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A thought from Revd Stephen Monk

"When Hetty Green died in 1916, she was reportedly the richest woman in the United States, leaving an estate of more than \$100 million. In addition to her great fortune, which would be upward of \$4.3 billion by today's standards, Mrs. Green was known for her miserly ways."

Due to external factors and forces we can often feel like Hetty Green, not least in our spiritual life. We can feel impoverished and lacking a certain deep peace and hope within our souls. Hetty Green's story is even more tragic, as her son had an accident which led to an infection in his leg. While looking for the cheapest doctor and treatment, her son's infection really took hold and he lost his leg. It was simply too late to save! Can we imagine the turmoil and guilt she would have felt?

I've been really honoured and privileged to be able to minister to your churches in a very small way. But I wanted to make it clear that from an outsiders perspective you are not poor or lacking in your two church families. Though the pain you're going through at this time can be negative or at least a distraction, I don't want you to fall in to the 'Hetty Green' temptation. From someone new to your churches I wanted to state that you are truly rich in your worship, in your inclusive mentality, in your welcome, in your churchwardens and in yourselves. The Eucharist is at the heart of your/our worship and rightly so for it's the heart of the Christian Faith. Eucharist means thanksgiving and you have much to be thankful for. Your thanksgiving or your gratitude is attractive to all who you meet. It's something that permeates all aspects of your Church life and beyond.

The next chapter of your story is yet to be written but I'd say three things.

1. Keep faithful to your tradition, be joyful for who you are! Don't think you have to be all things to all people!
2. Keep faithful to your prayers, both corporate and private. Without prayer we're simply bad social workers and reactionary forces who are rootless.

3. Love who you are, don't feel like you have to change to fit in with external pressure or even a desperate need to 'fit in'. Again, as an outsider I think the way you are church is beautiful, compassionate and very life giving. You are two different but equally important church communities.

So, I want to thank you all for your support, your tolerance, your gifts and talents, and your graciousness in allowing me to serve you in a very small way. Please hear me and know that you are all immensely precious, faithful and deeply loving. Know that in uncertain times you are a light to other people and other parishes. And any priest would be greatly privileged to work along side you. So, keep on doing what you do, that is be an outward looking Christian presence in the middle of Derbyshire. Nothing less than a sign of God's love and grace for all people.

With my prayers, love and affection.

(I hope that the quotations below give us all food for thought.)

Revd Stephen Monk

"Many things are possible for the person who has hope. Even more is possible for the person who has faith. And still more is possible for the person who knows how to love. But everything is possible for the person who practices all three virtues".

(Br. Lawrence)

"Let Christ turn your natural optimism into Christian hope, your energy into moral virtue, your goodwill into genuine self-sacrificing love! This is the path you are called to take. This is the path to overcoming all that threatens hope, virtue and love in your lives and in your culture. In this way your youth will be a gift to Jesus and to the world."

(Pope Francis)

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Beeley in Bloom 2023

Beeley in Bloom raised £4000.38 for the village hall over the weekend of the 24th & 25th June. The Cavendish Village Hall Committee (Beeley) would like to thank very much all our helpers, serving teas, helping on stalls, our traffic directors and a special mention to all those on the duck race, coaxers, wave makers and those that caught them at the end so they don't end up in Bakewell!

The funds are for energy saving measures for the hall.

International Bat Night: 26th-27th August

Did you know that there are 18 species of bat in the UK?

And did you know that these bats make up almost a quarter of ALL our mammal species?

So, our UK bats are well worth celebrating. And International Bat Night brings together bat groups and the Bat Conservation Trust, to provide many opportunities for bat

walks and talks at dusk in local neighbourhoods across the UK.

As the bat groups explain: "We aim to encourage thousands of people across the country to see bats in their natural environment by taking part in a range of events organised by local bat groups, wildlife trusts, countryside rangers and other organisations across the country."

More information at: <https://www.bats.org.uk/support-bats/international-bat-night>

Easy Fundraising

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



To Register

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

To Shop

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

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

Edensor Village Day & Open Gardens Saturday 17th June 2023

Following an absolutely fantastic turnout for Edensor Day (we actually believe the largest yet) we are delighted to say that the day raised a total of £14,518.11, which will be distributed to the charities nominated this year, Sheffield Children's Hospital, Helens Trust and St Peter's Churchyard Maintenance Fund.

We are most grateful to the Duke and Duchess for opening the event and a huge thank you to everyone involved in whatever capacity and for spreading the word to ensure the day was the success it was.

Kathryn Joseph

Obstinate (Smile...) The clergyman was walking through the village one day when he met one of his parishioners. "How's your cold, Donald?" he asked. "Verra obstinate" came the reply. "And how is your wife?" "About the same."

Dates for your Diary - August 2023

- 6 **St. Peter's Church 2pm - Baptism** Maeve Rita Wren Coleman
20 **St. Peter's Church 2pm - Baptism** Millie Louise Wood
24 **CHATTY CRAFTS** - 10.30-12 in the Chapel at St. Peter's. Join us for crafting or just a cuppa and a chat. Everyone welcome.
26 **Chatsworth Horticultural & Produce Show opens 2pm** at the Cavendish Hall, Edensor
27 **St. Peter's Church 2pm - Baptism** Dillys Ivy Butcher

CHATSWORTH WI COFFEE MORNING

10.30 - 3pm

Saturday 5th August

At Mary Read's Garden, Edensor



Wensley Ensemble Charity Concert

At 4pm on Sunday 20th August, the local Wensley Ensemble (Lucy Wright violin, Neil Clarke viola, Deborah Findley cello, Gillian Bithel piano) will be giving a programme of music for piano quartet at **St Giles' Church, Matlock**. They are playing music by Beethoven, Turina, and Schumann. Joaquin Turina's quartet, written in 1931 and a minor masterpiece, is a rarely heard but dynamic and distinctively Spanish romantic work. Schumann's Piano Quartet, written in 1842, is one of the greatest works of its genre, and is full of spirit, vitality and lyrical beauty.

There will be a Retiring Collection with all proceeds going to the work of UNICEF in Ukraine.

Refreshments will be served after the concert, and all are warmly welcomed to this fund-raising event.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club June Draw 2023

1st Prize £30 - no. 24 Daphne Feeney

2nd prize £20 - no. 65 Duchess of
Devonshire

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

How to build the perfect sandcastle – in 9 easy steps

If you are going to the beach this month, first pay a visit to <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/inspire-me/blog/blog-posts/how-to-build-the-perfect-sandcastle/>

The Padley Centre

Hello and welcome to the Padley Harvest Festival Campaign 2023

Padley's aim is that no one in Derby and Derbyshire suffers from Homelessness, poverty and social isolation.

Last year 1,169 people visited us 3,976 times at our day centre on Liversage Street for support, advice and guidance. We provided 11,416 meals at our day centre or in our food parcels, we also provided 131 clothing parcels and 871 toiletry parcels.

Harvest is our most important campaign, we need it to provide the services we give to the people that need it most.

Please help us and be part of our Harvest Campaign 2023. I'm sharing our needs list here so that you can see what we most need.

This year deliveries will be to our warehouse, 20 Shaftesbury Street South, Derby DE23 8YH.

We are running an online donation campaign if you wish to donate money instead of items. Please use this link to donate online <https://checkout.justgiving.com/obz7x76txn>.

GRAVY GRANULES - BISCUITS - COOK-IN-SAUCES - SUGAR
SAUCES (RED, BROWN, MAYONNAISE) - JAM - PASTA - RICE - TINNED FRUIT
TINNED MEAT - TINNED TOMATOES - TINNED FISH - TINNED RICE PUDDING
TINNED VEGETABLES - TINNED BAKED BEANS - TINNED CUSTARD - FLOUR - FRUIT
SQUASH - LONG LIFE MILK - TEA - COFFEE - CEREAL

DEODORANT - DISPOSABLE RAZORS - KITCHEN ROLL - TOILET ROLL - SHAVING
FOAM - SHAMPOO - CONDITIONER - SHOWER GEL - SANITARY PRODUCTS -
LAUNDRY DETERGENT - WASHING UP LIQUID

CLOTHING, SHOES, UNUSED UNDERWEAR OF ALL GENDER AND SIZES
BOOKS - BRIC A BRAC - JEWELLERY - BEDDING - COATS - HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES

Being bored is good for you

This will cheer you up this summer, when your children mope around the house saying that they are bored: apparently a bit of boredom is good for them.

So says a senior educationalist, Julia Robinson, who has encouraged parents NOT to force their children into too many activities. Instead, they must be allowed to become bored, so that they can have time to be reflective and calm. Too many pursuits such as music lessons, sport

and online learning could result in a generation of manic, anxiety-ridden adults, she warns. She points out that happiness does not come from a “regime of unrealistic multitasking, running oneself ragged with an exhausting programme of endless... activities.”

Another educationalist urged that children need “downtime....They have the right to be bored, to give them the stimulus to be inventive, resourceful and self-reliant – all important life skills.”



Community News

Information for local groups, societies, clubs, parish and town councils

Protecting Derbyshire's nature

We're so lucky in Derbyshire to live and work in such a beautiful county with so many diverse natural habitats – woodland, moors, waterways and so on. And we're going to be taking a new lead in protecting them now that we've been appointed by the Government as a 'responsible authority' for nature recovery.

It means we'll be responsible for putting together a Local Nature Recovery Strategy, which will map the location and condition of

Derbyshire's habitats and identify where biodiversity is in decline or limited in ecosystem value.

It'll also set out the long-term vision and action plan for local organisations, businesses, landowners and the public to work together to improve the natural environment across Derbyshire – including Derby and the part of the Peak District National Park within the county. We'll work closely with relevant public, private and voluntary sector organisations to draw on their collective expertise to produce the plan, with the aim of co-ordinating existing efforts and driving forwards new initiatives to improve the natural environment in Derbyshire. *Find out more at:* derbyshire.gov.uk

Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 2023 in the Cavendish Chapel

Nine members of the PCC were present, with one apology from Nadine Harrington
Canon Mark Titterton opened the meeting with the Collect for the day.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd March were agreed and signed as a true record.

Report from the Chair: Thanks were given to Liz and Lynne for their continued hard work during this period. Mike Pindar was welcomed as a PCC member.

Vacancy update: During a visit from Bishop Libby on Sunday, 28th May the proposals and new job description was explained to the congregation and it is hoped the revised documentation can be agreed at this meeting in order to proceed.

Canon Mark commented that in his view St. Peter's and St. Anne's churches are in an immensely fortunate position with what has been offered.

Funding for the extra two days agreed for the new post to be met by the Diocesan Board of Finance. The job will be advertised this time as permanent and full-time.

Some members of the PCC thought there was an emphasis in the advert on tourism rather than the Church, others thought some sentences were too long and, consequently, did not make sense. It was explained the advert had been written by the Diocese, not by the representatives of the Church.

A question was also asked about the role for the tourism/visitor work undertaken. Canon Mark explained that days of working were flexible (dependent upon other responsibilities within the Church e.g. for funerals) and the successful candidate would be expected to scope the work him/herself, and then report to the Archdeacon.

It is a great opportunity for the Church, but the advertisement needs to be agreed and confirmed to go forward to the Church Times tomorrow (15/6/23). Proposed by David Hartington, one abstention, all others agreed.

It was agreed that the views about the advert be submitted to the Acting Archdeacon. However, it would be the decision of the Diocese which wording is used.

Finance: A statement of Financial Activities for the period 1/1/23 - 11/6/23 was circulated by Canon Mark before the meeting.

During the period 1/1/23 - 11/6/23 there has been a loss of £3,190.55. This is due largely to Planned giving dropping, and the increases in gas and electricity prices. St. Peter's is still part of the Church Energy Basket. This contract to be renewed in September.

At the current rate of loss, it was noted that the projected loss at the end of the year could be around £26,000, although this is not expected to be the case as electricity and gas costs are lower during summer months.

The challenge is to get people to give regularly.

Churchyard:

Gravestones. The three gravestones identified as being unsafe need to be dealt with. Liz will ask someone to deal with this and Mike Pindar also offered to help.

War Graves

Information circulated prior to meeting. It was proposed the sign should be a small size and placed on the gate. Proposed David Hartington, all others in agreement. Lynne to proceed.

MAP Updates: MAP updates had been circulated before the meeting and noted.

Website: Jemima will upload drafts of the new website for everyone to see in the next few days. PCC members were asked to look at this, try it out and decide which bits they like/dislike.

When agreed, Jemima will upload the site. It can be amended later to include further information, although privacy will need to be ensured.

Lynne gave thanks to Jemima for her work on this.

It was suggested the Church magazine might also be able to go on in time.

The website has been designed to be more welcoming.

Schedule of Work: The leak on the South porch has been repaired. Mortar on the wall needed replacing.

Safeguarding Updates: Sarah Porter, Safeguarding Officer, has records of which individual members of the PCC need to complete their training.

Edensor Day & other fundraising events: Edensor Day will take place on Saturday, 17th June. Many of the congregation are helping run stalls, etc.

The 'Mary, Queen of Scots' evening was attended by 40 people and raised £360. While the social side of the evening was rewarding, there is a case that the church needs to make more money.

A suggestion was made that there needs to be a balance of events during the year.

It was agreed that the PCC should meet sometime in September (date to be arranged) to collectively discuss ideas and to find a way forward.

AOB: David Hartington asked Jemima, as the youngest member of the PCC, how younger people could be attracted to the church. There are not many young people living in this area, and in future it may be that churches become centres of excellence eg. BCP.

The Meeting ended with the Grace.

Date of next meeting to be arranged.

Bumblebees are happy near churches

Bumblebees like churchyards. At least, they were the insects most seen during a recent survey of churchyards and burial grounds in England.

It all shows "how valuable, when managed sensitively, many of our churchyards are for bumblebees," said a spokesman for Caring for God's

Acre, a conservation charity for UK burial grounds. Such places often offer unique habitats for nature.

The survey was part of the Churches Count on Nature, an opportunity for communities to record plants, insects and animals found in burial grounds and churchyards. After bumblebees, ladybirds and aphids took second and third place.

‘He gave us eyes to see them’: The Golden Fish by Paul Klee

Michael Burgess looks at great works of Christian art. You can see the image described by googling ‘The Golden Fish’ by Paul Klee

A few years ago, I was sponsored by the Mothers’ Union in my diocese to go ‘swimming with sharks’ at the Blue Planet Aquarium near Chester. The prospect seemed daunting, but it proved to be a magical, memorable experience. When I went down into the water, it was like entering a new world – somehow both alien and attractive at the same time. Manta rays swam lazily by, and small fish gathered at my feet, inquisitive and waiting to be massaged by falling stones from my hand. The magic of that water-world is caught vividly in this month’s painting, ‘The Golden Fish’ by Paul Klee.

Paul Klee was a Swiss painter who lived in Germany until he was expelled in 1933. He died seven years later, but in his lifetime produced some 9000 works of art, each one displaying inventiveness and versatility. ‘The Golden Fish,’ painted in 1925, portrays a unique creature gliding serenely through its underwater kingdom. The gold scales, the red fins and the powerful eye provide a sharp contrast to the deep blue sea where other smaller

fish are swimming to the edges of the canvas.

Is the artist showing us that secret, mysterious world that lies beneath the surface of the water, or is it simply an aquarium in his own house? Whichever it is, he is introducing us to a world that we, who live on the solid land beneath our feet, take for granted. Sevenths of our world is water, and our planet is really one gigantic aquarium. We can travel to the coasts of our island and see the great sea stretching out before us. It may bring to mind sandcastles and summer holidays, or a boat trip when the choppy waves made us feel queasy, or the memory of pirate stories about galleons and treasure, or the squawk of seagulls over our heads. Here in this painting, Paul Klee is telling us something of the nobility and wonder of this primeval element.

The opening pages of Scripture introduce us to the great waters of Creation, when the wind of God swept over the face of the deep, and separated the seas from the dry land. On the fifth day God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures,’ and God saw that it was good. Rupert Brooke in his poem, ‘Heaven,’ imagines that world of fishes and sea creatures pondering what is beyond this element of

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water, just as we on land ponder the future of our world.

*‘Somewhere, beyond Space and Time,
Is wetter water, slimier slime!
And there (they trust) there swimmeth
One Who swam ere rivers were begun,
Immense, of fishy form and mind,
Squamous, omnipotent and kind.
And under that Almighty Fin
The littlest fish may enter in...
And in that Heaven of all their wish,
There shall be no more land, say fish.’*

Poet and painter invite us to ponder the majestic glory of this element of sea and ocean which is part of God’s good creation. In ‘The Golden Fish’ we glimpse something of the wonder of life it contains and find ourselves echoing the psalmist in Psalm 104: ‘Here is the immeasurable sea in which move creatures beyond number. Countless are the things thou hast made, O Lord. Thou hast made all by thy wisdom.’

Believe in your local government

The Bishop of Durham believes that people should take local government more seriously.

Speaking recently in the House of Lords, he said that too few people appreciate the important role that local government can play in addressing the issues that they most care about.

Bishop Paul Butler said: “There is a feeling among the public, regardless of political flavour, that local elections are irrelevant.” Yet the Bishop believes that the opposite is true. “Local governments deal with the issues that impact the details of our everyday lives” – ranging from schools and housing to social care and the clearing of bins.

What are you drinking?

Cold drinks in hot weather are great, but if you head for the high-sugar fizzy drinks, you are putting yourself at risk of heart disease and type-2 diabetes. Fizzy drinks are full of sugar, but no vitamins, minerals or antioxidants. Instead, try serving water with ice and pieces of fresh

orange, lemon or lime to add flavour. Or dilute a pure fruit juice with sparkling mineral water. Or go for herbal tea or fruit tea. For more ideas visit <https://heartresearch.org.uk/eating-better/>

Lead bishop for housing backs Prince of Wales homelessness project

The Church of England's lead bishop for housing Dr Guli Francis-Deqhani, has welcomed the launch of the five-year Homewards project by the Prince of Wales to end long term homelessness.

"The leadership of the Prince of Wales will undoubtedly have a tangible impact; his determination to address this crisis will be welcomed by churches up and down the country.

"The Coming Home report from the Archbishops' Commission on

Housing, Church and Community set out the role that the Church can play in addressing a lack of truly affordable and high quality housing - a major factor behind homelessness.

Good homes provide a foundation for communities where everyone can flourish. Together we have substantial resources to bring to bear, and so we look forward to adding our support to the Prince of Wales as he leads on this vital issue."

Beware of the dog?

The number of dog attacks recorded by police in England and Wales has risen by more than a third in the past five years, from 16,000 to 22,000 in 2022. Dog attacks are currently costing the NHS more than £70 million a year.

As one expert has put it: "We are in the middle of a companion dog crisis." So, what is going on?

For one thing, there were 3.2 million puppies born during the pandemic, when they were not able to socialise and attend training classes. By now, they are young adults, with loads of energy but little knowledge of how to behave.

Another problem is that although dogs seldom attack without some warning, a lot of people are failing to spot the warning signs. Not only that, but the owners then can engage in behaviour which actually increases their dog's distress.

When people don't realise what behaviour can trigger their dogs to snap or bite, they put themselves and others at risk, especially where young children are concerned.

Many experts would welcome a public information campaign, and improved access to dog training, to help to address some of the current issues.

6th August

The Transfiguration of Jesus

It's an unusual story. One day, Jesus is with three disciples on a high mountain in Galilee, when His appearance dramatically changes. Also, Moses and Elijah suddenly appear, and from a cloud comes the voice of God. What is this all about?

This event was witnessed by James, Peter, and John. They were close friends of Jesus. In the future, they were to become prominent leaders in the Early Church. They needed to see something special that would help them remember Jesus in the difficult years ahead. They had a glimpse of Christ in His divine glory. His face shone like the sun and His clothes turned white as light.

While this was an extraordinary sight for the disciples, it served to encourage Jesus who once had glory and majesty in Heaven. One day He would have it again. But firstly, He had to fulfil His mission: to suffer on the cross and die.

Why were Moses and Elijah standing with Jesus? Moses was the giver of the Law and Elijah represented all the prophets. They had pointed people to the promised Messiah. Jesus was about to complete God's plan of salvation.

God's voice was heard to remind Peter there was no need to build shelters. They were not going to stay on the mountain. God spoke to get the disciples to fix their attention on Jesus. The wonder of the Transfiguration was a short interlude before Jesus had to return to His work and subsequent death on the cross.

This story is a reminder that our times of spiritual blessing have to be followed by down-to-earth commitments and responsibilities. In the same way that Jesus gave His friends a glimpse of His awesome glory, to help them face challenging and traumatic times ahead, our special times in His presence are provided to encourage us and equip us for the trials we may have to face.

Our journey through life may sometimes rise to the peaks but we can't stay on a 'high' all the time – no matter how much we want it! We have to descend to face everyday challenges if we are to fulfil our calling in Christ. From our mountain-top experiences we all need to find a balance between times alone with God and serving Him in the company of others.

13th August

Florence Nightingale – nurse, social reformer

If you have a strong sense of calling from God, then you will well understand Florence Nightingale. At the age of 16 she felt God was calling her to some great lifework, and so she determined to avoid marriage, and thus be available to obey Him.

Florence had been born in Italy in 1820, while her parents were travelling - hence her name. But she grew up at Lea Hurst in Derbyshire. Her parents were Unitarian, but Florence later joined the Anglican Church.

Florence had a strong sense of God's personal presence in her life, and in 1844, when she was 24, Florence came to believe that her calling was to nurse the sick. In 1849 she set off to study nursing in the hospitals of Europe.

It was on 12th May, 1850 that she wrote in her diary: 'Today I am 30 – the age Christ began His mission. Now no more childish things. No more love. No more marriage. Now Lord let me think only of Thy will, what Thou wiltest me to do.'

Later that same year she went to train in the hospital of Alexandria in Egypt, and then the Lutheran Deaconess Institute at Kaiserwerth in Germany. In 1853 she returned to England, and was appointed

superintendent of the Hospital for Invalid Gentlewomen in London.

Then the following year, 1854, war broke out in the Crimea. Florence contacted friends in high places, and soon got permission to take 38 nurses to serve at the military hospitals at Scutari in Turkey, and later Balaklava in the Crimea. These hospitals were dreadful places, but with better nursing and better sanitation, the mortality rate among the sick and wounded men soon fell dramatically.

When, by night, Florence took to patrolling the hospital wards, carrying a dim lamp, the legend of 'the Lady with the Lamp' was born.

After the Crimean war, Florence returned to England determined to establish the first professional nurse training scheme in the country. She found a base at St Thomas' Hospital in London, and through her efforts the stature of nursing gradually rose to become that of a respected medical profession.

But Florence had been working too long and too hard, and now her own health broke down, and she became an invalid. But she was not forgotten, and the honours rolled in. In 1907 she became the first woman to receive the Order of Merit. Florence died in London on 13th August 1910, aged 90, and was buried in St Margaret's, East Wellow, in Hampshire. Her tombstone says simply: F.N. 1820 – 1910.

What's your next step?

Roger Roberts reflects on the endings that early summer can bring.

Does this summer spell the end of school, college, or even a job, for you? Then congratulations are in order: you have completed a significant step!

Now it is time to consider your next step. The dictionary defines 'step' as a physical movement that advances you in a desired direction. You take a 'step' forward in order to get somewhere specific, not just to stop yourself falling flat on your face. Each 'step', however small, can take you towards a specific goal.

The Bible reflects this. It is filled with the metaphors of stepping, walking, running and goals, pilgrimages, journeys, all to describe the years of our lives.

When we were babies, we clung to our parents' hands as we learned how to take our first steps. They stayed right by us, to keep us from falling, and to steer us in the right direction. As adults, the Bible tells us that a successful journey through all of life is based on how near we walk to God – and let Him guide us in the steps we should take.

Choosing your next step in life this year is important. The good news is that you need not do it on your

own. The Bible makes clear that in God, you have a divine 'life coach'. He knows you perfectly – and He has a plan for your life. Most of all this involves a personal relationship with Him.

We've all seen toddlers staggering towards danger, ignoring their parents' cries of warning. We've all seen adults making a mess of their lives. They are ignoring their personal divine Shepherd, Guide, Teacher and Helper.

A baby learns to walk safely by listening to its parents. We learn what God's will is for us through daily reading of His Word, in the Bible, and in obeying what we read.

For when God guides us, He does not hand down a divine map of our lives. His guidance is more like that of a torch – light for our daily path.

God's final 'step' for you is that you should know, enjoy, and glorify Him forever. Throughout our lives, we are to be taking small daily steps towards the Eternal City and He will see that we reach our final goal.

Meanwhile, the Lord wants you to succeed in the earthly goals that He has for you! Ask God to be your guide and helper as you take your next step.

15th August ‘Shall we not love thee, Mother dear?’

The Church responds with a resounding ‘Yes’ to that question, as we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary on 15th August. (Usually her feast day is on the 16th.) An ancient name for this day is the transition of Mary – her crossing over to eternal life – or the assumption of Mary. But her story begins in the Gospels, in Nazareth and Bethlehem.

At the Annunciation, Gabriel announces the good news to Mary. She becomes a mother and embarks on a journey that takes her to the temple in Jerusalem, a wedding feast at Cana, the Cross of Calvary, and the upper room of Pentecost. Through Christian history her story has spoken to people in every age and culture and land.

As we look at her life now, there are two qualities that stand out. The first is thanksgiving. Mary came from a people that realised the importance of thanking God, and her response to the good news is to raise her heart in the words of the Magnificat. ‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the

Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour.’

The second quality is trust. Rowan Williams has written that despite the years of controversy about the place of our Lady, we still need to hold out our hands to her for guidance and succour. “For at the very least she is the first person to put her trust in God who is shown in Jesus.” Through all that happened to her – the amazing news of Gabriel, no room at the inn, the worry over wine at the wedding – Mary ponders and trusts. To the servants at Cana, she says, “Do whatever Jesus tells you. It will be all right. You will see.”

Thanksgiving and trust: easy enough to see in our Lady, but perhaps more difficult to own for ourselves. Yet Mary assures us that with God all things are possible. Holding on to that faith, we can journey with her Son through life and death to eternal life.

Reflecting Faith - the Pulpit pt. 2

The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series

When you last heard a sermon given from a pulpit, what was your reaction? Whilst pulpits can of themselves be beautiful and stately, intricately carved and decorated, they can also be places of separateness. Rather than ending up helping the congregation to hear and see the preacher better, they can sometimes become a block to doing just that.

And it is not just pulpits. There are other things that can diminish our paying attention to the sermon.

For one thing, in some churches the individual appearance of the minister may be distracting. This is one reason why robes and vestments are worn - to keep 'personality' out of worship; to enable people to concentrate on God, not the person up front.

Then again, there is the increased use of electronic devices in worship.

Seeing the preacher preach from an 'electronic' tablet can take some getting used to.

Or what about flower arrangements at the pulpit? Some may be so spectacular that people hardly see or hear the preacher, in the midst of all those blooms.

But the good news is that the dominance of the pulpit can give authority to what is said from it. And as the preacher climbs into it, they can feel a renewed assurance and confidence that they are about to speak God's words and He is with them.

This month

See if you can hear a sermon preached not from a pulpit. Does it feel more or less important, connected and/or personal? What other things distract you from hearing and taking on board what the preacher is saying?

Blessings (*Smile.....*)

The student was writing to the head of the mission in England who had founded his local school in the African bush. He wanted to end with a blessing, 'May heaven preserve you.'

Not being quite confident of his English, he looked up the word 'preserve'. When the letter reached the head of the mission, it ended with the words: 'And may Heaven pickle you.'

Clergy struggle in cost-of-living crisis

Is the C of E paying its clergy enough? The amount of the stipend is determined by dioceses, but they use national stipend benchmarks which are set by the Archbishops' Council each year.

A guiding principle in setting these benchmarks is that “clergy should be paid at a level that gives them a standard of living that is between poverty and affluence.”

But now the Clergy Support Trust has suggested that, in the current economic crisis, recent stipend increases have not achieved this stable balance for clergy homes, at a time when there is a growing need for pastoral care.

The Trust says that it has never been busier. Almost one fifth of the beneficed and licensed clergy received support from the Trust during 2022. And the Trust's charitable spend has risen by 51 per cent since 2021. Much of the support was due to clergy requesting help in order to cover household energy bills and other basic living expenses.

The Trust has also spoken of a worrying trend where ordinands begin their curacy with a significant

amount of debt. It is also concerned at the seemingly growing acceptance among clergy that living in debt is just a part of life for those in ministry.

Cumulatively, since April 2021, national stipend levels have fallen behind inflation by about 6.5 per cent. In response, the C of E Employee and Clergy Advocates (CEECA) union has proposed a 9.5-per-cent increase in national stipend levels, from April 2024. That would make the national average stipend about £31,600, and no less than £29,340.

The Revd Sam Maginnis, chair of the CofE Employee and Clergy Advocates union warns that if clergy families are under constant financial strain, “the increased likelihood of stress and burnout can push personal and pastoral relationships to breaking point.”

Instead, Revd Maginnis believes that clergy “should be provided with enough money to support a stable, happy home life, and the emotional capacity to minister effectively to the needs of their community.”

Christian Aid warns thousands at risk after Ukraine floods

Christian Aid has been working “around the clock” with its partners in Ukraine to make sure fresh water supplies are reaching survivors, after the Nova Kakhovka dam was recently destroyed. It is also providing humanitarian supplies to people who are displaced across, or who had to leave, the affected areas of southern Ukraine.

Iryna Dobrohorska, Christian Aid's Ukraine Response Director, said: "The scale of the challenge is huge,

especially with the danger of coming under artillery fire.”

In its efforts to respond, Christian Aid has renewed its emergency appeal for Ukraine. Funds will go to the charity's partners in Ukraine.

Meanwhile, the full impact of the destruction of the dam is still to be assessed. The UN fears it could be an environmental as well as humanitarian disaster.

More details at:

www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals

No money

Lord, I have just balanced my cheque book.
And now I must turn to you to find calm and peace.
And dignity as well.
This dignity which has been eroded for twenty years
because of the awful worry about ‘making ends meet’.
This peace which I’m deprived of,
for fear of not getting through another month.
This calm which I lose when my small income disappears
and I never have a penny left.
What I fear, Lord, is not really poverty.... what I’m afraid of is
degradation.
Afraid of no longer thinking of anything but money,
just because I don’t have any....

By Paul Geres (a nom de plume of a French priest who was in charge of a parish in an industrial city. This poem comes from his collection ‘Prayers for Impossible Days’)

Archbishops welcome Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Friendly Churches initiative

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have recently met with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people advocating for a new initiative aimed at reaching out to people within these communities.

The Gypsy, Roma Traveller (GRT) Friendly Churches will encourage and signpost churches to do more to welcome people into worshipping communities.

Archbishop Justin said: "The Gospel of Jesus Christ is about reconciliation, and it is my hope that the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller

Friendly Churches initiative will enable a bridge between settled people and Travellers and be part of this reconciliation process.

"Every country has distinct cultures amongst Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities. The common feature that I have seen across Europe and most recently in Romania is the suffering and marginalisation they have had to endure."

There is a vibrant Christian faith amongst these communities, but Roma, Gypsy and Traveller people have encountered extreme prejudice. Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Friendly Churches seek to reach out and fully welcome all into the full life of the church.

Church of England awards £16.3 million for mission including outreach to young people

Apprentice youth workers, youth ministers, children and family workers, as well as chaplaincy aimed at students in further education, are to be funded as part of major awards to dioceses recently announced by the Church of England.

A total of £16.3 million has been awarded by the Strategic Mission

and Ministry Investment Board to five programmes. The money will support parishes and clergy as they spread the Christian faith and increase the Church of England's engagement with young people.

The plans reflect the Church of England's goal of doubling the number of children and young active disciples in the Church of England by 2030. The aim is that churches more fully reflect the age and diversity of their communities.

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.

Parable: The Strength of a Seed

At this time of year, we enjoy the fruits of our gardens, fields and hedgerows: vegetables ripen, crops are harvested, and berries begin to show bright among the leaves. Much of this growth started with a few seeds in spring: the miracle of life coming from small dead-looking things. There is a league table of long-lived seeds. The winners so far are from the narrow-leafed campion, buried by squirrels in the Siberian permafrost over 30,000 years ago. When those seeds finally germinated, they became healthy plants that flowered and produced seeds of their own.

The Bible contains many links between seeds and spiritual growth, and the parable of the sower is the most famous (in Matthew 13). A person may hear or experience something of God which has the potential to germinate into a life of following Him, resulting in the fruit of others coming to know God too. But things can happen that snatch that seed away, killing it before it has finished germinating, or choking its growth.

What about the knowledge of God that gets trampled, churned too deep in the mire of life to receive the warmth and light it needs to develop into faith? Buried seeds don't always die, but they can lie dormant, remaining alive but inactive until the earth is turned over. The possibility of that moment of connecting with something divine, a scrap of knowledge, or snatch of conversation resulting in a changed life may seem infinitesimally small, but it's not zero. The seed may be incredibly tough, just waiting for a chance to grow.

The Gospel narrative plays on the fact that it took a long time for the disciples to understand the full implications of Jesus' teaching: a germination process that took many of them three or more years. They could have been discouraged, but Jesus was not. I don't think it's too much of a stretch to draw out of the parable of the sower to include the observation that it can take a long time, sometimes decades, for people to work their way through the various barriers, sticking points, and phases of forgetfulness that may keep them from following through on their spiritual experience. When we finally receive – or are open to – the encouragement, challenge, or experience that helps our faith in Christ grow, we can experience the rich fruit of a transformed life.

Remembering Ralph Vaughan Williams

by Tim Lenton

It was 65 years ago, on 26th August 1958, that the British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams died. Among his most famous compositions are *The Lark Ascending*, *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis* and *A Sea Symphony*.

Despite increasing deafness, brought on by exposure to gunfire when he served in the Second World War, Vaughan Williams was still composing into his 80s. He died, aged 85, the night before recording sessions began on his Ninth Symphony.

The son of a vicar, the composer – himself an agnostic, although he edited the English Hymnal in 1904 and wrote several hymn tunes – was born in Down Ampney, Gloucestershire, and was related to Charles Darwin and to the potter Josiah Wedgwood. He played violin and piano and was a keen collector of folk songs, the tunes of which he included in many of his compositions.

Vaughan Williams was married twice: first to Adeline Fisher and after her death in 1951 to the poet Ursula Wood, who was an occasional collaborator on his compositions. He was also a lifelong friend of the composer Gustav Holst.

The Lark Ascending – probably Vaughan Williams' most famous piece – was written in 1914, but its premiere was delayed by the First World War. It was eventually given in 1921 by the violinist Marie Hall – for whom Vaughan Williams had written it.

His ashes are interred in Westminster Abbey. His work was almost unique in the variety of music types he employed. It included nine symphonies, concertos for piano, violin, oboe and tuba, five operas, chamber, ballet and film music and songs and song cycles – among other things.

125 years ago, on 23rd August 1898, the British Antarctic Expedition set off from London and became the first to spend winter on the Antarctic mainland and cross the Ross Ice Shelf. It was the first British expedition of the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration. The expedition returned to London in June 1900.

60 years ago, on 28th August 1963, Dr Martin Luther King Jr, delivered his famous 'I Have a Dream' speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The civil rights rally was attended by approximately 200,000 supporters.

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How much time a day do you spend on your smartphone? According to one app monitoring firm, App Annie, we can spend an average of 4.8 hours a day on it.

And so much time is not doing us any good.

As one writer has put it, our smartphone "removes us from the present moment and wastes time that could be more profitably and purposefully spent. Imagine, at the end of your life, receiving a balance sheet stating the number of your hours on Earth lost to scrolling."

Scientists explain the attraction of smartphones in this way : responding to the 'push notification' rewards you

with dopamine, the brain chemical that makes you happy. "The smartphone is the modern-day hypodermic needle, delivering digital dopamine 24/7 for a wired generation," Dr Anna Lembke, professor of psychiatry and behavioural sciences at Stanford University, California, wrote in her book *Dopamine Nation* in 2021.

Dr Lembke warns: "The scrolling and visual stimuli release dopamine in our brain's reward pathways, and the way our brain compensates for overstimulation is [by entering] a dopamine deficit state. Once we're in that state we continue scrolling to try and bring those dopamine levels back up to baseline, so we get into a place where we're chasing our tail. We're chasing dopamine."

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August
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Read a book!

This summer, why not encourage your children to read a book? A recent study has found that children who read for pleasure carry the benefits with them far into adulthood. And the most avid childhood readers score far higher on vocabulary tests, even 30 years later. As Marcel Proust the author once said, there are “no days of our childhood lived so fully as those spent with a favourite book.”



Eating late at night

It is not good to eat late at night, but it is very tempting at times. At least you can reduce the damage by avoiding certain types of food.

For while many people blame alcohol for a poor night's sleep, food high in processed carbohydrates, saturated fats, and sugar can also affect sleep quality, according to recent research published in the journal Obesity.

As one expert explains, such foods “upset our metabolism.” Eating sugar late at night overstimulates you, as the rising blood sugar prepares your body for activity. When we eat late at night, our body temperature rises. But when we are preparing to fall asleep, our body temperature falls, so eating late goes against our body's natural desire to drop in temperature.”

Allotments come of age as 2023 marks the 21st year of National Allotments Week

Much beloved by gardeners across the UK, allotments are cherished for the space they provide to grow one's own fresh vegetables, among other things.

This year the theme is Soil Health. As National Allotments Week explains: "Good soil health is widely accepted as a way to improve yield

when growing edibles, but also contributes positively to biodiversity and the environment as the world faces more climate challenges. The NAS hope that this National Allotments Week will inform and educate gardeners old and new about the benefit of caring for the soil and the creatures that inhabit it."

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<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>			
6	9.30am Holy Communion <i>Revd Stephen Monk</i>	Liz Turner			
13	Joint service at St. Peter's, Edensor	Sarah Porter			
20	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>David Neale</i>	" "			
27	Joint service at St. Peter's, Edensor	Barbara Hawksworth			
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>			
6	10.45am Holy Communion <i>Revd Stephen Monk</i>	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw			
13*	10.45am Holy Communion <i>Revd Clive Thrower</i>	Mr & Mrs Wardle			
20	10.45am Matins <i>David Neale</i>	Mike Pindar/Gillian Caird			
27*	10.45am Holy Communion <i>Revd Stephen Monk</i>	Mr & Mrs Gordon			
* Joint service with St. Anne's					
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>	
6	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	Gloria Sherwood		
13	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Jackson	" "		
20	Lesley Butcher/Helen Garvey	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Diana Walters		
27	Ann & Tony Hubbuck	Mr & Mrs Wardle	" "		
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>		<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>	
6	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Luke 9: 28-36	Trevor Grimshaw	TBA		
		<i>The Transfiguration of our Lord</i>			
13	1 Kings 19: 9-18 Matthew 14: 22-33	Gloria Sherwood			
		<i>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i>			
20	Isaiah 61: 10-end Luke 1: 46-55	John Caws	Fiona Swain		
		<i>Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
27	Isaiah 51: 1-6 Matthew 16: 13-20	Diana Walters			
		<i>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i>			

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