When he was 14, Bevan followed his father and older brother in the mines, but in his spare time spent hours in the local library, self-educating himself. At 19, Bevan joined the Independent Labour Party and in 1919 he moved to London to continue his studies and encountered the works of Marx and Engels. In 1925 his father died in his arms of the miners' disease pneumoconiosis.

In 1926 Bevan was appointed a full-time union official and was soon caught up in the miners' strike, which led to the General Strike of May 1926. Bevan became known as a firebrand activist and agitator.

In May 1929, when he was 31, Bevan entered Parliament as Independent Labour Party member for Ebbw Vale. A passionate socialist, he regularly attacked Neville Chamberlain, Lloyd

George, Winston Churchill, and even his own party's prime minister, Ramsay Macdonald. Bevan's outspokenness caused the parliamentary authorities to suspend him from the house in 1937, and his own party expelled him for a time in 1939.

When in July 1945 Labour was returned to government with a landslide, the new Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, offered Bevan a Cabinet position. "I understand that you have much experience of negotiation. I am offering you the post where you will deal with health, housing and the local authorities."

And so, at 47, Bevan became the youngest member of that Cabinet. He oversaw the building of over a million new houses before 1950, and in 1946 the government steered through the National Insurance Act, which created the infrastructure of what was to be the Welfare State.

In 1948 the National Health Service Act, which Bevan had seen through Parliament, became law. This allowed people to receive, free at the point of use, medical diagnosis, and treatment at home or in hospital. As the writer Brian Brivati observes: "It was the decision to nationalise the hospitals that made the profound difference in the... creation of the NHS. This decision was Bevan's and its

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implementation was down to his skill, patience, and application as a minister. It is the most significant and lasting reform in the history of the Labour Party, and it was achieved by one man.”

King Charles III

Canon Paul Hardingham considers our new monarch.

‘And wherever you may live in the United Kingdom, or in the realms and territories across the world, and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.’

These are King Charles III’s words from his TV broadcast following the death of Queen Elizabeth. They reflect the Queen’s own commitment to serve the nation for 70 years. They also express the continuity of monarchy: *‘The Queen is dead. Long live the King!’*

However, continuity doesn’t mean that things remain the same. King Charles III will face different challenges to the Queen, but the same God works His purposes through each of them. At his death, King David spoke these words to his son Solomon: *‘Be strong and observe what the Lord your God requires: walk in*

Aneurin ‘Nye’ Bevan was Minister of Health 1945 to 1951. The National Health Service became operational on 5th July 1948.

obedience to him...Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go.’ (1 Kings 2:2,3) These are words for our new King and ourselves, as we seek God’s will in a time of uncertainty.

King Charles III has demonstrated his ability to get alongside people to ‘see the value of each person as God sees them.’ (Archbishop of Canterbury). He is also in touch with the important issues of the day. He has provided young people with opportunities to change their lives. He understands the life of the poorest in our society, and he is passionate about the state of our planet. Let’s pray for our king, as he faces new challenges and opportunities: *‘I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.* (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

The excitement of the Sunday of Christ the King 20th November

The last Sunday in November is the last Sunday of the church year, and in some ways the most important.

Why? Because everything else in the Christian year looks BACK on what happened 2000 years ago. The Sunday of Christ the King looks FORWARD to what we can expect next.... the return one day of Jesus Christ to this earth, as King of Kings.

Does the idea of Jesus of Nazareth literally returning to earth seem a bit quaint to accept, in our computerised world of e-mails and the internet? Well, that is what the Bible says will happen – *it is promised more than 250 times!*

The Bible is quite clear: the return of the Lord Jesus Christ as King of Kings will take place personally, powerfully, bodily, visibly, publicly – and INSTANTLY. (Read Matthew 24:30,31, or I Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:3.) Here are words of Jesus Himself:

For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. (Luke 17:24)

This will be no local story for a BBC TV reporter to cover if he gets time. That day he won't be interviewing

the Carpenter of Nazareth, wearing Galilean homespun. Jesus will be in His incandescent brilliance as the 'Son of Man' – a bit of a challenge even for TV reporters! Certainly when Peter, James and John were witness to their familiar Master 'transfigured', as the same irradiated Person – in a dramatic preview of Christ's triumphant final rule (Luke 9:28-36), they did not feel very confident.

The martyred Stephen, about to die, had a similar glimpse: "Behold I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:56). The exiled apostle John on the island of Patmos saw the same figure: '...His face was like the sun shining in full strength' (Revelation 1:16.)

When Christ one day returns, the whole world will finally witness this same spectacle (Revelation 1:7). His return will mark the end of history, as we know it. It will inaugurate the final Judgment. It will re-unite the Lord with His Church on earth.

Jesus' return to us will bring about the new heaven and the new earth. Pain, death, persecution, privation and sorrow will all be banished. The entire edifice of evil that has raised itself against the rule of God will be dismantled in a moment.

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We have been warned all along not to place a date or a time upon the Second Coming of Christ. (Matthew 24:42-44) Sadly, many people ignore this warning and waste endless time in calculations. The way in which we should be spending our days before the end is to work, watch and witness to our Lord Jesus – whether or not ours is a world of computers, e-mail and all the rest!

In the meantime, where is Jesus now? The Bible writers tell us that Jesus

has returned to the place of privilege and power, and is 'seated at the right hand' of the Father (Ephesians 1:20-21; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3), and is waiting for the Father's timing for Him to return to earth in glory (Mark 13:26-27,32), to raise the dead (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18), and give them their resurrection bodies (1 Corinthians 15:35-44).

Jesus will never be a baby again. He is now Christ the King – today, tomorrow, forever.

Entertaining at home is making a comeback

With the cost-of-living crisis starting to bite, more and more of us are choosing to share meals with our friends at home, rather than pay the soaring costs of eating out.

John Lewis has noticed the trend, as its sales of tablecloths, crockery and dining tables are on the increase. Tables and chairs are up by 28 per cent, dinner sets up by 34 per cent, and wine glasses and champagne flutes up by 88 per cent.

In a recent survey, John Lewis found that four in ten of us have held a dinner party in the last 12 months, while six in ten of us say we want to host even more in future.

A spokeswoman for John Lewis says: "Entertaining at home is definitely on the rise, and we predict that more customers will be making memorable moments at home with friends and family over the coming months."

It was:

175 years ago, on 4th November 1847, that Scottish obstetrician James Young Simpson discovered the anaesthetic properties of chloroform. He helped popularise its use in medicine.

Also 175 years ago, on 8th November 1847, that Bram Stoker, Irish-born British writer, was born. He is best known for his Gothic horror novel Dracula.

The message of Advent? – history is going somewhere! We consider the beginning of the Church Year...

‘And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger...’ (Luke 2:7)

‘They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.’ (Matthew 24:30)

What a contrast between the humble birth of Jesus in Bethlehem – and His eventual return! No one knows when that day will be, but it will be earth-shaking. In the meantime, Advent reminds us of the last of six great saving actions of God in Jesus Christ.

The Birth of Jesus at Bethlehem was to inaugurate our salvation. The Death of Jesus at Calvary established it – forever. The Resurrection of Jesus at Easter confirmed it. The Ascension of Jesus to heaven celebrated it. The Gift of the Spirit at Pentecost drove it worldwide. And sixthly will come the Return of Jesus at the world’s end – to consummate and complete it.

The message of Advent reminds us that history is not circular or locked into an unending stalemate. Neither can we ever accept a notion of

successive reincarnations, for the Bible is clear that man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment (Hebrews 9:27).

The Bible has had many pre-runs of that final ‘Day of the Lord.’ Noah’s flood, the overthrow of wicked Babylon; these and other upheavals were but pointers to the final ‘Day of our Lord Jesus Christ’ (1 Corinthians 1:8), when all wrongs will be stopped, and the Lord shall reign with justice.

For the Bible is clear that world history is leading to a Conclusion, to the new heaven and the new earth. That will be inaugurated when ‘He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.’ Christ’s return will usher in the final triumph, bringing about the dismantling of the whole apparatus of Evil that has so harassed us across the centuries.

The Cross and Resurrection secured the victory over evil. Christ’s return will make it final! Believers echo Paul’s words in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 – ‘And so we will be with the Lord for ever.’ If we have a *strong view of the future, we can be sure it will energise us in the present!*

In the meantime, Advent is coming round once again. It’s time to celebrate the first of God’s six mighty acts that secured our salvation – and look forward to the future.

Reflected Faith Series:

The Rev Jo White considers the new King's cypher

Initials That Talk Our Faith Language

We have started to see the new King's cypher on a variety of items, including post boxes. Look at the way 'they' have entwined the letters C R and the Latin numeral III.

Now think about what you so often see in church buildings - letters entwined together. These are either from the Latin or the Greek languages.

Here's a starter for you:

XP – often joined together so the P is standing halfway behind the X. This symbol - called the chi rho symbol - was used from earliest times and was often simplified into a six-pointed figure. You can see it on some silver spoons found at Mildenhall, and now in the British Museum dating from about 350 AD.

'X' called 'chi' in Greek is said 'Kh' as in khaki. 'P' called 'rho' in Greek is said 'r'. If you put the two together what do they sound like? Khr

What word connected with being a Christian starts with that sound? Of course – Christ. The original Greek would be 'Christoe'.

Another common set of initials often seen on altar linen and probably the most misunderstood is 'IHC'.

People often suggest it comes from the Latin 'Jesus Hominum Salvator' meaning, 'Jesus, Saviour of the World', or even the English 'In His Service'. But they don't. They are the first three letters of the Greek for JESUS - which in Greek was IHCOYC.

It doesn't help that Greek has two ways of writing the sound 's' as in the middle of Jesus. It can be either a 'C' or what looks like a rather stylised 'E'.

To confuse you more, when you translate the Greek letters IHC into Latin they come out as 'IHS'. So you can see both spellings that mean the same thing.

This month

Have a look around your church building – both inside and outside for initials or even whole words. Would knowing what they represent aid you in your worship, and how much do they reflect your faith?

God in the Sciences

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

Wonder and Worship

“I was travelling, and out early in the morning; at first there was a vast fog; but, by the time that I was seven or eight miles from home towards the coast, the sun broke out into a delicate warm day. We were then on a large heath or common, and I could discern, as the mist began to break away, great numbers of swallows (*hirundines rusticae*) clustering on the stunted shrubs and bushes, as if they had roosted there all night. As soon as the air became clear and pleasant they all were on the wing at once; and, by a placid and easy flight, proceeded on southward towards the sea”.

How many church leaders today have time to enjoy their surroundings? Gilbert White was a vicar who became famous for his observations about the flora and fauna of his parish. His letters about the local wildlife through the seasons were so beautifully written that they are still in print today, more than 200 years after they were first published as *The Natural History and Antiquities of Selbourne*.

White is a great example of someone who saw science and faith

in harmony. He writes that he hopes his readers will be inspired to “pay a more ready attention to the wonders of the Creation”. His stories are often so vivid that he gets away with packing in quite a bit of scientific detail, painting a more accurate picture of the wonderful events he observed as he travelled around the countryside. White’s book is one of the classics of nature writing, and there’s even an apocryphal story online that this is one of the most printed books in the country, after the Bible and Shakespeare.

White may have been one of those people with a capacity for endless activity, or perhaps he took rather more care over natural history than his vocation. Either way, I do think that anyone - from the parish priest to the youngest member of the congregation - could learn from his appreciation of creation. It is well worth spending ten minutes every now and again staring into a bush, pond or tree - especially in winter when it’s easy to hurry indoors and put the kettle on. Experiencing wildlife first-hand is wonderful fuel for our worship of God and care for His creation. As Psalm 111 says, “Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them” (NIV).

*(White’s book can be downloaded for free at <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/1408>)

Finding Tutankhamen

It was 100 years ago this month, on 4th November 1922, that Howard Carter, a British archaeologist, discovered the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen.

Howard Carter had shown an artistic streak from a young age, and when his father, a successful artist, painted a portrait of a well-known Egyptologist, the young Howard's imagination had been caught. He wanted to go to Egypt.

And so, in 1891, when Howard was only 17, his father found him a job working for an archaeologist who needed an artist to sketch the artefacts he found. As Britain occupied Egypt in the late 19th century, it was a time of increased European interest in ancient Egypt.

Over the next few years Carter worked under different archaeologists on different sites, including Amarna, Thebes, Edfu and Abu Simbel. Then in 1907, Carter began working with the wealthy

English aristocrat, Lord Carnarvon, excavating various Egyptian nobles' tombs.

When in 1914 Carnarvon attained a licence to dig for the tomb of King Tutankhamun, he gave the job to Carter. After WWI the search began, but it was not until 4th November 1922 that they found anything. That day a boy who worked on Carter's team as a water fetcher started to dig in the sand with a stick. He found a stone step, called Carter over, and the rest is history. A flight of steps was found that lead to a sealed door and a secret chamber. On 26th November 1922 Carter and Lord Carnarvon entered the tomb and found the gold and treasures. On 16th February 1923, Carter opened the innermost chamber and found the well-preserved sarcophagus of King Tut.

The find made headlines around the world. Carter remained in Egypt until the excavation was completed in 1932.

Has covid changed your personality?

It may well have done – especially if you are a young person. A recent study has found evidence that the pandemic may actually have changed the way they think, feel and act.

Researchers at Florida State University College of Medicine found that young people have become more prone to stress and less cooperative with others. Other social personality traits such as extraversion, openness, agreeableness and conscientiousness, have also declined.

44 million struggling with cost-of-living crisis

In what has been described as ‘a landmark poll’, CAP (Christians Against Poverty) has found that nearly half of us living in the UK are being impacted by rising costs. The poll, carried out for CAP by YouGov, found:

Impacted - 84% (about 44 million) of us have been financially affected by the cost-of-living crisis.

Rising prices – 49% of us (about 25.9 million) have seen our bills rise by between £101 and £500 a month.

Struggling financially – 15% of us (about 7.9 million) admit we were already struggling financially. But this has risen quickly, until by now it seems that just under half of us, or 48% (about 25 million) are struggling to some extent.

Cutting back – an estimated 61% of us (more than 32 million) of us have reduced our energy use to save money. More than 46% of us (about 24 million) are shopping around more and using cheaper supermarkets.

Desperation — Sadly, about 15% of us, (almost 8 million) people are now thought to be going without heating or electricity completely. A similar amount of us are even skipping some

meals. About 37% of us (or 19 million) have cut out socialising and leisure altogether.

Debt & borrowing — About 6.9 million people (13%) are behind on their bills, and more than 42% of us (about 22 million) have borrowed money to cope with rising costs. Of those who have borrowed money this year, 40% have borrowed £1000 or more, with 15% borrowing more than £3000 during 2022.

Long term impact — Over a third of us who owe money expect that it will take us more than a year to pay it back.

As one spokesman for CAP says: “Living shouldn’t cost everything. But for millions, it does.

“We need more targeted help for people living in poverty who have less money coming in than they need just to stay alive and out of serious debt. This could be delivered in discounts of household bills, more one-off grants and increased benefit payments to help people survive winter.” CAP is helping thousands of people become debt free across the UK.

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Make a bird nut ball

If you have a lot of birds in your garden, here is a recipe you may like to try for them.

You will need: equal quantities of melted fat and breadcrumbs; nuts, seeds and dried fruit; string; dried apricots; peanuts in their shells

Mix together the melted fat and the breadcrumbs, and stir in half of the nuts, seeds and dried fruit. As the mixture starts to solidify, shape it into a ball around a length of string and place it in the refrigerator to harden.

Place the remainder of the fruit, seeds and nuts on a piece of newspaper and roll the hardened ball around on it until it is completely covered with the mixture.

Make a loop from the string that protrudes from one side of the ball and thread apricots and peanuts in their shells onto the string on the other side of the ball.

Hang the bird treat from your bird table or the branch of a tree.

From Country Traditions by Stephanie Donaldson (Southwater, £8.95 ISBN 1842151789)

It was 30 years ago, on 11th November 1992, that the Church of England voted to allow women to become priests. The first women were ordained in March 1994.

Also 30 years ago, on 20th November 1992, that the Windsor Castle fire broke out in a private chapel and spread to a large part of the building. Damage was extensive and took five years to repair, at a cost of £40 million. Buckingham Palace was opened to the public for the first time to help raise the money.

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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Surgery Closure for training
from 1pm on Wednesday 9th
November

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You can order repeat medications in the following ways:

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

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

Prescriptions can be collected from reception inside the surgery.

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

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

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

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October
solution



November
Sudoku



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Nigel Beeton writes: 'On the 20th November will come the tenth anniversary of the last ever typewriter to be built in the United Kingdom, which reminded me of the sound of my Grandad hammering out his letters on an old Imperial...'

Grandad's Typewriter

My Grandad had a typewriter
Imperial, I think
Used to command his empire
With black typewriter ink.
He wrote his lengthy letters
On subjects to him dear
Then sealed them, stamped them,
sent them
To places far and near.

He was quite heavy fingered
Those keys he'd really pound
The house's very timbers
Vibrated with the sound;
It went on for long hours
And we'd hear everything
And at the end of ev'ry line
A little bell would ring!

He sent them to the mission field
And to our poor MP
He sent them off to strangers
And to his family;
So then he'd watch the postman
And how his wrath would burn
If his poor correspondents
Replied not by return!

I never thought I'd miss it
But, looking back, I do;
A sound, like many others,
That wove my childhood through.
What sounds today, I wonder
That do not bring us bliss,
Will soon be just a memory
That we might really miss?

By Nigel Beeton

READINGS & ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER 2022

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES*</u>
6	3pm Pet Service	Barbara Hawksworth
13	3pm Remembrance Service	“ “
20	9.30am Holy Communion	Fiona Swain
27	9.30am Holy Communion	<i>*Brasses only - Advent</i>
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>
6	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Jackson
13	10.15am Service of Remembrance in Pilsley School Yard	
	10.55am Remembrance Day Service	Mike Pindar/Gillian Caird
20	10.45am Matins	Mr & Mrs Gordon
27	10.45am Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
	6pm Advent Service of Light	TBA
<u>COFFEE</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
6	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters
13	Jane Dickson/Kate Green	Mr & Mrs Jackson
20	John & Jill Caws	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw
27	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Wardle
<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>
6	Job 19: 23-27a	Diana Walters
	Luke 20: 27-38	<i>Third Sunday Before Advent</i>
13	Wisdom 3: 1-9	David Jackson
		<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>
20	Jeremiah 23: 1-6	John Bowns
	Luke 23: 33-43	<i>Christ the King</i>
27	Isaiah 2: 1-5	Mike Woodcock
	Matthew 24: 36-44	<i>Advent Sunday</i>

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