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# The Bridge



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February 2023

In January Canon Dave Perkins retired and the benefice churches of Edensor and Beeley are once again in a vacancy, or as it used to be called 'an interregnum'. Canon Dave, by my observation, was an excellent pastoral minister and will be greatly missed. The music lovers of the congregations will also miss his lovely voice singing the psalms and other pieces in the services.

I attended the January meeting of the Peak deanery clergy where we heard that the Derby Diocese was running out of stipendiary clergy (i.e. paid like an employee) faster than we are running out of money to pay for ministry. The position in the Peak deanery is rather poorer than that of the rest of the county with so many of its current clergy nearing retirement age. The prediction more generally is that the Church of England will increasingly be a lay-lead church. Hence the Church is training and appointing more locally ordained ministers and to the office of Reader. If anyone feels they have a calling to serve the Church and community then please come forward to explore this with our ministry team.

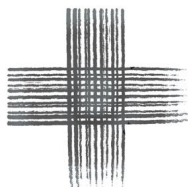
Two thoughts arise from the forgoing prediction. First, that most of the non-conformist churches have been predominantly lay lead throughout their histories and so the C of E may learn a lot from them as we move to the same situation. I have long supported partnerships with the Methodist and other churches and so being less clergy dominated it may bring us closer to our Christian neighbours.

The second thought is that during the vacancy the pastoral needs will continue for the communities of Beeley, Edensor, Calton, Dunsa and Pilsley. Whilst neighbouring parish clergy may help out to a limited degree, it will be up to the people of these parishes to look out for their neighbours and provide what support they can. Many of you will naturally do this anyway but it does no harm to remind ourselves that the best of communities are those that not only live side by side but also feel for one another in good times and bad.

Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> of February). It is a time for prayer and reflection asking ourselves what God may be calling us to be or do in our lives. And if you are not a believer in a deity it is still a good question to ask oneself what would make us into being a better person in the eyes of our neighbours.

Reverend Clive Thrower

*(Former vicar of Ashford, Sheldon, Wardlow and Longstone living in Bakewell and now a member of the congregation at St. Peter's, Edensor)*



**LENT**  
**2023**

We will be holding a series of talks throughout Lent given by both Ordained and Lay people on their life and faith.

The first talk will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 10.30am, and will be given by Jill Bryan (Padley Centre Ambassador).

The dates and names of speakers for the other talks will be displayed on the noticeboard in church, on the website and in the March magazine.

Do come along and join us in the Cavendish Chapel for the talks and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with us beforehand.

### FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S

19<sup>th</sup> January ~ Funeral Service followed by Interment at St. Anne's, Baslow  
Kathleen Anne Boot aged 84yrs

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## 'THE BRIDGE'

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Thank you for subscribing to 'The Bridge'.

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### Radio Derby 'Make a Blanket' Appeal

Radio Derby has appealed for people to knit / crochet blankets (of any colour or size) for distribution to people who are having to choose between heating and eating.

Members of **Chatty Crafts** are beavering away creating 12" squares which Kirstie has offered to stitch together. Can you help us?

As a guideline we are using 5mm needles, 60 stitches and 96 rows of garter stitch (all knit). Chunky, Aran

or two strands of double knitting wool.

Completed squares can be brought to church and given to Lynne after the morning service..... or you could drop into our next Chatty Crafts on **Thursday 23 Feb 10:30 - 12noon** and have a chat and cuppa with us. Lynne will take finished blankets to a Radio Derby drop off point.

The appeal closes at the end of February so we need to knit / crochet quickly!!



### St. Peter's Church 100 Club December Draw 2022

1st Prize £30 - no. 33 Maureen Adams

2nd prize £20 - no. 28 Jackie Grimshaw

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

It was 40 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1983, that champion racehorse, Shergar, was kidnapped in Ireland and a £2million ransom demanded. The horse was never seen again.

## Dates for your Diary - February 2023

- 14 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall  
**Peak Ales** - Rob Evans *Refreshments & Raffle* - Laura Boyce
- 15 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms  
*Speaker:* Stephen Elliott - Landscape photography  
*Competition:* a landscape photograph taken by yourself
- 21 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** - 7pm Beeley Village Hall  
Keith Blood talking about the Bamford Dams Part II
- 23 CHATTY CRAFTS - 10.30 - 12** in the Chapel at St. Peter's. Join us for crafting or a cuppa and a chat!

## BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY (BASH)

The Medway Centre, New Street, Bakewell

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

### 12 February 2023

“Parasite” 2019, Korea, 15 Comedy/Thriller

The Kims - mother and father Chung-sook and Ki-taek, and their young adult offspring, son Ki-woo and daughter Ki-jung - are a poor family living in a shabby and cramped half basement apartment in a busy lower working class commercial district of Seoul. Without even knowing it, they, especially Mr. and Mrs. Kim, literally smell of poverty. Often as a collective, they perpetrate minor scams to get by, and even when they have jobs, they do the minimum work required. Ki-woo is the one who has dreams of getting out of poverty by one day going to university.

## Community News

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



## Bus fares capped at £2

Do you travel by bus for work, shopping or to medical appointments? If so, you could benefit from a £2 cap on fares between now and March.

The government says that millions of passengers will save money on single bus journeys, backed up by £60m from the Department for Transport.

During the pandemic bus passenger numbers dropped significantly and figures show usage has not returned to pre-pandemic levels.

So, ensuring you and your family can access affordable bus fares will hopefully tempt you to choose buses for local journeys.

This also helps to reduce carbon emissions. The scheme's estimated to take at least two million car journeys off the roads across the country, cutting congestion and pollution for everyone.

## Wrap up warm!

Increased fuel costs are hitting us as well as everyone else. The monthly heating bills for St Peter's have been in excess of £1000 per month for the last three months, despite the weather being relatively mild for much of the time.

The only way we can get St Peter's to a comfortable temperature is to put the heating on on Fridays, but we simply cannot afford to keep doing this.

We will continue to put the heating on from Saturday. Whilst the church will not be bitterly cold it will not be cosy either, so we recommend you wear an extra layer...or bring a blanket!

## Free parking at Chatsworth and Calton Lees

Parking at the Chatsworth and Calton Lees car parks is free until 16 March 2023. The car parks will be open from 9am – 5pm during this period for anyone wishing to drive to the estate and walk in the park.

The café, shop and toilets in the stables are also open. There is a display in the shop by the Peak District Artisans, an association of some of the best professional artists, designers and makers based in and around the Peak District.

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank all of you enormously for the overwhelming send off from St. Peter's, St. Anne's and the surrounding communities. We have received so many gifts, cards and letters for which we are very grateful and extremely humbled by.

Leaving has been a very emotional time for both of us as our time with you has been such a wonderful experience on our journey.

Wishing you all well as you travel on your own particular journeys.

Best wishes  
Canon Dave & Margaret



*Canon Dave and Margaret cutting their cake at St. Anne's, Beeley*



## Farewell Dave and Margaret!

Canon Dave took his final services in St Peter's and St Anne's on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January. It was testament to their popularity that both services were extremely well attended.

Dave's wish was that the services would be 'normal' Epiphany services and the appropriate hymns were sung loudly! His ministry to young and old alike was encapsulated in the way he conducted the traditional liturgy but included the children and young people, leading us all in song from his guitar.

Immediately after the service in St Peter's, the Duke spoke movingly of all that Dave and Margaret have done for everyone in and around the estate villages and congregations. Gifts of champagne, an outdoor plant arrangement, a memory book and cheque were presented on behalf of both churches, the villages, and people from further afield.

Canon Mark Titterton read a very appreciative message from Bishop Libby. Diane Naylor presented a beautiful painting of Edensor (painted by her husband, Dave) on behalf of the village committee.

Delicious soup and sandwiches (courtesy of the Duke) were enjoyed by all, before cakes (thank you to all who brought these) and top quality champagne (thank you Duke!) led into the toast.

Canon Dave went straight for the champagne and swept down the aisle with a mischievous grin saying: 'This is better than soup!' Humorous to the end!

The afternoon service in St Anne's was followed by tea and cakes, including a spectacular cake made by Claire Cadogan, decorated with pictures of the church and a miniature Dave.

It was good to see and hear so much joy and laughter despite it being a sad day. We hope Dave and Margaret can add happy memories of their final day to all their recollections of their time spent amongst us.



We will certainly miss them!

*The Duke speaking before  
← the presentations*

*Dave, Margaret and  
granddaughter Raya*



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## The Padley Centre

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Padley Centre. With winter now officially here and the weather bringing cold winds, rain and almost certainly some snow, we should continue to think of those less fortunate people who know what it is like to be hungry, homeless and cold. We are continuing to support the Padley Centre and deliver donations through their booking system for dropping goods off.

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

Donations can be brought along to a Sunday service if you are able to attend, or you can phone one of the wardens to arrange to drop them off in church.

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

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

## Breath deep

Now here's a trick that you probably haven't tried before: next time you forget something, try taking some deep breaths.

It seems that inhaling stimulates our brain, creating electrical activity where emotions, memory and smells are processed. In a recent American study, individuals were able to identify a face two seconds more quickly if they were breathing in

through the nose, rather than breathing out.

The study was carried out at Northwestern University in Chicago, and it may also explain why we breath rapidly when afraid. "If you are in a panic state, you spend proportionally more time inhaling. .... Faster breathing could have a positive impact on brain function and result in faster response times."

## Looking back on the space shuttle Columbia

by Tim Lenton

Twenty years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2003, the US space shuttle Columbia disintegrated over Texas during re-entry, killing all seven astronauts.

It was the second space shuttle disaster after Challenger, which saw a catastrophic failure during launch in 1986. In both cases the “organisational culture” at NASA was blamed, because engineers’ advice was ignored.

This second disaster led to the suspension of the space shuttle programme. Instead, US astronauts fly to the International Space Station on Russian Soyuz rockets or aboard commercial spacecraft.

The Columbia disaster was caused by a large piece of foam falling from an external tank and making a hole in the aircraft’s wing during launch. This allowed gases to get into the shuttle during re-entry, causing its disintegration and the death of the astronauts, who almost certainly lost

consciousness before the shuttle broke up.

It would have been possible to examine pictures of the breached wing and look at possible remedies before re-entry, but NASA officials declined the opportunity. The search for debris over 2,000 square miles took weeks. Some 84,000 pieces were eventually recovered – nearly 40 per cent of Columbia by weight. Enough human remains were found to identify all crew members by DNA.

Seven asteroids discovered in July 2001 were named after the astronauts. The landing site of the Mars rover Spirit was named Columbia Memorial Station, and it included a plaque to the Columbia crew. Many other memorials are in place elsewhere.

Columbia had been the first space shuttle to fly in space – in April 1981 – and it completed 27 successful missions.

### Are you looking for romance?

If so, you might like to visit Christian Connections, an award-winning Christian dating website. It has won the public-voted Daters’ Favourite Site and Best Niche Site awards three years running.

With 22 years of experience, the site helps you to create some meaningful connections with like-minded Christians. Once you have met them, who knows what may happen? <https://www.christianconnection.com>

## **War, hunger, cold ... and hope – bishops look ahead and share their thoughts**

With a focus on food banks, warm spaces, community, the war in Ukraine, and migration, bishops across England have shared messages of hope for the coming year.

The Bishop of Lichfield, Michael Igrave, has highlighted not only that many churches will be open for services, but also as a warm, heated space for those who need it.

“The instinct to welcome people into our own space is deep within us as human beings,” he said. “And the welcome we give, or fail to give, to people who are cold, hungry, struggling with finances today says so much about our own society.

The Bishop of Dover, Rose Hudson-Wilkin, looked back on 2022 as a year of upheaval and “of seismic proportions ...the loss of our beloved late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

“The shadow of Covid-19 remained with us and we heard stories of the lasting impact of the pandemic, especially through Long Covid, [and] the effects of lockdown on children’s and adults’ mental well-being,” she added.

“But we have also seen compassion in action as thousands of families offered to share their homes with those Ukrainian families who have been lucky enough to get visas. We also saw our churches working with many charities to offer support by way of warm community spaces; assisting with language lessons; providing clothing and food.

“Indeed, the words of our Lord came into their own: ‘I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink, naked and you clothed me, sick and in prison and you visited me.’ Thank you for your part in this.

The Bishop of Chelmsford, Guli Francis-Dehqani said: “As we begin another year, with all the uncertainty that continues raging around us, and with continued worries about the cost of living and the changing nature of the church, it’s perhaps worth remembering that the same Christ child who drew kings and magi to His crib is the one who invites us to follow Him still today.”

100 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 1923, British archaeologist Howard Carter opened the sealed doorway to Tutankhamen’s tomb in Thebes, Egypt. The following day he entered the burial chamber and discovered a wealth of treasures.

## Remembering the Munich Air Disaster

by Tim Lenton

The Munich air disaster took place 65 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1958, when a plane carrying the Manchester United football team (known as the Busby Babes), plus support staff and journalists, crashed while attempting to take off from a slush-affected runway at Munich-Riem Airport. Altogether, 23 people were killed, including eight players.

The Elizabethan-class Airspeed Ambassador, British European Airways Flight 609, crashed on its third attempt to take off. It had landed at Munich on its way from Belgrade to Manchester because a non-stop flight was beyond the range of the aircraft. The Babes had just beaten Red Star Belgrade in a European Cup match.

Engine problems had caused the first two take-off attempts to be aborted,

but the pilots decided to try again because of scheduling issues. This time the plane was slowed by slush and failed to take off, smashing off the runway and into a house. A parked fuel truck was hit and exploded: only 21 of the 44 on board the plane survived

The pilot began evacuating passengers, and star goalkeeper Harry Gregg helped pull survivors – including a baby, its pregnant mother and two of his teammates – from the wreckage. A devout Christian at the time – he was said to have lost his faith when his wife and daughter later died of cancer – he became known as the hero of Munich.

His courage has been hailed by many, particularly in Serbia – home to the rescued Lukic family – but also back at Old Trafford, and at his own home in Ulster. He died in 2020.

## Keep the love going all year round

Valentine's Day is for February, but love is for all year round, and that is not always easy. Relationships have their ups and downs, and sometimes a bit of encouragement helps a lot. So this year, you may find Care for the Family to be worth a visit. Its

blog, podcasts and other resources offer a wide variety of tips, advice and encouragement, and are aimed at supporting your marriage and your family.

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/support-for-you/family-life/couple-support/>

## Some hints about prayer this Lent

*The Ven John Barton considers what you need to remember when you pray.*

Prayer is instinctive for human beings, even those who don't regard themselves as religious. You are standing at a bus stop in the wind and the rain, thinking 'I do hope the bus will come soon'. It's an inner yearning. It defies logic: either the bus is coming, or it isn't. But we all do it. It's instinctive and it's the raw material of prayer. Hoping for something better is basic. Like all instincts, it needs to be trained.

To whom do we pray? What you pray, and the way you do it will be shaped by your view of God. Christian prayers are fashioned by what we know of Jesus and what He taught about prayer.

We pray by invitation. Again and again, Jesus encouraged His companions to pray. A couple of His parables on the subject have been misinterpreted as instructions to persuade a resistant God to do what we want. Have a look at Luke 18, verses 1-8, about a widow whose perseverance finally persuaded an unwilling judge to rule in her favour. The lesson is that God is *not* like that! Similarly, an unwelcome neighbour who persistently calls for help in the middle of the night gets

what he wants (Luke 11:5-13). The lesson? If tenacious lobbying can overcome human unwillingness, *how much more* our gracious God will heed His children's cry.

Pushing at an open door. Jesus is already praying for us. So, when we start to pray, we step on to an already moving staircase. Sometimes prayer seems tougher than it need be. Jesus invited us to be linked to Him, in the way an inexperienced bullock is yoked to a mature ox. Have a look at Matthew 11:28-29, which concludes "for my yoke is easy and my burden is light". When Marion Bartoli unexpectedly won the 2013 Women's Wimbledon final, she said "I believe if you put all your heart and effort into everything you are doing, then God is there to help you."

Is your prayer on the right lines? Try adding "for Christ's sake" at the end. "Please let my marrow win the Gardening Club competition"? No. "Not my will but yours" is the key. So when praying, don't give God instructions, just report for duty.

## **The real reason that women do more housework than men**

Academics at the University of Cambridge have come up with a theory as to why women do more housework than men.

They call it the ‘affordance theory’, which says that men view unwashed dishes and unmade beds as a simple mess, without feeling the need to do anything about it, while women are instilled with an instinctive urge to tidy if they see clutter. The difference is rooted in early social training, it is thought.

The Cambridge University philosophers explain: “for any given domestic task, that task can afford acting on for an agent. A floor can

afford sweeping, dishes can afford cleaning, mess can afford tidying, a crying infant can afford nappy-changing, and so on.

“We suggest that for many domestic tasks, women are more likely to perceive the corresponding domestic task affordance.”

Prof Paulina Sliwa, a philosopher at the University of Vienna, agrees.

“Neuroscience has shown that perceiving an affordance can trigger neural processes preparing you for physical action,” she said.

“This can range from a slight urge to overwhelming compulsion, but it often takes mental effort not to act on an affordance.”

## **The key to a happy life**

Your mental health is the biggest single predictor of your personal happiness. So, suffering from depression or anxiety disorders can devastate your life.

Finding love is also a vital ingredient for happiness. “People need to be needed, and to be in meaningful relationships”, says a recent study by the London School of Economics. It goes on: “Happiness is hugely affected by the ethos of a society,

which affects everyone in it. For example, happiness is higher in societies where people trust each other. Freedom is also a crucial determinant of happiness.”

The report also found that a boost in income, or more education, did not significantly affect our overall well-being. Having good mental health and someone to love were far more important.

## Being bored is good for you

Being bored is a good thing – in fact, it can stimulate you to greater creativity. But keeping boredom at bay with endless scrolling on social media will ensure that your creativity is stifled.

So say researchers at Bath University. They warn that endlessly distracting yourself to avoid “superficial boredom” has the effect of preventing your mind from entering the deeper state of “profound boredom.” In this state of malaise, you are in “existential discomfort” which in turn can stimulate you on to develop new passions and skills.

As one researcher explained: “This research has given us a window to understand how the ‘always-on’, 24/7 culture and devices that promise an abundance of information and entertainment may be fixing our ‘superficial boredom,’ but are actually preventing us from finding more meaningful things.

“Profound boredom may sound like an overwhelmingly negative concept but, in fact, it can be intensely positive if people are given the chance for undistracted thinking and development.”

The new study was published in the journal *Marketing Theory*.

## What the temptations mean for us

by *Canon David Winter*

Immediately after His baptism in the River Jordan, Jesus faced and resisted three powerful temptations during 40 days in the wilderness of Judea. This time of testing and temptation was His preparation for the work God had sent Him to do on earth. It's the principle behind the season of Lent, which begins on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Although the temptations were personal to Jesus, many of us will recognise their relevance in our own lives.

The first was simple. ‘You're hungry. You can do miracles. Well, turn these hot stones at Your feet into loaves of bread’. It sounds quite plausible, but in fact it's an invitation to put one's own needs first. Temptation rejected.

Then came the second: ‘throw yourself off a pinnacle of the Temple. You know that God will send His angels to catch you before you hit the ground’. Again, it's plausible (there was even a verse from the Bible to back it up). But this would be to substitute one spectacular publicity stunt for the hard slog of travel,

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## **All's Well That Ends Well – Through Lent with Shakespeare** *(Book review..)*

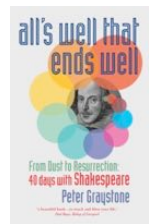
*By Peter Graystone, Canterbury Press, £12.99*

Few writers have a deeper understanding of the foibles of human nature and life's absurdities and tragedies than William Shakespeare. This makes him a fascinating companion for the season of Lent, a traditional time for a spot of self-examination.

This engaging, wise and often amusing Lent book sets quotations from Shakespeare's characters and poems alongside biblical passages and reflects on the resonance between them - one reflection for each day of the season.

It starts with dust on Ash Wednesday ('Golden lads and girls all must, As chimney-sweepers, come to dust', from Cymbeline) and ends with resurrection as Easter Sunday approaches ('It is required you do awake your faith', from The Winter's Tale). In between, it considers many rich spiritual themes: mercy, love, loyalty, trust, good vs evil, guilt, forgiveness, ageing, grief, death, hope and more.

Each day's reflection opens with a quotation from Shakespeare and explores its ideas in conversation with the Bible and Christian thought.



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preaching, healing and touching individual lives. Temptation rejected.

The third was outrageous. 'Fall down and worship corrupt and evil power, and You will have infinite worldly power and success'. In other words, the divine Son of God should deny His Father and worship the devil, to glean success without going to the Cross. For the third time, temptation resisted.

I know these temptations were tests of the Messiah Jesus, but can't we see

in them temptations that come to all of us from time to time? Look after number one, and all will be well. Take the short cut to success and avoid all the hard slog. Compromise your integrity, in order to fulfill your ambitions. Or choose the hard way: walk the narrow path of honesty, commitment, and truth. That's really the Lenten choice.

## **15<sup>th</sup> Feb: Thomas Bray, founder of SPCK**

Thomas Bray was once called a 'Great Small Man', with good reason. This diminutive 18th century English clergyman (1658 – 1730) not only helped to establish the Church of England in Maryland, but he was also founder of the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge (SPCK) in 1698 and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (USPG) in 1701.

Those are long names for societies whose aim was to get Christian books and resources into the hands of those who desperately needed them. For the early 18th century was not an easy time for poor clergymen: books were expensive, and many of them had few, or none to guide them in their ministry. And so, Thomas Bray, who had been educated at Oxford, joined with some other clergy friends to help them.

After a trip to assess the needs of the young Episcopal Church in Maryland (he was sent by the Bishop of London), Bray became rector of St Botolph's, Aldgate in London in 1708. From here he

served his parish, and through SPCK eventually established 80 parish libraries in England and a further 39 in the Colonies. SPCK and USPG worked by asking learned authors to donate copies of their books. They also appealed to merchants to the foreign plantations for financial help in establishing the libraries.

Thomas Bray's life has affected hundreds of thousands of people over three centuries. Not only was his work in America the first major coordinated effort to establish libraries in the New World, but SPCK is still one of our leading UK Christian publishing houses today.

As if that was not enough, Bray also worked to help poor debtors emigrate to better lives, and homeless children to get care in England. He helped feed prisoners at Newgate prison in London and joined in the political fight against slavery. He also supported outreaches to Africans and Native Americans in their home countries. When he died on 15<sup>th</sup> February 1730, thousands mourned him. A great small man indeed!

## **Reflecting Faith - what animals can remind us about our faith**

*The Rev Jo White continues her series:*

There are various rather peculiar 'creatures' that are used in decorations in and on church buildings.

Around the outside of many larger churches and cathedrals you may well have found some downright scary beasts! They are usually used as downspouts off the roof or at the head of vast columns. Often, they were intended to scare away anything or anyone who was evil from entering the church building, and therefore kept all those on the inside safe.

When we go to worship – especially somewhere we haven't been before – we want to be assured that what will

be said during the service will be 'of God'. We want to be able to relax and just be ourselves and secure in God's presence. And that was the thinking behind those beasts.

There are, however, plenty more welcome creatures often found inside the building. Jesus is often spoken about as 'The Lamb of God'. Indeed, we use that phrase within most Communion services during the Gloria as well as just before we go to receive the bread and wine: 'Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.' So, we can see a lamb as representing innocence, purity, vulnerability and sacrifice itself.

*This month:* Have a look to see if there are any other 'creatures' on show in a church near you. What do they 'say'?

### **Number of Christmas services surged, as parishes welcome public**

At the end of last year, the number of Christmas services advertised on the Church of England's church-finding website were up by more than a quarter on pre-pandemic levels.

The *A Church Near You* website was advertising just over 23,850

services and other gatherings. And search engines saw a surge in people searching for phrases such as 'midnight mass'. All in all, an estimated 682,000 people visited *ACChurchNearYou.com* in December, and around 80 per cent of these visitors were on the site for the first time.

## The gates of hell

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has “opened the gates of hell” and unleashed evil around the world.

So said the Archbishop of Canterbury during a recent interview on BBC1’s Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg. He told of how, during his recent visit to Ukraine, he had seen the mass grave in Bucha, and heard of the massacres and torture carried out by the occupying Russian forces. The Russians are driven by “an ideology of conquest” he said, their only goal is “getting historic Ukraine back.”

Justin Welby said it was important for Britain to continue to support

Ukrainian resistance, and to recognise that “you can’t talk about reconciliation when the guns are firing, because people are just concentrating on whether they’re alive for the next 20 minutes.”

He said how the Ukrainians had told him that ““for us, that word (reconciliation) means surrender, and we’re not going to do that’.” There was a way forward, said the Archbishop: “and that’s withdrawal and ceasefire by Russian forces.”

## Church leaders protest over Cumbrian mine

More than 450 church leaders and Christian campaigners have recently signed an open letter to the Prime Minister, calling for a reversal on the Government’s decision to open a new coal mine in Cumbria.

The mine, near Whitehaven, would be the first in Britain for more than 30 years. But the campaigners say that while they acknowledge that Cumbria needs investment, investment in renewables would create three times more jobs than in the fossil fuel industry.

“Coal from this mine will continue to heat up the planet, pollute the atmosphere and most severely impact those in the world’s poorest countries who have done the least to cause the climate crisis.”

Signatories include the former Archbishop of Canterbury Lord Williams, the Church’s lead bishop on the environment, the Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Revd Graham Usher, leaders from the Roman Catholic Church, the Free Churches, the Salvation Army and the Quakers in Britain.

## Ukraine – one year on

*By the Ven John Barton*

On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine without warning. Ukraine had been part of the Soviet Union 1922-1991 and even before that had been overshadowed and often overpowered by its larger neighbour. In 1932 millions of Ukrainians were deliberately starved to death in a famine, contrived by Joseph Stalin. This genocide, or Holodomor, is commemorated every year on the fourth Saturday in November.

The area had been overrun for centuries by successive external forces, until absorbed by Russia. In 1991, when the USSR was dissolved, Ukraine voted for independence, by a huge majority. There are still pro-Russian minorities in the East of the country, as there were in Crimea before 2014, when it was annexed by Russia.

In the last 12 months, one-quarter of the civilian population of Ukraine has been displaced, with 5+ million refugees escaping for temporary sanctuary in other countries, 95% of them are women and children. They have had to learn new languages (and a new script), find jobs and schools, and become accustomed to foreign cultures. When it seems safe, they want to return home and some have already done so.

The UK government, in partnership with County and District Councils, launched the Homes for Ukraine scheme last year. Would-be homes were inspected, and prospective hosts checked out for suitability and safety. A young Ukrainian woman lived in my home for six months before returning to Kyiv. In that time my pantry and fridge made room for bulgar wheat, lots of mushrooms and Salo, which is the name for slabs of cold cured pork fat, and is much tastier than it sounds!

Most Ukrainians count themselves as Christian, including a number of Greek-Catholics, but the majority belong to what was the Russian Orthodox Church, and is now the independent Ukrainian Orthodox Church. The two churches separated after the Moscow patriarchate backed President Putin.

The Archbishop of Canterbury visited Kyiv in December and had to take cover in a bomb shelter when air raid warnings were sounded. He said the people of the West needed to realise the costs of this war were not short term, adding “there must be no way in which we force peace on Ukraine ... Peace is always better than war. But there are times when justice demands the defeat of an evil invasion.”

One year on there is still an urgent need for British people to open their homes to Ukrainian refugees.

## Discovering the double-helix of DNA

by *Tim Lenton*

Seventy years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1953, British scientist Francis Crick and the American James D Watson announced that they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA.

Crick described this as finding the secret of life, but his wife did not believe him, because he was “always saying things like that”. Nevertheless the discovery was revolutionary, leading to huge advances in biology and genetics.

The breakthrough came from a mixture, it was said, of “intuition, persistence and luck”: it was based on wide knowledge of different fields of science rather than their own experiments. Crick had a background in physics and x-ray crystallography, while Watson’s speciality was viral and bacterial genetics.

They owed a great deal to the pioneering high resolution x-ray

imagery of Rosalind Franklin who, being a woman, did not receive enough credit initially and who died in 1958 of cancer, before she could receive the Nobel Prize awarded to Crick, Watson and her colleague, Maurice Wilkins.

Watson and Crick’s findings appeared in a one-page item, with the understated title *A Structure for Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid*, in the British scientific weekly *Nature*. The impact of it was not felt immediately: it was not widely talked about until near the end of the 1950s.

Neither man was spiritually inclined. Crick, a humanist, was taken to church as a child by his parents, but by the age of 12 decided not to go any more as he preferred a scientific search for answers. Watson described himself as “an escapee from the Catholic religion”.

*Giving up for Lent (Smile...)*

At the end of the pre-Lent sermon, the vicar suggested, as an example to the rest of the community, that the congregation should worship in an unheated church for the whole of

Lent. As they made their way into the chill Sunday air the vicar addressed one member of the congregation, asking what she had decided to give up for Lent. “Church,” she replied firmly.

## 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.*

### Fearfully and Wonderfully Made



Every person who ever lived was once a sperm and an egg. Those two cells fused together, and in nine months they turned into a living, breathing, human being. Each of us emerged from this same embryonic development process, which is highly complex and organised, but variable enough to turn out a unique individual every time.

If you like order – such as neat piles of stationery, or tidy colour-coded files – you will enjoy this story. One of the most important stages of an embryo’s development is when each section of the body, from head to rump, takes on its identity. Each part is told what shape to take, and which limbs or internal organs to grow: legs or arms, lungs or kidneys, and so on.

The most beautiful part of this body-patterning process is that it brings the dimensions of time and space together in such a neat way. The DNA instructions for the procedure, known as genes, are organised in the order in which they are needed during development which is also the

order in which they appear on the body. No other sets of genes are known to be arranged in such a tidy pattern.

So, as the embryo develops, the tissues near the head end activate the first sets of genes. Those active genes then make all the proteins needed for that part of the body to grow and develop in the right way. The tissues just below the head then switch on the second set of genes, and so on. A wave of activation passes down the embryo, specifying each section of the trunk in turn.

The Wisconsin-based developmental biologist Jeff Hardin often quotes Psalm 139 to express the wonder of embryonic development. The Psalmist did not understand how this process happened, but he knew that it was a marvellous thing. “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb...your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.”

The story of the tidy genes brings out the hidden beauty in the very early stages of embryonic development. The more biologists get to find out about how we came to be born, the more we can say, “I am fearfully and wonderfully made”!



## **Failure: What Jesus Said About Sin, Mistakes and Messing Stuff Up The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2023**

*By Emma Ineson, SPCK £8.99 Book Review...*

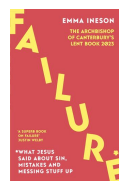
In 2019, Emma Ineson wrote about ambition and what it means for Christians to be successful. And then there was a global pandemic . . . Suddenly failure began to feel very much more familiar than success.

But what is failure? What did Jesus think of it? What did He say about sin, mistakes and generally mucking things up? At the start of this wonderfully humorous and encouraging book - which will end at the cross - it's suggested that our tendency to lump all kinds of failure together could be a bit unhelpful. A more nuanced understanding of what sort of failure we're dealing with might just allow us to make

friends with it and respond more appropriately.

This idea leads us 'Towards an (Imperfect) Theology of Failure', based on key Christian thinking, and Emma poses the question of whether sin is an individual or corporate thing. Looking at the church, we consider, what is God's purpose for it? And in the light of key concerns such as safeguarding and racial justice, how might we re-examine concepts of success and recognise and measure failure?

We are reminded of our calling to live life to the full, to take risks despite our fears. We are bound sometimes to fail! Yet gazing at Jesus - who looked like the greatest failure of all - we may discern in the heartache, vulnerability and humility of failure, the glory of the cross.



## **Church Commissioners to vote against failure on human rights**

The Church Commissioners for England is to begin to vote against companies that fail to meet its expectations on human rights.

A leading responsible investor, the Church Commissioners will use its vote as a shareholder to ensure

international human rights norms are respected by the companies in which it invests.

The Church Commissioners will also work with data providers and proxy advisors to expand the assessment of companies. The aim is to improve transparency for the market overall.

## Pilsley C of E Primary School NURSERY

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- Exceptional grounds for exploration and play, with Forest School activities, and an outdoor classroom.
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150 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1873, Thomas Andrews, Irish/British shipbuilder and businessman was born. The naval architect in charge of the plans for the RMS Titanic, he perished along with 1,500 others during her maiden voyage.

10 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2013, the Shard, a 72-storey skyscraper in London, was officially opened. It is the tallest building in the UK and the sixth tallest in Europe.

### **Sometimes it is wise to retreat**

Lent is supposed to prepare us for Easter, but making time for spiritual reflection in our busy lives can be hard. One solution is to take a short retreat, at one of the many retreat houses or centres around the country.

It has been said that "Retreats are for ordinary people at any time in their life. There are no expectations of you when you're there and you don't need to be a churchgoer." Just step back, relax in quiet and calm, and allow yourself some time to reflect

and grow in your relationship with God.

Jesus Himself started the idea, when He invited his disciples to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mark 6: 31). His disciples needed to be alone with Him then, and they still need to be alone with Him today.

Retreat houses offer a warm welcome, and many are set in beautiful buildings with gardens. Most offer overnight accommodation and wholesome, home cooked food. Just visit: <https://www.retreats.org.uk>

## **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 for training**

**Wednesdays 8<sup>th</sup> February & 8<sup>th</sup> March**

### **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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## Services during the Vacancy

Our aim is to maintain the established pattern of services at St Peter's, namely BCP Holy Communion at 10:45 every Sunday except for the third Sunday of the month when we will celebrate Matins.

To this end we already have cover in place for the next few weeks for both churches. Details are displayed on the notice boards at the back of church and in the south porch at St. Peter's and on the noticeboard in St. Anne's porch .

**See also the church websites and this magazine**

## Fairtrade Fortnight 2023

This year Fairtrade Fortnight runs 27<sup>th</sup> February to 12<sup>th</sup> March. It comes with a sombre reminder: climate change means that soon some of our favourite foods, such as bananas, cocoa and coffee could be harder to grow. And if that is combined with deeply unfair trade, then communities growing these crops will be pushed to the brink. This makes Fairtrade all the more vital – for all of us. You can help three ways during this Fortnight.

First, why not join an online Big Fairtrade Get Together? Hear Fairtrade farmers and other experts explain what needs to change, for a sustainable future. Secondly, let your friends know of any Fairtrade event in your area, from a coffee morning to a quiz night. Thirdly, buy Fairtrade whenever you can, from flowers to coffee, clothes to teas, plus lots else.

For more information, visit <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk>

READINGS & ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY 2023

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES</u>	
5	3pm Family Communion	Revd Stephen Monk	Barbara Hawksworth
12	9.30am Holy Communion	Revd Bob Boyle	Fiona Swain
19	9.30am Morning Prayer	David Neale	“ “
26	9.30am Holy Communion	Archdeacon Carol Coslett	Fiona Lichfield*
<b>*Brasses only during Lent</b>			
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
5	10.45am Holy Communion	Canon Tony Kaunhoven	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
12	10.45am Holy Communion	Revd Bob Boyle	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw
19	10.45am Matins	David Neale	Mr & Mrs Wardle
22	<b>9.30am Service for Ash Wednesday</b>	Revd Clive Thrower	
26	10.45am Holy Communion	Archdeacon Carol Coslett	Mike Pindar/Gillian Caird
<u>COFFEE</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	
5	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Olivia Moore
12	Jane Dickson & Kate Green	Mr & Mrs Grealey	Gloria Sherwood
19	John & Gill Caws	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	“ “
26	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Lent - no flowers
<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>	
5	<b>Isaiah 58: 1-9a</b> <b>Matthew 5: 13-20</b>	Mike Woodcock Epiphany Three	TBA
12	<b>Romans 8: 18-25</b> <b>Matthew 6: 25-34</b>	Christine Robinson Second Sunday Before Lent	Claire Cadogan
19	<b>Exodus 24: 12-18</b> <b>Matthew 17: 1-9</b>	Roger Wardle Sunday Before Lent	Fiona Swain
26	<b>Genesis 2: 15-17 &amp; 3: 1-7</b> <b>Matthew 4: 1-11</b>	Trevor Grimshaw Lent One	Sarah Porter

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