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On 6th January the Church celebrates the Feast of Epiphany. The time when Wise Men from the East travelled to Bethlehem and offered their treasures to Jesus.

During the first Gulf War, a schoolteacher in Glasgow told her pupils that she would be organising a prayer session for peace. She told the children that it was purely voluntary since it would be taking place during the morning break. As most of her pupils were Muslim rather than Christian, the teacher expected only a handful of children would turn up to pray. In fact, nearly the whole class turned up. But what was really striking was that all the Muslim children came carrying rosaries and asking if they could say the rosary for peace complete with all the Hail Mary's that go with the rosary meditation. Even though there is a big difference between Christianity and Islam, Muslims hold Jesus and Mary in very high regard, and on this occasion, what drew the two groups of children together in prayer was the desire for peace. We must therefore surely believe that our God, the God of peace accepted the prayers for peace from both the Muslim and Christian children alike.

What drew the non-Jewish Wise Men to Bethlehem was the desire to worship the Prince of peace. These Wise Men, coming to offer their gifts to the baby Jesus have now become part of the modern commercialised Christmas. We have probably all received cards with a picture of three Kings on camels making their way to the stable, led by a glittering star. Or we have seen local children with crowns on their heads telling the familiar nativity story. We may think that this part of the Christmas story has no significance for us today. But we would be absolutely wrong, for it has great significance. In travelling many hundreds of miles to Jesus and in giving him gifts, those Wise Men are conveying right now that good news has come to you and to me.

Firstly, in their journeying, those Wise Men were not of the same religion or nationality as Jesus and yet they came. They were not Jews, they were foreigners. They represented the whole pagan world, the Gentile world outside Israel. They journeyed to Christ on behalf of us all. That has to be good news because God, the Father of Jesus is the God of all nations.

Secondly, these pagan foreigners offered gifts which were valuable in their eyes, according to their culture. Those gifts were accepted – that again is good news for all of us. It is a sign that God accepts whatever people have to offer as long as it is from the heart. Epiphany then, doesn't have to be seen as a celebration of the world's conversion to Christianity, for God is the God of everyone and will accept what we all have to offer. He is the God of all the nations and people of the world.

Christ came to prove that fact to men and women of all races and creeds. The remarkable thing is that he began proclaiming that fact from when he was a baby. He proclaimed this when humble shepherds, people from the lowest rungs of the Jewish social ladder came to visit him. Then, when the Three Kings, the wealthy foreigners came to visit him, Jesus couldn't wait to prove that God has no favourites, no special people who are particularly acceptable. Later on in the Gospel stories we realise that Jesus died for the sins of the whole world not just for the selected few. We know that he is the way, the truth and the life for all people. So there can be no place in our hearts for racial prejudice or for contempt towards people of a different religious faith. When we come journeying to God to offer him our gifts, we should come as ourselves.

In terms of our standing with God, our race, our achievements, our social standing, our bank account – none of these mean anything at all. This has to be good news again for all of us. Paul writes in his letter to the Colossians and says, "In Christ there is no Greek or Jew, no circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, slave or free, but Christ is all and is in all." So, the Three Wise Men, the foreigners who we think about in our worship at this time and who journeyed from distant lands to give the baby Jesus their gifts, have brought us this good news. At the beginning of this New Year let us not shy away from the challenge but be keen to offer others the gift we have been given. Let us continue to pray for peace in a world where so many hearts are being broken everyday. And let us share the good news that Christ accepts us whoever we are. In this way we, like the Wise Men become Epiphany people.

As this is my last Magazine Article before I retire on 8th January, may I say how much I have enjoyed sharing my monthly thoughts with you. I do hope you have been able to take something from them that will inspire you to continue your earthly journey with our Lord walking beside you.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

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The Choral Evensong Trust has just relaunched its website to help you find a choral evensong near you. Just visit: www.choralevensong.org

During its seven years of existence, choralevensong.org has had 30,000,000 hits from 600,000 visitors, accessing services on offer at over 350 churches and cathedrals on Sundays, and also every weekday in most cathedrals and many college chapels in Oxford, Cambridge and elsewhere.

The website has grown to incorporate live streamed services, a 'Choir of the Month' feature and has begun to share services of Choral

Evensong as far away as Australia. It also includes a listing of the comparable service of Choral Vespers in Roman Catholic churches, cathedrals and monasteries.

John Rutter, composer for the Royal Wedding and conductor, says "Choral Evensong gladdens the heart, ravishes the ear, and restores the soul – my favourite way of spending an hour with glorious music in a glorious building.

Choral Evensong has been celebrated in Anglican churches since the sixteenth century. The charity's first website was launched on the Feast of St Cecilia (patron saint of musicians) in 2015.

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1st Prize £30 - no. 79 vacant number

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Funds to church this month - £50

Subscriptions for 2023 are now due in order to be eligible for the January draw.

These are payable at £12 per number held. Please make out cheques to:-

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Thank you for your continued support.

We would like to invite new members for 2023 to ensure a membership of 100 throughout the year.

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Thanking you in anticipation.

Ann Hall

Dates for your Diary - January 2023

- 17 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** 7.00 pm Beeley Village Hall
Ian Else talking about Field names with particular reference to the Chatsworth Estate.
- 18 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** 7pm Baslow Church Rooms
Speaker: Joanne Askew, Derbyshire Carers Association
Competition: a teddy bear

Details of the January Beeley WI weren't available at the time of going to print - apologies

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY (BASH)

The Medway Centre, New Street, Bakewell

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

8 January 2023

"Top Gun:Maverick" 2022, USA, PG13, Action

After more than thirty years of service as one of the Navy's top aviators, Pete Mitchell is where he belongs, pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot and dodging the advancement in rank that would ground him.



Why we'll be driving more older cars

By 2027 around 15.4 million cars on Britain's roads will be at least 10 years old, recent analysis by Auto Trader reveals.

The reason is due to supply chain issues and the disruption partly caused by the pandemic. Shortages of semiconductors and other parts have meant that there is a shortage of affordable new cars. The BMW 3 Series, Volkswagen Golf and Ford Fiesta are the most

popular decade-old models among potential buyers.

From 2030, the sale of new petrol and diesel cars will be banned in the UK. But the ban only affects the sale of new vehicles, so people will still be able to buy and sell used petrol or diesel cars after 2030.

The impact of the ban could mean that even more people continue to use older vehicles, to avoid paying for more expensive electric models.

FESTIVE FUN!

We certainly had some Festive Fun in our Christmas Wreath Workshops as Mick Brown led us through the various stages of making our glorious garlands. As ever, Mick made it look so easy but it was a bit fiddly at times! We were glad to have the expert guidance of Mick, Gemma and Mandy as we discovered our inner creativity.

It was lovely to see all the beautiful creations and happy faces. There was such a friendly and supportive atmosphere all day - helped by the warm church, chocolate log and mince pies.

Huge thanks again to Mick and team - a great way to start the festive season!



Think happy thoughts to help your immune system

A stressed mind can put your body at risk. If you constantly think about negative things, and dwell on stressful events in your life, you could weaken your immune system and make yourself more susceptible to illness.

A recent study has found that simply thinking about negative events, even if they are only imagined, can increase the levels of inflammation in your body. This inflammation,

associated with the body's response to trauma and infection, can weaken the immune system and has been linked to a number of conditions such as heart disease, cancer and dementia.

St Paul urged a better way of coping with the threats in our lives: "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*" (Phil. 4:6)

100 years ago, on 8th January 1923, the first BBC outside broadcast took place, at the British National Opera Company's production of *The Magic Flute* from Covent Garden London, and it was 40 years ago, on 17th January 1983 that Breakfast Television was launched in the UK with the BBC's Breakfast Time programme. The ITV's TV-am followed on 1st February.

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. After Canon Dave's retirement we will still continue 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.

Using church buildings for the community

Churches should improve the way their buildings are used by their community. And the survival of many local churches may actually depend on it.

So says a new report recently published the Cambridge Judge Business School, part of the University of Cambridge. Reimagining Churches as Community Assets for the Common Good (REACH Ely) found that one third of church

buildings in the diocese of Ely cost more each year to run than they were able to raise.

As one expert pointed out: "The future survival of rural churches lies in their ability to serve the wider community."

Happily, the report's researchers found that even before the pandemic, numerous churches were beginning to offer community activities, ranging from blood donations to debt counselling to coffee mornings and concerts.

The wide reach of the local church

Ever wonder how many people in the UK have any kind of contact with their local church?

According to a recent poll, it's as much as half the population. Types of contact range from attending some sort of worship, or community services, such as parent-and-toddler groups and foodbanks.

The most common reason for people to have contact with their local church is when they attend a wedding, baptism, or funeral (50 per cent). This is followed by various services (worship or community) (42 per cent) and also carol services (39 per cent).

Just under half of us (47 per cent) agree with the statement: 'The local church is an important part of my community.' More than half of us (52 per cent) agree with the statement 'The Church is an important part of British society.'

One third of people have been to church to attend community groups and foodbanks, of which the C of E is currently running about 8,000 across the UK. Many churches are now also opening up to provide 'warm spaces' through the Warm Welcome campaign.

The poll was carried out by Savanta ComRes.

Cost-of-living crisis bites deep

More than four million people in the UK are now being forced to borrow money to cover the cost of essentials, such as heating and food.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) say that a poll carried out for them by YouGov has found that nearly one fifth of adults in the UK, or about ten million people, are now struggling financially. CAP says that of its clients who have done so, 44

per cent of them have a disability, 42 per cent are single parents, and 47 per cent have suffered abuse.

Higher earners are using up savings, while those on medium to low incomes are having to turn to high-cost credit to survive. One quarter of low earners (earning less than £15,000 a year) have already fallen behind on bills.

THE GRACE OF GIVING

by Canon Paul Hardingham

Money can be a sensitive subject in church, especially when it comes to giving. Paul describes the support given by the Macedonians to the impoverished Christians in Jerusalem as evidence of the 'grace of giving' (2 Corinthians 8:7). They were following the example of Jesus: 'For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich' (9). How does he describe their giving?

Sacrificial giving: 'Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity' (2). In giving, our first response can be 'How much?' For Paul, 'rich generosity' is always a response to the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. How serious and sacrificial is our giving?

Regular giving: 'they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their

ability' (3). The Macedonians were thoughtful in their giving. Is our giving regular and planned, or do we simply put our loose change into the collection plate? How can we give regularly to God's work in our local church and beyond?

Willing giving: 'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.' (2 Cor 9:7). It's not often that we find ourselves laughing when putting money on the plate! Let's prayerfully review our giving (as well as our spending), and ask God to help us to respond appropriately.

God doesn't just want our money; He wants all of our lives: 'they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us' (5). Is God the sole owner or simply a shareholder in our lives? Let's seek to 'excel in this grace of giving'!

Stocking up because of the war

The sales of portable generators, torches and candles have soared in recent months, amid concerns that Britain may face power cuts if it cannot import enough energy to maintain supply this winter.

As the National Grid warns of possibly tight supply levels, generator sales have tripled, torch sales are up by 43pc on 2021, and sales of candles have risen by 114pc in a year, according to Toolstation and John Lewis.

6th January: Gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus

EPIPHANY is also known as 'Twelfth Night', or the last night of the Christmas festival. According to the song, it is also the day when that over-enthusiastic 'true love' of yours dumps no less than 78 presents on your doorstep, among them a dozen leaping lords of the realm and a final partridge – to go with the 11 you have already been given.

In many parts of the world, 6th January is celebrated as Christmas Day. As we Western Christians are packing away our tree, the Greek Orthodox world and Catholic Spain are giving presents and celebrating the Wise Men, or Magi. For what better time to give presents to each other, than on the day the wise men presented gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Jesus?

What do we make of these presents? Gold is for kingship, proclaiming a royal child. Frankincense carries a feeling of worship about it: it was

used in the temple worship and indicated access to the presence of God. Frankincense is thus for worship and incarnation.

The third gift, myrrh, finds its place at Calvary. After the crucifixion, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea prepared Jesus' body for burial, using myrrh as an embalming fluid. Thus, when the wise men visit the baby Jesus, the shadow of the cross already falls across the crib. But myrrh is also symbolic of love, so you could say that the third gift is about adoration as well as death. And Christ's death on the cross is for love of the Church, His bride.

As for the Magi, they were not Jewish grandees, but foreign Gentiles. And so it was clear, from as early as the manger in Bethlehem, that Jesus was not just the Messiah for the Jews, but the Saviour of the whole world.



11th January: Mary Slessor of Calabar

Courage, vision and leadership are found in the most unlikely of places.

Mary Slessor was born in December 1848 into a wretchedly poor family. Her father was an alcoholic who lost his job as a shoemaker. Mary was the second of seven children, and in 1859 they moved from Aberdeen into the fetid slums of Dundee. Her father and mother worked in the mills, and Mary joined them there when she turned 11.

When Mary's father and both brothers died of pneumonia, Mary's mother struggled on to keep Mary and her two sisters alive. By the time Mary was 14 she was doing a 12-hour day as a jute maker.

But life was not all drudgery. Mary's mother was a devout Christian who read the family Bible to her daughters, and also the *Missionary Record*, a monthly publication from the United Presbyterian Church. The stories of the missionaries captivated Mary. When she heard that David Livingstone, the great missionary explorer, had died, she decided that she would follow in his footsteps. She wanted to devote her life to taking the gospel to Africa. She was 25.

In August 1876 the Presbyterians sent her out to Calabar, Nigeria, an

area where no European had ever yet set foot. With her red hair and blue eyes, Mary grabbed attention wherever she went, but despite recurring illness and constant danger, Mary settled happily among the tribes. She learned their traditions, quickly becoming fluent in their language, Efik. Soon she won the confidence of their tribal leaders. She taught their children and was soon determined to put an end to some of their barbaric practices, such as the killing of twins (whom they thought were evil).

Over the years Mary put an end to many witchcraft practices, and she adopted every twin child she found abandoned. And she talked endlessly about Jesus Christ, the passion of her life.

Mary was tough – she made long trips through the jungles and took canoes up remote rivers. When her shoes gave out, she went barefoot. Her great passion was to go to 'the regions beyond' with the Gospel. She thrived in places and among people who would have terrified most women in her day.

It has been written of her: "Practically singlehanded she tamed and transformed three pagan communities in succession. It is a question if the career of any other woman missionary has been marked

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by so many strange adventures, daring feats, signal providences, and wonderful achievements.” (Dr Robert H. Glover, *The Progress of World-Wide Missions*.)

When, in 1901, Southern Nigeria became a British Protectorate, Mary was appointed the first ever female Magistrate in the British Empire. She became a skilful diplomatic emissary. She was known for saying: *"It is not Mary Slessor, but God and our united prayers that have brought the blessings to Calabar. Christ shall have all the honour and glory for the multitudes saved."*

When she finally died of fever in January 1915 the native Christian girls and women wept bitterly: *"Our mother is dead. Everybody's mother has left us."*

Mary Slessor once wrote to a friend who had long prayed for her: *"I have always said that I have no idea how or why God has carried me over so many funny and hard places, and made these hordes of people submit to me, or why the Government should have given me the privilege of a Magistrate among them, except in answer to prayer made at home for me. It is all beyond my comprehension."*

Thought for Food

John Paton brought Christianity to the people of the Pacific Islands. He taught them about the love of God and faith. Years later some Communists arrived and told the people they had been listening to

mere fables and lies. "There is no God."

"Well, you should thank the God that you do not believe in," the Chief retorted. "For if you had arrived before John Paton, we would have eaten you!"

Conscientious (Smile...)

A minister walked into his church office and found his eager young assistant minister had emptied a huge box of various teaching resources that had been sent to the church, including a Noah's Ark for the very young children. The assistant had most of the animals

lined up along the desk, and he was searching for more. "Whatever are you doing?" asked the minister in bewilderment.

The assistant minister looked up eagerly. "The box clearly said: 'Do not use if seal is broken'. So - I'm looking for the seal."

Happy New Year

By David Pickup, a solicitor

I will stop all her celebrations: her Yearly Festivals, her New Moons, her Sabbath days—all her appointed festivals. - Hosea 2:11

He sounds a bit of a party pooper, old Hosea! Actually, he wanted to make a point that if God's people were not faithful to Him, then things would get really bad. God wants loyal, faithful worship.

I am not sure why we celebrate New Year. It is too soon after Christmas, although it is a good way to finish up the cooking sherry you opened in September, those orange flavoured soft-centred chocolates no-one wants, and the last mince pies. I think we would do better to go back to having New Year in March, like they did centuries ago.

We start each year with such high hopes and resolutions to drink and eat less and be kind and nice to

everyone. We console each other by saying that last year was tough and let us hope for a better one. Often one year is much like another. But wait a moment, Hosea goes on to talk about a change for the good. It is like a family being reconciled.

I will show my love to the one I called 'Not my loved one.'

I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You are my people'; and they will say, 'You are my God.'" (Hosea 2:23)

Last year I reflected on the passing of H M Queen Elizabeth II, and looking forward and feeling that we can make the future better. We cannot guarantee a life without problems: bereavement, shortages and calamities, but we can, as a church, work together to pray for the Church, to lead the world back to God. To pray in our difficulties and for our leaders.

Happy New Year.

New Year? Get First Aid training

Here is a very worthwhile New Year's Resolution: consider doing some First Aid training this year, especially if you are a parent with young children.

In a survey by the British Red Cross, 96% of parents agreed that their

main fears were of their children choking, or of finding them unconscious – when seconds could make the difference to their survival. Even 15 minutes of proper First Aid training is enough to give you knowledge that could save someone's life in an emergency. For details of your nearest First Aid Course, visit: www.redcross.org.uk

Remembering Lewis Carroll, creator of Alice in Wonderland

by Tim Lenton

Just 125 years ago, on 14th January 1898, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, an English author, poet, photographer and mathematician, died of pneumonia. His pen name was Lewis Carroll, and he was best known for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, *Through the Looking Glass* and the poems *Jabberwocky* and *The Hunting of the Snark*.

A brilliantly inventive writer, Carroll was also a deacon in the Church of England, and a firm Christian – some have even claimed that *Alice* is a biblical allegory, with the Cheshire Cat as God. (Carroll was born in Cheshire.)

Carroll was a maths lecturer at Oxford, and Alice Liddell – who provoked the story of *Alice* – was the daughter of one of his colleagues. She had two sisters, Lorina and Edith, who were also close to Carroll, a bachelor who remained celibate throughout his life. He was known to be good with children, unsurprisingly for an eldest son with eight younger brothers and sisters – and at one

point was invited to entertain two grandchildren of Queen Victoria.

The book *Alice in Wonderland* and its sequel have been subject to huge numbers of unlikely interpretations, ranging from drug use to being the outpouring of migraine aura symptoms. But most people continue to regard them as masterpieces of fantasy literature, produced by a highly intelligent and sensitive man.

The *Alice* books might never have seen the light of day, had not novelist Henry Kingsley come across the first version on a visit to the Liddells, and urged Alice's mother to persuade the author to publish it. Carroll consulted another author – his friend George Macdonald, whose son Greville, aged six, apparently said he "wished there were 60,000 volumes of it".

By the time of Carroll's death, the two-volume *Alice* was the most popular children's book in England.



Dales council a beacon on biodiversity

Derbyshire Dales District Council has been described as "a pioneer beacon authority" as it prepares to drive its innovative biodiversity project into a third year.

In its second year in 2022, as well as continuing to nurture the 15 year one sites, the project has increased biodiversity on larger areas of land owned and maintained by the District Council, including parks, open spaces, roundabouts and churchyards.

There are now 38 sites in total - and botanical surveys this year identified 94 species of plants, ranging from common dandelions and buttercups to four species of orchid.

Back in early 2021, working with parish councils and community groups, the District Council identified 15 pilot sites where verges and public open spaces were cut at the end of February or early March, then scarified to create bare patches to give seeds already in the soil the space and light to germinate. Community groups also sowed seeds themselves. The verges were then left uncut until the end of August.

A meeting of the District Council's Community & Environment Committee meeting last week unanimously noted progress in the current year and approved the next steps going into the final year of the

trial project, when 10 more sites will be designated. New site suggestions will also be welcomed from parish and town councils and local residents.

Councillors agreed that community groups and organisations be supported to improve the biodiversity in their areas and to help them inform and educate their local community on the importance of the work.

The Council's Community Development Manager Becky Cummins told the meeting that the purchase of a cut-and-collect flail mower had improved the ability to properly prepare designated areas. She said her team were now working with 16 local groups and a primary school. She also reported that Derbyshire County Council was undertaking a county-wide review on the maintenance of roadside verges.

Councillor Peter O'Brien said: "This is a really positive initiative by the District Council and it is good that Derbyshire County Council are now joining the party. Of course our biodiversity hotspots - or green spots - throughout the district are fine, but their value would be more than doubled if they are linked together. Biodiversity is not just about increasing the range and biodiversity of flowers, it's to do with a whole range of other living organisms, particularly insects, but they need to have a connecting network of sites. I do hope that when the team negotiate and discuss bringing the County Council on board more

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firmly that we can use our status as a pioneer beacon authority in this respect by encouraging the County Council to look at verges which link our existing sites together. That will add amazing value to the good work we have already seen."

Councillor Mike Ratcliffe said: "Congratulations. I know from my own ward how successful this has been and it has the full support of the local environmental groups. Long may this sort of initiative continue. This is one more arsenal in Derbyshire's response to climate change and it is making a difference."

Year two project sites are Bakewell Recreation Ground, Northwood Recreation Ground, Morledge/Old Hackney Lane on the boundary of Matlock and Darley Dale, Matlock's Hall Leys Park and Hurst Farm Spider

Park, St Giles Church at Starkholmes, Steeple Arch Cemetery at the top of Wirksworth and three sites in Ashbourne at the Cemetery, St Oswald's Churchyard and Fish Pond Meadow.

The year one projects that continue are in Hathersage's Jagers Lane and Sheffield Road, Bradwell's Church Lane and The Dale, Wardlow, Hartington's Parson Field car park and the churchyard, Beeley's Brookside, Matlock's Morledge, Station car park and Arc Leisure, land next to the Steeple Arch Cemetery, Wirksworth's Oathill and Summer Lane/Derby Road and Doveridge's Park Crescent.

New additions to the year one list included sites at Taddington, Hackney, Matlock Dale's Artist's Corner and Doveridge.

Biblical cooking

If you can prepare this dish without looking up the references in the Bible, you should be on Mastermind! It is suggested the Authorised Version is used. (You can find it online at www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/)

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ lb of Judges 5:25 (end);
- 2 ½ lb of Jeremiah 6:20;
- 3 1 tablespoon of 1 Samuel 14:25;
- 4 3 of Jeremiah 17:11;
- 5 ½ lb of 1 Samuel 30:12;
- 6 ½ lb of Nahum 3:12 (chopped);

- 7 2 oz of Numbers 17:8 (blanched and chopped);
- 8 1 lb of 1 Kings 4:22;
- 9 2 Chronicles 9:9;
- 10 a pinch of Leviticus 2:13;
- 11 1 teaspoonful of Amos 4:5
- 12 3 tablespoons of Judges 4:19

Preparation: Mix 8, 9, 10 and 11, and put them aside. Beat 1, 2 and 3 to a cream. Still beating add 4, one at a time. Then add 5, 6 and 7 and beat again. Then add 12. Bake in a low oven for 1½ hours

(Answers can be found on page 25)

Reflected Faith

The Rev Jo White continues her series:

Reflecting faith – to the Glory of God, part 2

Last month I wrote about the use of flowers to decorate the church during Advent and Christmas and how they reflected our faith and the time of year. Did you manage to see any of the three I mentioned: poinsettias, lilies or even irises?

They each have a ‘meaning’ which tells you part of the story of faith; the iris demonstrating light and hope by its very colourful face, while the lily symbolises Jesus’ mother Mary, as well as the Easter resurrection, chastity, innocence, and purity.

The various parts of the poinsettia emphasise different aspects of Christmas. The shape of the flower and leaves resemble the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red coloured leaves represent the blood of Christ shed for the world. The white leaves represent His purity.

This month I wanted to think about ‘creatures’ in church.

I don’t mean whether dogs should or shouldn’t be allowed in the building or how to deal with an infestation of woodworm or bats - but rather how creatures are used to decorate the

interior of church buildings, giving hidden symbolisms.

What animals, birds or insects have you noticed? You will often find them carved in stone or wood as well as within paintings and pictures. It’s not that the craftsmen are wanting to include their pets, but rather each creature brings its own natural meaning.

Bees and their hives are a great example.

The bee is symbolic of tireless activity. It represents a good work ethic and being diligent at a task. Because the worker bees do not mate, they symbolize virginity and chastity. (Though I’m never sure how that relates to the queen bee!)

Because the bee appears to die in the winter and reappear in the early summer, it symbolizes rebirth. The bees’ hard work is connected to the beehive, which symbolizes order. The bee represents the Christian and the beehive symbolizes the church.

This month

Have a look at the ‘creatures’ used in a church near you. What do they ‘say’? What aspects of their way of being, speak to you of the glory of God?

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.

Science and Miracles

We live in a world where we can expect the sun to rise tomorrow and the milk to pour out of the bottle when we tilt it over our cereal. But for God, the properties of matter and the biological processes that we know and read about in textbooks are simply the usual ways He works. If He chooses to do something unexpected to demonstrate something about His character, His relationship with us, and His purposes, then He will.

A group of 14 UK-based science Professors wrote to the Times in 1984, saying that “We gladly accept the Virgin Birth, the gospel miracles, and the Resurrection of Christ as historical events. We know that we are representative of many other scientists who are also Christians standing in the historical tradition of the churches.” For the non-believer, I would suggest a thought experiment: if God exists, why should He be bound by the same laws of physics as us?

Professor Christine Done is an Astrophysicist at the University of Durham. In the book *True Scientists, True Faith* (Monarch, 2014) she writes: “Even when I was an atheist I used to get cross at discussions...on

how all Jesus’s miracles could be physically explained. To me, once you have believed in a God, a supernatural being, then it’s obvious that supernatural stuff could happen, since any God who can make the physical universe and its laws can presumably suspend those laws in any time and way He chooses.”

There are also miracles which appear to be a case of wonderful timing. The wind blew all night, and the Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry land, for example. The biblical writers don’t seem especially interested in distinguishing between wonders that seem to break the usual rules of how things happen and those that don’t.

Many in Jesus’ audiences were not won over by His wonders. Most of the people in the crowds who ate the food He produced out of nowhere were quite happy to turn on Him when the religious authorities decided He was dangerous. We can only make sense of something unexpected, such as an answer to prayer for healing, in the context of a growing relationship with God.

The exciting task for a Christian is to explain what this interaction looks like, and to demonstrate what ‘your kingdom come’ looks like in our communities. God works through us in words, works *and* wonders.

25th January – time for haggis and bagpipes!

He died 'lang syne' – long ago, back in 1796, but the Scottish poet Robert Burns is still remembered each January, over many a 'Burns Night' supper of cockaleekie soup, haggis, neeps and tatties - and whisky. Scots and other Burns lovers throughout the world, from Canada to the USA to Russia, still celebrate the poems this most beloved of Scots poets wrote so long ago.

Burns wrote about ordinary things – food, love, death, friendship, and disappointment. We still quote him: 'the best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men'. And at

the end of our lives, we can use his 'Prayer, in Prospect of Death':

*'Thou art good; and Goodness still/
Delighteth to forgive'.*

Indeed, the Bible promises that if we put our trust in God, He will forgive us and give us new life in Him. A good thought at the beginning of a New Year!

Selkirk Grace

*Some hae meat and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat,
Sae let the Lord be Thanket!*

Alcohol does not help you sleep

A nightcap may make you sleepy at the beginning of the night, but the quality of your sleep will suffer. It seems that alcohol disrupts your sleep later in the night, and you get less rapid eye movement (REM) sleep, which makes you feel less rested when you wake up.

During REM sleep, which should last up to 25 per cent of the

night, the brain becomes more active, performing the vital task of reorganising your memory. So, a lack of REM can harm your concentration, motor skills and memory.

The research was done at the London and Edinburgh Sleep Centres, but Proverbs mentioned it nearly 3,000 years ago. It observed: "Who has woe? Who has sorrow?...those who tarry long over wine..."(Prov. 23:29,30)

The man who made the first-ever vaccine

by *Tim Lenton*

Two hundred years ago, on 26th January 1823, Edward Jenner, the British physician and immunologist who created the first vaccine (for smallpox), died of a stroke.

He was the son of a Gloucestershire clergyman and the brother of another – who brought him up when his father died. He was also a violinist, a poet and a naturalist, but he chose medicine and became the pupil of a distinguished surgeon, John Hunter, at St George's Hospital in London. Hunter also had wide interests, and the two kept in touch for many years.

Jenner, a committed and sincere Christian, married a near neighbour, Catharine Kingscote, in 1788. He was described as amiable and quiet, but his work in creating a smallpox vaccine was said to have saved more lives than any other man on earth, though his treatment in making inoculations using cowpox lesions, initially from a dairymaid in 1796, was laughed at by some to start with.

The word 'vaccination' (relating to cows) stems from this experiment. Previous smallpox inoculation attempts were known as variolation and were both less successful and dangerous to health. Jenner himself had received this treatment as a child.

Jenner was a member of the Royal Society, primarily because of his work as a naturalist. He published valuable observations and interpretations on, for instance, the life of the cuckoo, which was little understood at the time.

But in the end, he gave so much time to vaccination work that his personal affairs suffered badly, though he was voted a total of £30,000 by Parliament.

His wife died of tuberculosis in 1815, after which he retired from public life. In 1980 the World Health Organisation said that smallpox had finally been eradicated from the world, though a few lab samples were kept.

The great North Sea Flood

by Tim Lenton

Seventy years ago, on 31st January 1953 and stretching overnight into 1st February, the worst North Sea flood on record took place. North-western Europe was hit by extensive flooding when severe gales combined with a spring tide and very low pressure.

Over 1,800 people were killed in the Netherlands, over 300 in Eastern England, and 28 in Belgium. More than 230 deaths occurred on ships and boats along Northern European coasts, as well as in deeper waters in the North Sea.

The semi-enclosed shape and shallowness of the North Sea was a major factor in the severity of the flood. The surge peaked at almost 11 feet (3.35 metres) above the average sea level. Sea defences in all countries affected were in poor condition because of the Second World War, and warning systems, where they existed, were far from adequate. Land up to 18 feet above mean sea level was flooded, and because of the lack of warnings – it was a Saturday night, and government

and emergency services were not necessarily staffed – many people died in their sleep without any knowledge of what was happening. Radio stations typically broadcast only during the day. Amateur radio operators set up a voluntary emergency radio network – in many areas providing the only contact with the outside world for days.

In England and Scotland nearly 1,000 miles of coastline was damaged, and flooding forced more than 30,000 people from their homes. Damage was estimated at £50 million – equivalent to more than £1.5 billion today.

Worried about a recurrence, the UK and the Netherlands strengthened their coastal defences in the wake of the flood. Notable examples were surge barriers on the Thames and Humber estuaries.

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King Charles's favourite dog breed surges in popularity with the public

When Queen Elizabeth II died last summer, there was a surge in the number of people wanting to buy Corgis.

Now, as the Coronation of Charles III approaches, it seems there is a trend to buy Jack Russell terriers.

King Charles III has long been a fan of Jack Russell terriers. He and the Queen Consort currently own two, Bluebell and Beth, whom they rescued from Battersea Cats and Dogs Home more than a decade ago.

A spokeswoman for the Kennel Club said: "Breeds certainly wax and wane in popularity – and there are a number of factors that can play a part, such as high-profile ownership."

The key to a good head-start in life?

Learn your times tables. It seems that being able to multiply is a "basic building block for success in life."

So says the Schools Minister, as multiplication test results for hundreds of thousands of nine-year-

olds were recently published for the first time.

Nick Gibbs said that being able to recall any multiple up to 12 times 12 is an "immensely valuable skill" that has helped him personally many times, from using complex maths as a chartered accountant to calculating the "best multi-pack supermarket bargains".

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www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

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December solution



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January Sudoku

Above all, EthicsFirst is urging owners not to put their pets through excessive medical treatment. Professor Eddie Clutton, who teaches veterinary anaesthesiology at Edinburgh University, urges owners to stop authorising vets to give their elderly pets prosthetic legs or gruelling cancer treatments. He argues that it would be kinder to ask for euthanasia or less invasive treatment, because animals "experience life in real time" and do not have the capacity to accept pain and discomfort now, based on hope for the future.

Love your pets wisely, but not too well

Your dog and cat should be allowed to be the wonderful animals that they are, and not treated as if they were small humans.

That is the advice of 'EthicsFirst', a group of campaigning vets and academics who are urging pet owners against the 'Disneyfication' of their pets, such as imposing dog jumpers and vegan diets on them. Dressing pets up like dolls and imposing unsuitable diets on them can cause problems that include anxiety, overheating, obesity, malnutrition and joint pain.



Answers to Bible clues: 1 butter; 2 sugar; 3 honey; 4 eggs; 5 raisins; 6 figs; 7 almonds; 8 flour; 9 spices; 10 salt; 11 leaven may be taken as baking powder or as yeast; 12 milk

NB the Editor is in no way responsible for the baking of this cake - page 17

READINGS & ROTAS FOR JANUARY 2023

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	
1	9.30am Holy Communion	Liz Turner	
8	3pm Family Communion	“ “	
15	9.30am Morning Prayer	Sarah Porter	
22	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	
29	9.30am Holy Communion	Barbara Hawksworth	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
1	10.45am Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
8	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Liz Bradshaw	
15	10.45am Matins	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
22	10.45am Holy Communion	Mike Pindar/Gillian Caird	
29	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
1	Jane Dickson/Kate Green	Mr & Mrs Wardle	<i>Christmas flowers remain</i>
8	John & Jill Caws	Marian & Terry Grealey	Margaret Nelson
15	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	“ “
22	Lesley Butcher/Helen Garvey	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Janet Cosgrove
29	Ann & Tony Hubbuck	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	“ “
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>
1	Numbers 6: 22-27 Luke 2: 15-21	Gloria Sherwood <i>The Naming of Jesus</i>	Fiona Swain
8	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Matthew 2: 1-12	The Duke of Devonshire <i>The Feast of Epiphany</i>	TBA
15	Isaiah 49: 1-7 John 1: 29-42	Diana Walters <i>Second Sunday of Epiphany</i>	Sarah Porter
22	Isaiah 9: 1-4 Matthew 4: 12-23	David Jackson <i>Third Sunday of Epiphany</i>	Rupert Turner
29	Malachi 3: 1-5 Luke 2: 22-40	John Bowns <i>January: Candlemas</i>	Fiona Lichfield
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