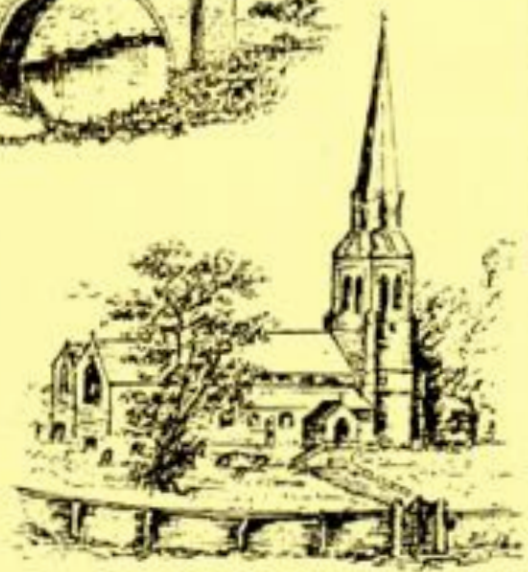


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# The Bridge



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April 2023

Dear Friends

Христос Воскрес is the Ukrainian Easter greeting, "Christ has risen," and in response during the Easter Orthodox midnight service the congregation answer, Воїстено Воскрес! ("Indeed he has risen!"). Sadly, another Easter will see millions of Ukrainians celebrating in displacement across the world, amidst the destruction of cities and towns and with the uncertainty of when and how the war will end.

This Easter within the parish of Edensor and Beeley we celebrate Easter without a parish priest, continuing to thank God for Canon Dave's ministry and looking forward with hope to who God may send to continue the mission of sharing the good news of God's love to all who live and work within our parish and the many visitors we have the privilege of welcoming and engaging with.

To live without hope is to cease to live. In the difficult and challenging world we live in with the uncertainties we face, and the pain, grief and sorrow people carry, you might say hope is in short supply in the confusing world in which we live today. But we need hope, it is one of the key Christian attributes and one of the most important gifts we can give to the world today.

Easter tells the story of Jesus entering the raw emotions of our world – becoming one with us in all of life's experience, transforming what feels to be a succession of Good Fridays into the hope and promise of life at Easter, that always comes. Ukraine has united the world in condemnation and support and we see amidst the horror of war the best in humankind through a spirit of compassion, generosity and love in a sea of trauma, suffering and separation.

We are reminded that we are Easter People, living in hope and sharing the new life Christ has given to us through his death and resurrection. In our compassion and appreciation of the gift of life and love we stand together

with all who suffer and see ourselves as one, shaped through a common identity, sharing God's image, in compassion and our personal appreciation of the gift of life.

As we journey through the darkness of both Good Friday and pause at the tomb of Jesus on Holy Saturday, may we find the meaning and reason for hope that comes through Easter, and through our actions and words, witness to this in how we mirror the Easter hope through our lives.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With love and prayers  
Canon Tony, Vicar of Bakewell.



### SPECIAL SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

#### **Palm Sunday Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**St. Peter's 10.45** ~ Join in the procession from the Green with Revd Canon Nicky Fenton and meet the two delightful donkeys, Puck and Treacle

**St. Anne's 3pm** Family Service

#### **Compline Service at St Peter's 7pm**

*Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th April*

#### **Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

*Holy Communion 7pm ~ St Anne's, Beeley*

#### **Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

*St Peter's 2 - 3pm 'Quiet Hour'*

#### **Holy Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

*Easter Liturgy St. Peter's 7pm*

#### **Easter Day Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

*9.30am St. Anne's & 10.45am St. Peter's*

*with the Bishop of Repton*

## ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

TheGivingMachine is a unique registered charity that enables you to generate sales commissions with every online purchase. They convert these commissions into free donations for the schools, charities and other community



organisations you choose. **St Anne's, Beeley** is one of the organisations you can support. The donation is calculated without going via another website so doesn't affect your shopping experience.

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

## Happy Birthday, Cadbury Crème Egg

Cadbury Crème Eggs celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday this Spring. They have a lot to celebrate: the Crème Egg is the best-selling confectionery item between New Year's Day and Easter in the UK, with annual sales of more than 200 million eggs, worth about £55 million.

Cadbury Crème Eggs were first created by the British chocolatier Fry's in 1963, before being renamed by Cadbury in 1971.



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## Easy Fundraising

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



### To Register

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

### To Shop

- Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)
- Search for your store in the alphabetical list
- Go ahead and shop

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

## St. Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect two churchwardens and an assistant churchwarden will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April in Church after the morning service. All residents of the ecclesiastical parish of Edensor and on the local government electoral roll, or those on the church electoral roll, are entitled to vote.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow this meeting and only those on the church electoral roll may vote at this meeting. However, it is open for anyone to attend.

Please supply Gillian Davie with your email address if you would like to receive the Annual Meeting documents via email. Her email address is:

[gillian\\_davie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gillian_davie@hotmail.co.uk)

*Documents will include:*

- Minutes of the 2022 APCM
- 2022 Accounts and Examiner's Report
- Steeple Keeper's Report
- Electoral Roll
- Annual Church Report

- Deanery Synod Report
- Nomination forms for Churchwardens, PCC & Deanery Synod membership
- List of current PCC members

## Dates for your Diary - April 2023

- 11 **BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall  
AGM Social Evening & Fuddle *Refreshments & Raffle: All*
- 18 **BEELEY Heritage Group** 7pm Beeley Village Hall  
Frank Robinson Searching for Connections between King James VI of Scotland (King James I of England) and Beeley Hill Top
- 19 **CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** 7pm Baslow Church Rooms  
*Speaker: Michael Gildersleve - The History of Thornbridge Hall*  
*Competition: an interesting historical artefact*
- 22 **EDENSOR VILLAGE DAY BRIC-A-BRAC SALE - Cavendish Hall**  
10am - 2pm
- 27 **Chatty Crafts - 10.30-12** in the Chapel at St. Peter's. Join us for crafting

## BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY (BASH)

The Medway Centre, New Street, Bakewell

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

### 16 April 2023 (3rd Sunday due to Easter on 2nd Sunday)

"CODA" 2021, USA, PG13 Comedy/Drama/Music

Gloucester, Massachusetts. As a Child of Deaf Adults (CODA) and the only hearing person in her family, high school senior Ruby Rossi always has a lot on her plate. Indeed, trying to juggle back-breaking work on her father's fishing boat, schoolwork, social life, and the family's expectations can be too much for a teenager. But do her parents know Ruby loves to sing? When Ruby signs up for the school choir, singing becomes a passion, and suddenly, the talented young girl finds herself at a crossroads: should Ruby spread her wings and follow her dreams, or should she keep fighting everyday battles as a member of the proud Rossi clan?

## Don't miss out on your sleep

A new study has found that people who do 'all-nighters' for work or study are stressing their brains.

Sleep deprivation makes your brain look, and work, like it is two years older.

The good news is that getting just even three hours of sleep is enough to keep it normal.

And also, the study by scientists at Forschungszentrum Jülich, a national research institution in Germany, found that even a single night of recovery sleep reverses the damage of an 'all-nighter'.

Sleep deprivation has also been found to slow down our cognitive functions. We tend to make poorer decisions, be muddled in our memories, get into a bad mood, and feel very irritable.

## EASTER LILIES AT ST. ANNE'S



If you would like to make a contribution towards Easter Lilies at St. Annes's Church, Beeley, please give your donation to Fiona Swain or Rupert Turner, by Palm Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

## EASTER LILIES AT ST. PETER'S

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



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

Cards need to be filled in and returned with your donation by Palm Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, EDENSOR

### ANNUAL SHEEP SERVICE

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 - 10.45am



We invite you to come and share with us in celebrating the birth of the lambs and the care and work of shepherds and farmers.

This is a joint service with St. Anne's Church, Beeley.

### St. Peter's Church 100 Club February Draw 2023

1st Prize £30 - no.29 Laura Stephens

2nd prize £20 - no. 11 Roger Wardle

Funds to church this month - £50

**Ann Hall**

It was 20 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2003 that the Human Genome Project was successfully completed, with over 99% of the human genome sequenced and mapped, including all of the genes.

## The Padley Centre - Lent Talk

At the time of writing only the first of our Lent Talks has taken place.

Gill Bryan, Ambassador for The Padley Centre, shared lots of information about the work of the Padley Centre and how this has changed during and since the pandemic. By working with Derby City Council, the Padley Centre now has 18 flats in which to house homeless people.

During lockdown, the homeless nationwide were moved off the streets into flats, hotels, hostels etc but just because we don't see as many people on the streets doesn't mean there aren't any homeless people any more. There are - and they still need our support.

There is a waiting list for the Padley flats and the residents need help to get back on their feet and fight loneliness.

The Padley Centre welcomes donations of practically anything! Food must be in date (preferably with quite a long 'run in' time) and donations of tinned meats and fish are particularly welcomed. Whilst bedding is gratefully received the centre is unable to accept used pillows and duvets (though Gill told us that Dunelm will recycle these - great!). Other items can be sold in the centre's fund raising shop.

Nadine is making regular trips to the centre with our donated items and she has been greatly impressed by the warm welcome she receives and the work she has seen. At the moment donations can still be left in the middle garage at the end of the driveway between The Vicarage and the The Old Vic - or leave marked bags at the back of St Peter's.

The Padley Centre is extremely grateful for our continued support and it was truly heartening to hear about people who have transformed their lives, some of whom are now volunteering to help others at the centre.

It was 40 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1983, that tens of thousands of anti-nuclear weapons protestors formed a 14-mile human chain in Berkshire. They linked the US airbase at Greenham Common, the nuclear research centre in Aldermaston, and an ordnance factory in Burghfield.



## **RADIO DERBY**

### **Make a Difference Blanket Appeal**

St Peter's 'Chatty Crafts' group and other members of the congregation have been beavering away knitting squares to assemble into blankets. Other people kindly donated brand new hand made blankets so a total of 11 blankets of varying shapes and sizes were delivered to one of the drop-off points.

Particular thanks to Kirstie Law who stitched all the squares together and included a lovely message attached to each blanket.

The original Radio Derby target was 100 blankets. By Friday 24 Feb, 2000 had been donated, all being given to people in and around the county and city who are having to make the choice between heating and eating.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!



## **EDENSOR DAY BRIC-A-BRAC SALE**

at

**The Cavendish Hall, Edensor DE45 1PJ**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**

**10.00 am - 2.00 pm**

**all proceeds added to this year's nominated charities**

**tea, coffee and cakes**

**free admission**

**cash sales, please bring change**

*The charities we will be supporting this year are*  
**Sheffield Children's Hospital and Helen's Trust**  
**as well as St Peter's Churchyard Maintenance Fund**

## First flight over Everest

It was 90 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1933, that the first flight over Mount Everest took place. British pilots the Marquis of Clydesdale and Donald McIntyre flew two biplanes over the summit.

The two Scots were financed by the striking and rather eccentric Lady Houston, who started life as a chorus girl but through judicious liaisons and marriages became one of the richest women in England - and one of the most generous, using much of her money for philanthropic projects, especially in the area of aviation.

The flight was organised by Major LV Stewart Blacker, who had retired from the Royal Flying Corps and was working as an arms manufacturer. He convinced the Royal Geographical Society it would be scientifically useful.

The three-hour excursion certainly provided valuable information concerning pilots at high altitude. Lord Clydesdale flew a modified Westland PV-3 biplane, accompanied by Blacker. Following them in a Westland PV-6

were McIntyre and photographer S R Bonnett. Both planes had open cabins.

At one point, Bonnett felt faint and found a fracture in his oxygen line, which he was able to repair without losing consciousness. In high winds, both planes soared a hundred feet over the summit.

Lord Clydesdale was awarded the Air Force Cross for his leadership of the expedition, and the footage shot by Bonnett was used to create the Academy Award-winning documentary *Wings Over Everest*, now available on YouTube.

The Marquis's grandson repeated the flight in 2013 to celebrate its 80th anniversary. But commercial aircraft are now banned from flying over Everest.

The two pilots had to make a second flight (against orders) to obtain the promised photographs – but those pictures were used 20 years later to help guide climbers Hillary and Tenzing to the summit.

## Remembering Corrie ten Boom

It was 40 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1983, that Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch writer, watchmaker, and Holocaust survivor, died. She wrote about her experiences in Christian books that became best-sellers.

Corrie's family were Calvinist Christians in the Dutch Reformed Church, and served their neighbourhood by offering shelter, food and money to the needy. They believed the Jews were precious to God and that all people were created equal. During the Second World War, she – and the rest of her family – helped many Jews and others to escape from the Nazis at great risk to themselves. She later received the rare accolade from Israel of being named Righteous Among the Nations.

The Dutch Resistance helped them to build a secret room in their house behind Corrie's bedroom, which became known as The Hiding Place – later the title of her most famous book. The room held six people, had its own ventilation and an alert buzzer, and was astonishingly

successful. It is estimated that about 800 Jews in all were saved through Corrie's efforts, which included obtaining at least 100 false ration cards.

Eventually an informer gave them away, and the family were arrested in February 1944 – though not the six people in the Hiding Place at the time. After months in prison, Corrie and her sister Betsie were sent to Ravensbrück concentration camp in September 1944, where they continued to worship and share the message of forgiveness, hope, love, and salvation. Betsie died in the December, but Corrie was released later that same month, apparently because of a 'clerical error'. A week later all the women in her age group were sent to the gas chambers.

After she was set free, Corrie travelled the world for 33 years, from 1944 to 1977, speaking in 64 countries. She suffered three severe strokes from August 1978 and died on her 91st birthday.

## **“All you who pass by...”**

*The Ven John Barton visited York Minster last Good Friday ...*

For Good Friday last year, the morning service at York Minster was offered online for everyone to see, anywhere in the world. It's the most solemn day of the year. Hymns, readings, prayers: all focussed on Christ's death and its benefits for humanity, for all time.

A hundred or so people were in the congregation, alongside choir and clergy. Towards the end, the Archbishop of York carried a large replica cross from the back of the cathedral to a stand at the front. People were invited to come forward in silence, to venerate the cross, in the way they chose. Many came and knelt, or stood to pray, or touch the wood in memory of Christ's suffering and death.

While this was going on, the entrance doors remained open, and scores of visitors wandered round that great building. A number stopped briefly to look at what was going on; some appeared bemused. One man wearing a baseball cap lifted his video camera for a few seconds to record a snapshot of what was happening, then moved on. A teenager ran from one side of the Minster to the other and then disappeared out of sight.

It was an extraordinary mixture of reverence and irreverence. Should the doors have been closed while the service was taking place? Then one remembered this was a commemoration of the actual Crucifixion, which was also witnessed by a cross-section of the human race. A handful of disciples, mainly women, were nearby; others perhaps observing from a distance. Curious onlookers stared. Some just passed by. Telling verses from the Old Testament are often recalled on Good Friday:

*“Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see. Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me, that the Lord brought on me in the day of his fierce anger?”*

This was the day when Christ pronounced absolution on us for our ignorance, saying “Father, forgive them for they don't know what they are doing”. When we hear this, we feel both ashamed and revived, for we know this is what it cost Him to allow us another go at living as we should.



## Who is eating the plastic at sea?

Scientists believe they may have discovered what happens to a great deal of the plastic that is dumped in the ocean.

The mystery has been that while about 14 million tonnes end up in marine environments each year, only about one per cent of that is ever found in sampling surveys.

While much of the plastic may have sunk to the deep bottom of the sea, now scientists believe that the answer may also be partially because bacteria are eating it.

A recent study by the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ) has found that the widespread bug bacterium

*Rhodococcus ruber* can actually digest plastic, turning it into carbon dioxide and other harmless substances.

One scientist explained that while “this is certainly not a solution to the problem of the plastic soup in our oceans,” it does help explain “where all the ‘missing plastic’ in the oceans has gone.”

*Rhodococcus ruber* is found across the globe, and is abundant in soil, water and marine environments. The species is known to transform a number of harmful pollutants, including industrial chemicals and pesticides, into harmless molecules.

The research was published in the Marine Pollution Bulletin.

## Have a drink. Have two drinks!

Drinking is really good for you. Drinking water, that is. Recent research has found that people who drink a good amount of water are less likely to develop chronic conditions, or to show signs of advanced ageing.

The key seems to be in your serum sodium levels, which go up when your fluid intake goes down. Adults with high serum sodium levels are more

likely to develop chronic illness, and also more likely to die younger.

"The results suggest that proper hydration may slow down ageing and prolong a disease-free life," said one scientist.

The study was published in a recent issue of the eBioMedicine journal. According to NHS England, people should have six to eight drinks a day, which can include water, lower-fat milks, tea and coffee.

## Christians called to support local media

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

What happens locally really matters... and local news matters massively.

I believe, as a Christian minister, that churches and congregations have a calling to encourage community-based journalism and professional coverage of our localities.

In the UK, a recent report by MPs highlighted the major challenges facing local media. Much advertising revenue has been driven online, with the 'Big Tech' companies hoovering up large amounts that would have been spent in local media.

Whole communities have been described as 'media deserts' with little or no coverage of local events as publishers withdraw or consolidate titles. That can only be bad news for democracy, and for people getting their voices heard.

What happens on our doorsteps and in our streets and communities can affect us more than many events taking place nationally or across the world. Readers and editors of parish and church magazines know this well!

Churches and other faith groups have strong local connections. Many of an area's churches have been rooted in

their parishes or local patch for decades – or even centuries. Many are among the most active voluntary groups in their locality.

Just as Jesus cared for and valued people on the margins, so Christians have a role to play in encouraging power to be held to account, locally, nationally and globally.

Against a background of declining local media, a small step in the opposite direction has been taken in my home city, north of London. An enterprising, experienced journalist – who knows the area well – has launched a new online publication, The St Albans Times.

It's a brave step in the current media environment, and I'm pleased to be among those supporting this new venture.

In churches, we pray for our local MPs and councillors, and all those who work for the common good. It can be a challenging calling. But it's also important that those in power can be questioned about their decisions and called to explain their actions on our behalf. Speaking truth to power is part of the Christian calling.

So, a warm, heartfelt, welcome to the growing number of independent grassroots publications. May they grow and flourish and play an important role in building up community life, keeping us all informed, and holding power to account.

## **14 conversations to have with your neighbours at a King's Coronation street party**

We have all known that awkward moment at a party, when your conversation with a stranger suddenly dries up. But if you are going to one of the King's Coronation street parties next month, you don't need to worry.

An information pack called the Coronation Big Lunch 'conversation menu' has been published, offering 14 handy ideas for keeping the conversational ball rolling. The ideas range from asking your neighbours whether they have ever met a member of the Royal Family, to what is their favourite way to spend a bank holiday. The 'menu' even includes a couple of jokes you can tell, if you get really desperate.

More than a million people, and more than 7,000 street parties and

community events, have so far signed up to the Coronation Big Lunch initiative.

Buckingham Palace is hoping the celebration will bring neighbours together across the country. Certainly, chatting with our neighbours is no longer common. One poll from 2019 found that half of us had not chatted over the garden fence or outside our homes in at least a month, while almost one in five of us have never spoken to our neighbours at all.

The Coronation Big Lunch will take place on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, the day after the King and the Queen Consort are crowned at Westminster Abbey.

More than 17.2 million people took part in Big Lunch events last June, for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

### **Lighting the Beacons – Kindling the Flame of Faith in our Hearts**

*By Jill Duff, SPCK, £12.99 (Book Review...)*

Highlighting stories from contemporary culture, Scripture and the writings of the saints, this book seeks to encourage those who are curious about the Christian faith, those who feel discouraged and those aspiring to be giants of faith

and part of a transformed society.

It would be a good gift for those who yearn to be transformed by God. With study guides at the end of each chapter, it is also an ideal book for group discussion.

## Remembering the Royal Yacht Britannia

Seventy years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1953, Queen Elizabeth II launched the Royal Yacht Britannia. It was decommissioned in 1997. The Royal Family no longer owns a royal yacht.

Britannia was the 83rd such vessel since King Charles II acceded to the throne in 1660, but the first Royal Yacht to be built with complete ocean-going capacity and designed as a Royal residence to entertain guests around the world.

She was decommissioned in 1997, when the Government decided she was too expensive to repair, although she had raised £3 billion in commercial days between 1991 and 1995. Moves have been made to replace her, but they have so far come to nothing. She is currently moored in Leith, Edinburgh, and attracts 300,000 visitors a year.

Built by John Brown & Co, one of the world's most famous shipyards, she was commissioned into the Royal Navy on 11<sup>th</sup> January 1954, and on 22<sup>nd</sup> April sailed into her first overseas port, Malta. In 44 years, the Britannia sailed the equivalent of once round the world each year, calling at over 600 ports in 135 countries.

Britannia's final mission was to bring the last Governor of Hong Kong, Chris Patten, back from Hong Kong after its handover to the People's Republic of China in July 1997. The Queen was reported to have shed a tear at the decommissioning ceremony, which was attended by most of the senior members of the Royal Family.

All the clocks on board are stopped at 3:01pm, the time the Queen was piped ashore for the last time.

**Heaven** (*smile....*)

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St Peter says 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"



## **Prayers for God's blessing for same-sex couples take step forward after Synod debate**

The Church of England's General Synod has recently welcomed proposals which would enable same-sex couples to come to church after a civil marriage or civil partnership to give thanks, dedicate their relationship to God and receive God's blessing.

Synod members also voted to "lament and repent" of the failure of the Church to welcome LGBTQI+ people and for the harm that LGBTQI+ people have experienced – and continue to experience – in churches.

A motion which details and recognises a series of proposals put forward by the bishops on human identity and marriage was agreed by majorities in the Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity after a landmark debate over two days.

Synod's comments will now guide the bishops as they refine those texts carefully and prepare new pastoral guidance for the Church on sexuality and marriage in the coming months before the prayers are formally commended for use in churches.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, said: "It has been a long road to get us to this point. For the first time, the Church of England will publicly, unreservedly and joyfully welcome same-sex couples in church.

"The Church continues to have deep differences on these questions which go to the heart of our human identity. As Archbishops, we are committed to respecting the conscience of those for whom this goes too far and to ensure that they have all the reassurances they need, in order to maintain the unity of the Church as this conversation continues."

The Archbishops hoped that the debate would "mark a new beginning" for the Church as "we seek a way forward, listening to each other and most of all to God.

"Above all we continue to pray, as Jesus Himself prayed, for the unity of His church and that we would love one another."

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who led the debate and chairs the group which oversaw the development of the proposals, said: "This is a moment of hope for the Church.

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## **The story behind the story of Ben Hur**

*(Luke 24:1-12)*

There is a story to be told of the writing of Ben Hur, the book that became the 1959 block-buster film featuring Charlton Heston.

It was written in 1880 by Lew Wallace, an American lawyer, Union general during the Civil War, and then governor of the New Mexico Territory. (His statue still stands today on Washington's Capitol Hill).

Wallace had told his wife that he intended to examine the New Testament, and then write a book that would explode what he called "the myth of Christ's resurrection". Wisely, his Christian wife did not argue with him, but simply prayed.

The months passed, and Wallace read and reread the New Testament, and

wrote and rewrote his draft chapters. Finally, he confided to his wife that he could not refute the resurrection of Christ, and that therefore his book would not be written.

Wallace's wife disagreed. She persuaded him to write his book, but from a new and different standpoint altogether. 'Ben Hur - a tale of the Christ' was the result. It is the story of a high-born Jewish man who is taken prisoner by the Romans, who encounters Jesus, and whose life is gradually transformed. Oh, and there is a battle at sea and a chariot race in the story as well!

In the past 143 years since it was written, 'Ben Hur - a tale of the Christ' has never been out of print.

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"I know that what we have proposed as a way forward does not go nearly far enough for many but too far for others.

"It is my prayer that what has been agreed today will represent a step forward for all of us within the Church – including LGBTQI+ people – as we remain committed to walking together.

"We have always said we will listen carefully to Synod, so over the next few months we will reflect on everything which has been said and prepare new pastoral guidance for the Church on matters of sexuality and marriage. We will also refine the texts of Prayers of Love and Faith."

## **UK churches use lights and prayers to support Ukraine**

Cathedrals were floodlit in the colours of the Ukrainian flag, candles were lit, and services, prayer vigils and other events were recently held across the country in churches to mark the first anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Many of the Church of England's Cathedrals and churches held prayer vigils that included contributions from Ukrainian refugees.

In rural as well as urban areas, many parishes where families are still

hosting Ukrainian refugees, opened their doors for prayer, reflection and music.

The Bishop of Bradford, Toby Howarth, said: "Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine one year ago has caused misery not only for Ukrainians, but has led to immense hardship for many others across the world."

Mary Gregory, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral, said: "The vigil gave us an opportunity to acknowledge the terrible pain and loss of the last year, to remember those who have died, and to pray for those in danger."

## **Why the stars are fading**

By the time a child born today becomes an adult, they may be able to see fewer than half the stars that are currently visible.

This is not because the stars are fading, but because of ever increasing 'skyglow', or light pollution, which is brightening the night sky by 9.6pc on average each year.

So warn researchers at the German Research Centre for Geosciences. And the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS) says that the change could see some of the fainter constellations – such as Cancer – fading away, along

with astronomical features like the Orion nebula and Andromeda galaxy.

"At this rate of change, a child born in a location where 250 stars are currently visible, would be able to see only about 100 by the time they turned 18," said one scientist.

Too much artificial light at night not only impacts our ability to see the stars, but affects animals and plants, who rely on daily and seasonal cycles to determine behaviour and physiological processes.

The researchers published their work in the journal Science.

## Reflecting Faith - Easter Flowers

*The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series*

Many types of flowers are used in churches, but during Easter, there is one that is especially loved: the Easter Lily. It is a tall, stately flower topped by large, graceful, white trumpet-shaped blooms.

While commercial bulb production of [Easter lilies](#) only began in the 19th century, Easter lilies make many appearances in both the Old and New Testaments, emphasising the flower's importance to Christianity. King Solomon spoke of them, and Christ referenced them, too.

These strikingly beautiful flowers are highly perfumed, with the central stamens covered in bright yellow or orange pollen. Unfortunately, the pollen can be a hazard, as it can permanently stain cloth due to chemicals it contains! For this reason, good florists and especially church flower arrangers will remove all the stamens before bringing them anywhere near church fabrics, or near to where ministers wearing white might brush against them.

It's thought that Easter lilies came to symbolise Christ because they embody purity - the trumpet-shaped blooms recall the horns that heralded the resurrection of Christ. This is also why lilies are identified with the Virgin Mary, and in artworks depicting the Annunciation to the Virgin they are often found in the angel Gabriel's hand.

The second reason that Easter lilies represent Christ is because of their life cycle. Each one grows from a bulb that for several years has lain quietly beneath the earth, before growing tall and stately, and blossoming into magnificent flowers. What a picture of Jesus' life and resurrection!

*This month*

Have a look around the church over Easter. Daffodils and Easter lilies are often displayed, because they are the first flowers of spring, when Nature is being reborn. Their life after the death of winter reminds us of the Resurrection. For we cannot imagine the death and the passion of Christ without having in mind the empty tomb, radiating hope. Christ's death has no meaning without His Resurrection.

## **Hedgehogs need your help this Spring**

During the winter when hedgehogs hibernate, their heart rate drops from around 190 beats per minute to just about 20. They breathe only once every few minutes. So, to rouse themselves from that depth of torpor and get back into normal life takes a huge surge of energy.

Which is where you can come in. Hedgehogs are hungry in the Spring. Very hungry. Most of them will have slept until mid-March, and so will now be awake - but starving.

So why not put out some shallow dishes of meaty cat or dog food or cat biscuits and water? You can even buy or make special hedgehog feeders.

Hedgehogs have always been popular, but they are now sadly classed as 'vulnerable to extinction'. Numbers have been plummeting, and now there are less than one million left in the UK.

"With their coat of prickles and inquisitive nose, alongside a penchant for snuffling around our back gardens snuffling up slugs and earthworms, hedgehogs are a childhood memory of delight," said one scientist. "Sadly, hedgehogs might be banished to memories alone and lost as a source of wonder for our children and grandchildren."



## **When should people not be allowed to strike?**

The Government's plans to curb strike actions by workers in essential services go too far. So says the Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, the Rt Revd Martin Seeley.

Speaking recently in the House of Lords during the debate on Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill, he said: "For the good functioning of society, it is essential that all workers have a legitimate and peaceful means to seek redress against pay and conditions

that leave them unable to make ends meet.

"Surely this applies even more to those who provide essential service in the public sector, where discussions about fair remuneration can be dismissed, often by the language of limiting government expenditure."

Bishop Seely accepted that negotiations should be conducted in good faith by both sides, but expressed concern that in the current disputes, each side is accusing the other of intransigence.

## 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.*

### How Can a Christian be a Scientist?

I used to ask this question as a student. I wondered, who could make it in the world of science and still hold onto their faith? Soon enough I met a good number of successful scientists who were sincere Christians, some of whom were at my own university. So, what do people like this make of the opportunities and challenges that a life in science holds for a Christian?

Science is an exercise in observing and measuring things in the world, and coming up with general principles about the way things are. Exploring the world is a great thing to do to express our gratitude to the Creator. There is a sense of awe and wonder that comes when we expand our minds and our horizons by discovering things about the universe that can feed into our worship.

Of course, there may be things in science that some Christians don't want to get involved in because of what they believe. But there should also be ethical issues that make them want to get stuck into new research

that will help people, protect creation, or tackle injustices. I am glad to see that many senior scientists do their best to find appropriate ways to make their own faith visible, so that people like my younger self can find role models and mentors.

Another helpful thing about science is that although our beliefs may at times affect what we notice about the world and how we interpret our data, they shouldn't affect the outcome of experiments themselves. This means that a scientist can be respected by her colleagues for doing good work, regardless of what she believes and what her colleagues think of that worldview.

In my work at [The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion](#), and my involvement with [Christians in Science](#), I have the privilege of meeting a great number of scientists who are also Christians. One of the most famous living biologists is Francis Collins, who was Director of the project to decode the whole of human DNA. He wrote that it is “*possible for the scientist-believer to be intellectually fulfilled and spiritually alive, both worshipping God and using the tools of science to uncover some of the awesome mysteries of His creation.*” (Francis Collins, [The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief](#) (Simon and Schuster, 2007)

## William Law, spiritual writer extraordinary

William Law is the saint for anyone forced to choose between losing their job or losing their integrity.

It had all begun so straightforwardly. Born in King's Cliffe, Northamptonshire in 1686, William had studied at Emmanuel College Cambridge, been ordained a deacon, and been made a Fellow of the college in 1711.

But soon politics interfered. At his ordination, William had made his Oath of Allegiance to the House of Stuart. But with the accession of the first Hanoverian monarch, King George I in 1714, William found he was now expected to make his Oath of Allegiance to King George I. This he felt he could not do, with any integrity. But without the Oath, William lost his Fellowship, and was unable to be priested.

It would have been a bitter blow to anyone wanting a career in the Church, but William did not change his mind. He wanted more than a career in the Church, he wanted to live a holy life before God, and to keep his conscience clear. And so he spent many years as a simple curate (he was not priested until 1728), living by tutoring, but also writing extensively.

And it was through his writings that William Law went on to make a lasting impact on the spirituality of the nation. One of his numerous books, *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*, is recognised as having had more influence on the English people than any other English post-Reformation spiritual work, except Pilgrim's Progress.

William Law's writing greatly influenced the leaders of the evangelical movement of his day, including John and Charles Wesley, and George Whitefield. Law was also praised by Enlightenment thinkers such as the writer Dr Samuel Johnson and the historian Edward Gibbon.

And 20 years after his death in 1761, William Wilberforce, the politician, philanthropist, and leader of the movement to stop the slave trade, also paid tribute to the effect Law's writing had had on him.

Law's spiritual writings remain in print even today – nearly 300 years later.

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**More volunteers needed to ring church bells for the King**

The Coronation's 'Ring for the King' challenge is still urgently looking for more volunteers – several thousand more of them, in fact.

The new recruits will be needed if all the church bells in the country are to be rung on 6th May, the day of the Coronation.

As we go to press, so far the Ring for the King campaign has attracted less than 500. But there is still time, and organisers remain upbeat.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR) says that new recruits need about 15 hours of training to be able to manage a bell alone. And the CCCBR hopes that

once volunteers have discovered the fun of bellringing, "they'll want to continue to grow their skills and friendships made through this journey of discovery."

There are 6,000 sets of bells across Britain, containing almost 38,000 bells, which require one ringer per bell. However, there are only about 30,000 bell-ringers across the country, with some teams working across several churches.

Anyone aged eight and over can get involved in bell-ringing. It has been described as "gentle exercise" and does not require a certain level of fitness, although ringers often have to climb a church's spiral staircase to get to its belfry.



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

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

### **Appointment Times:**

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

### **Patient Online:**

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

### **Telephone Numbers:**

Reception: 01246 582216

District Nursing Team 01332 564 900

Health Visitor: 01629 816633

### **Normal Surgery Opening Times**

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

(closed Bank Holidays)

(Phones 8am – 6.30pm Mon - Fri).

### **Surgery Closure**

The surgery will be closed on the following dates:

**Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - all day;**

**Easter Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April - all day**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April - training pm**

**May Bank Holidays 1<sup>st</sup>; 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**  
all day

**Wednesdahy 10<sup>th</sup> - training pm**

### **Ordering Repeat Medication**

You can order repeat medications in the following ways:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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It was 75 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1948, that the Land Rover, a British all-terrain vehicle, was officially launched at the Amsterdam Motor Show. According to Yougov.co.uk, nowadays 95% of us have heard of them, and 58% of us admire them.

## National Stop Snoring Week 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Do you love and also live with someone who snores? Then you will know how difficult it can be at times. Snoring can put great strain on the health and relationship of both partners.

For this reason, the British Snoring & Sleep Apnoea Association (BSSAA) runs the National Stop Snoring Week, to encourage people to seek help with their problem. It warns that: 'snoring will not go away – it will only get worse if not addressed.'

Sadly, snoring affects a large portion of the adult population. It can range from gentle vibrations to whistles to

very loud growling. The noise of snoring is well known to be one that cannot be tolerated for long without disrupting sleep.

Long-term snoring can even be an indicator of a potentially serious sleep disorder known as obstructive sleep apnoea, which is found in 4% to 10% of adults.

So if someone in your home snores, you may find the following websites helpful:

The British Snoring & Sleep Apnoea Association (B.S.S.A.A.) : <https://britishsnoring.co.uk>  
 Mayo Clinic: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/snoring/>  
 NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/snoring/>

READINGS & ROTAS FOR APRIL 2023

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES</u>	
2	3pm	Family Communion	Revd Stephen Monk	Sarah Porter*
9	9.30am	Holy Communion	Bishop of Repton	Barbara Hawksworth
16	9.30am	Morning Prayer	David Neale	“ “
23	<b>Joint Service at St. Peter's</b> - Sheep Service			Fiona Swain
30	9.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Bob Boyle	“ “
*Brasses only during Lent				
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
2	10.45am	Holy Communion	Revd Nicky Fenton	Mike Pindar/Gillian Caird
9	10.45am	Holy Communion	Bishop of Repton	Mr & Mrs Gordon
16	10.45am	Matins	David Neale	Roger Sherwood/Diana Walters
23	10.45am	Sheep Service	Canon Andie Brown	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw
30	10.45am	Holy Communion	Revd Bob Boyle	Mr & Mrs Wardle
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>
2	John & Gill Caws	Mr & Mrs Jackson		Lent - no flowers
9	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw		Easter Lilies
16	Lesley Butcher/Helen Garvey	Mr & Mrs Wardle		Wilma Day
23	Ann & Tony Hubbuck	Marian & Terry Grealey		Margaret Nelson
30	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters		Amanda Neale
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>	
2	<b>Isaiah 50: 4-9a</b> <b>Passion Gospel according to Matthew</b> <b>Philippians 2: 5-11</b> <b>Matthew 21: 1-11</b>	Diana Walters	TBA	
9	<b>Acts 10: 34-43</b> <b>Matthew 28: 1-10</b>	Duke of Devonshire	Fiona Swain	
16	<b>Acts 2: 14a &amp; 22-32</b> <b>John 20: 19-end</b>	David Jackson	Rupert Turner	
23	<b>Ezekiel 34: 11-15</b> <b>John 10: 1-10</b>	Shepherd	Joint Service at St. Peter's	
30	<b>Acts 2: 42-47</b> <b>John 10: 1-10</b>	John Bowns	Fiona Lichfield	

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