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Archdeacon Matthew writes...

At the end of July, my family and I travel to Alderney for a few weeks annual leave in the Channel Islands. As the year started decamping to Alderney wasn't part of our thinking, but the opportunity to cover part of their interregnum was too good to miss. It will be the first time my children, Izzy and Henry have flown anywhere and to land in Alderney, we have to fly via Guernsey.

Thomas Merton in "Thoughts in Solitude" wrote 'my Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end.' Such ambiguity would be quite unsettling if you were driving a car and couldn't see the road ahead of you, or boarded an aeroplane and had no clue where it would land. However travelling has always embraced a degree of adventure and travelling usually helps shape us and our world view.

Our Gospel passages from Matthew recently have told of the almost nomadic nature of Jesus' ministry, 'then Jesus went about all the cities and villages.' (Matthew 9.35). Well I hope Jesus knew about Airbnb and Uber as he travelled. But seriously, Jesus travelled, like many of you might this summer and in each place, he visited and he engaged with local people and their needs.

At the time of writing this, I couldn't quite lay my hands on the tourism statistics for our diocese which takes in the Peaks and Dales and National Forest amongst other tourist areas. We have churches in almost all the locations that those travelling to our diocese this summer will visit, that's a wonderful opportunity to express God's welcome to tourists.

I have recently returned from a holiday to Spain where in one city (which shall be nameless) we visited the prominent catholic church just off the main

public square. It was a hot day, and on entry I was still wearing a hat. From seemingly nowhere, a vergers appeared and with an intent stare and some impressive finger wagging and hand motions, I was commanded to remove my hat. Another lady in the church was talking on her mobile phone, when again out of nowhere the same vergers appeared with a stare and finger wag and hand gesture that the phone call should cease.

Now vergers in our diocese are quite removed from the staring, finger wagging and hand gesturing of the Spanish vergers I encountered. But my experience got me thinking about what experience of welcome tourists would receive across our diocese this summer.

If you've read this article this far and you're a part of a church in an area frequented by tourists, give that question some thought. Of course the nature of tourists is itinerant – they come and go – but the opportunity to leave an impression that speaks something of God's welcome is vast.

The Ven. Matthew Trick
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Fotheringhay:

An Audience with Mary Queen of Scots

Hauntingly beautiful music, candlelight, quill and documents set the atmospheric scene as Mary, Queen of Scots, assisted by her Lady-in-Waiting Jane Kennedy, made her regal way through the chancel of St Peter's and began to reflect on her life.

Looking back with majesty, candour and touches of humour, Mary (played by Jane Collier) transported us back to the 16th Century. Many facts are known about her life and demise but this performance gave real insight into her personality, and her conflicting emotions were tangible.

The 'Captive Queen' captivated us all as she reminisced about her time spent in her 'gilded cage' at Chatsworth, under the watchful eyes of the Earl and Countess of Shrewsbury (Bess of Hardwick).

Jane quietly rose from her sewing tasks to collect the blindfold which Mary would wear at her execution. Mary, with dignity and composure, bid us farewell.

A wonderful evening.

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The sweet smell of rain

Have you ever noticed the sweet, fresh smell after a downpour of rain? That 'smell of rain' is called petrichor, and it fascinates scientists.

It was back in 1965 that scientists first named it. Petrichor comes from the Greek for stone, 'petra', and the golden fluid flowing through the veins of the immortals, 'ichor'.

Petrichor is produced when raindrops form air pockets on the

rocks and soil, and softly force the release of aromatic chemicals trapped there. The petrichor-scented compounds drift upwards into the atmosphere as a gas, like a glass of champagne.

The odour itself comes mainly from a chemical called geosmin, which is made by bacteria in soil. Geosmin is made by soil microbes, to fend off hungry worms. Geosmin is highly pungent, and even just five parts per trillion can be picked up by the human nose.

Dates for your Diary - July 2023

- 6 PILSLEY CofE SCHOOL Summer Fair 5 - 7pm
& Blessing of the wells 6pm**
- 11 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting 7.30pm** Beeley Village Hall
Beeley part 2 - Chris Boyce
President: Janet Fairley Refreshments & raffle: Helen Boyce
- 19 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting 7pm** Baslow Church Rooms
Speaker: Susan Whitfield - pilot and wheelchair user
Competition: an aviation related item
- 20 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP 7pm** Beeley Village Hall
Claire Butler talking about Maypole Dancing
- 27 CHATTY CRAFTS 10.30 - 12** in the Chapel at St. Peter's. Join us for crafting or just a cuppa and a natter! Everyone welcome.

PILSLEY WELL DRESSINGS

BLESSING THURSDAY 6TH JULY

There will be three well dressings in Pilsley this year - the School, Scouts/Cubs/Beavers and Gregory's well down Pilsley Lane, which is done by the younger children in the village.

The Blessing will be at 6pm on and begin at the School well.

The School will also be holding their Summer Fair on this date from 5 - 7pm, so do come along and support both events.

Swim? (Smile...)

If a lot of swimming is so good for your shape, then why do the whales look the way they do?

St. Peter's Church 100 Club May Draw 2023

1st Prize £30 - no. 67 Nancie Parkes

2nd prize £20 - no. 17 Jennie Ball

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

60 years ago, on 1st July 1963, the British government revealed that intelligence officer Kim Philby was a long-term Soviet spy and that he was the 'third man' in the Cambridge spy ring. On 30th July the Soviet Union announced they had granted him political asylum.

Free contactless giving devices for 50 churches



The Church of England's National Giving Team made 50 contactless giving devices available to parishes in the Diocese of Derby for free and this week they have been distributed ready for immediate use.

The National Giving Team recognises the many new challenges which influence our ability to sustain Gods work in our parish churches. As we evolve into a cashless society, parishes need to consider the various methods available to allow generosity.

Steve Johnson, Living Generously Advisor for the Diocese of Derby said "This is an amazing opportunity to enable church visitors to support the ministry in our parishes, whether they are members of the congregation, attending a special event, or just taking some quiet time in your church, a contactless giving device allows their generosity to become a reality. God calls everyone to be generous. Generosity through contactless donations enables transformed lives, a growing church, and the building of community. The Kingdom of God – Good News for all"

Quotes from the Diocese of Derby Digital Contactless Donation Device Rollout 2023

Representatives from St Helen's Etwall said "I just wanted to thank Steve for a very well-prepared session, you've done a great job here! We were impressed by the device, ease of use and functionality... The great news is that it can be left in church, plugged in permanently".

Representatives from All Saints Youlgreave said "A huge, huge thank you for organising today. I was so excited to pick up the device and it is so easy to manage. I cannot believe all the campaign pages and screens were set up for each church! Just in time for well dressings too which is just amazing! This is such a wonderful way for small churches in parishes to help themselves grow financially and with the sharp decline in cash in recent years, such a wonderful and timely grant to support parish churches like our beautiful church here in Youlgreave. I know it will do wonders for our fundraising and the sustainability of the church in the future.

For more information on contactless giving and living generously, please contact Steve Johnson, Living Generously Advisor at steve.johnson@derby.anglican.org or 01332 278151.

NB - Thanks to a timely application by our Treasurer, St. Peter's has been fortunate enough to be allocated one of these machines, which is now set up in the church.

The Padley Centre

We are continuing to support the Padley Centre and deliver donations through their booking system for dropping goods off. Nadine is making regular trips and will collect items from church/Vicarage outside toilet, either on a Sunday morning or on the last Thursday of the month.

With summer now officially here the weather is getting warmer; however, rain and chilly winds can still be just around the corner so we should continue to think of those less fortunate people who know what it is like to be hungry, homeless and often cold - even in the warmer weather. Remember the Padley Centre welcomes donation of practically anything! They always need clothing for adults, including waterproofs, warm socks, gloves, hats (including sun hats) and scarves (it can still be cold 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 (preferably with quite a long 'run-in' time) - 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.

Learning to Dream Again – Recovering the Heart of God

By Samuel Wells, Canterbury Press, £14.99 *(Book Review)*

In 36 short reflections, Sam Wells explores what influences and shapes the way that we live, love, think, read Scripture, feel and dream. He helps the reader to grapple with cultural forces and contemporary questions, and offers a way forward that is grounded in the reality of a suffering world, and yet is open to transformation by the life and joy of God.



Wildflower project is blooming great

We're currently nurturing 110 new wildflower areas in open spaces and on grass verges throughout the beautiful Derbyshire Dales.

These sites, prepared earlier in the year, will be cut at the end of the summer and the grass clippings removed. Over time this will improve the biodiversity of these sites.

Providing a lovely display of meadow buttercups and nectar-rich red clover right now is a new meadow at Calver crossroads, prepared in partnership

with Derbyshire County Council. The wildflowers here are attracting carder bees, honeybees and red-tailed bumblebees.

This area was cut previously every four weeks with the clipping left to compost back into the soil.

Among the scores of other sites identified in the third year of [our Biodiversity Project](#) are the roadside by the A6 at Darley Dale and a new meadow in our [Bakewell Recreation Ground](#).

Holiday soothies

For those about to go on holiday...

For dealing with motion sickness, ginger capsules are your new friend. Available from any health store, they do a wonderful job in calming upset tummies.

And for fever or frayed tempers, take some camomile tea bags with you.

Camomile tea doesn't just calm your

nerves; cooled down, the tea also soothes sunburn.

For discouraging mosquitoes & insomnia, take some essential oil of lavender. Mosquitoes hate the smell, so if you put a few drops around your pillow, you may keep them at bay - and help yourself drift off to sleep.

Which staff? (Smile...)

Several years ago the then Bishop of London reported to the General Synod that before attending a church function he

had said he would bring his pastoral staff. "And how many seats will you want?" came the reply.

The rise of sourdough

We seem to love bread. In Britain we buy 11 million loaves of the stuff every day. For years it was just the base for our breakfast marmalade or lunchtime sandwiches, until sourdough arrived.

Sourdough has exploded in popularity. Global sales are forecast to grow \$2.36bn (£1.92bn) during 2022-2026. UK craft bakers point to its flavour and perceived health benefits. Sourdough is a seemingly simple mix of just flour, water and salt.

But it isn't made with traditional bread yeast. Instead, it's fermented by lactic acid bacteria and naturally occurring wild yeasts. A single teaspoon of sourdough starter can contain 50 million yeasts and 5 billion lactobacilli (lactic acid bacteria) that originated in the environment, made a home in it while the starter was fermenting and growing. And a lot of scientists think that that is good for us.

Beware of that pizza

Summer evenings make it so easy to want a pizza – but before you reach for your next slice, there's something you should know.

Pizza is very high in salt. When the campaign group Action on Salt analysed the salt content of more than 1,300 pizzas from restaurants, takeaways and supermarkets, it found that one in two pizzas contain a whole day's recommended intake.

That is 6g of salt a day, which amounts to roughly one level teaspoon, according to the NHS.

Takeaway pizzas were found to be the worst culprits. A basic Domino's

cheese and tomato pizza contained 10.77g of salt, and a Papa John's double pepperoni stuffed-crust pizza contained 14.31g. Franco pizza, with spicy salami fried onion & chilli-infused honey, contains 7.18g, more than a whole day's worth. A Zizzi's rustica pizza margherita contains the equivalent of 1.2 teaspoons of salt.

The human body needs some salt to function properly, but too much can lead to high blood pressure, which can lead to heart disease.

In appreciation of William Byrd

by Tim Lenton, community reporter

Four hundred years ago, on 4th July 1623, William Byrd, the English Renaissance composer, died. Regarded as one of the greatest of all British composers, he is best known for his sacred music.

However, he wrote in many of the forms current in England at the time, and his many-faceted but unique music is still popular today, having received a resurgence of enthusiasm in the past century.

Byrd was born into a musical and quite wealthy London merchant family, and became a pupil of Thomas Tallis at the Chapel Royal, whose mainly vocal music has also survived to the present day.

Byrd became a Roman Catholic in the 1570s, when it was dangerous to do so, but he was so admired by the music-loving Queen Elizabeth that she gave him protection. Even so, he was still fined heavily for refusal to attend

Anglican services – as was his wife Juliana Birley, with whom he had a long marriage, producing at least seven children.

Byrd did compose sacred music for Anglican services – two of his pieces were used in the Coronation service this year. His total output of about 470 compositions were distinctive, but he raised church anthems and the Anglican service setting to new heights, together with consort songs – some perhaps using the poems of Norfolk landowner Sir Edward Paston.

Despite being in some ways an awkward man, frequently involved in legal disputes, he was respected by musicians and non-musicians alike, known for his integrity and loyalty. He died at an advanced age (no-one is sure of his birth date) at the London home of the Earl of Worcester.

75 years of the National Health Service

by Tim Lenton, community reporter

It was 75 years ago, on 5th July 1948, that the National Health Service (NHS) began operating – formally opened at the Park Hospital in Manchester, now renamed Trafford General.

The National Health Service Act provided for the establishment of a comprehensive health service for England and Wales. (Separate legislation was produced for Scotland and Northern Ireland.)

The Minister of Health at the time was Labour firebrand Aneurin Bevan, but the NHS came into being through the efforts of many others as well – notably Conservative Sir Henry Willink, who was Minister of Health in the Coalition government in 1944. His White Paper laid down all the basic elements of an NHS – that no-one was excluded, and that healthcare was free and based on need, not the ability to pay.

But the origins of the NHS went back many years, starting perhaps in the early 1900s, with socialist Beatrice Webb's Minority Report

of the Royal Commission on the Poor Law. It aimed to get away from the workhouse system, where those with no resources were expected to look after themselves. The report was dismissed by the Liberal government.

Strong ideas in the same vein had also come from biochemist Dr Benjamin Moore, from Liverpool, who is also credited with first use of the words "National Health Service". A novel called *The Citadel* by A J Cronin (also a doctor) drew attention to the inadequacies of health care at the time of its publication in 1937.

In the end, the NHS was based to a large extent on the Beveridge Report, published in 1942. William Beveridge was a Liberal politician, economist and social reformer who also had a strong interest in eugenics – the aim of improving the human race by controlling reproduction.

Life-changing Audio Bibles for people with sight loss

At the end of 2021, Torch took “a leap of faith” and ordered 1,000 Pathway audio Bible players containing the New Testament and Psalms read by the actor David Suchet.

Knowing the power of Scripture to change lives, they planned to “give these Bibles for free to anyone in the UK losing their sight. 16 months later, all of these Bible players have been sent out and the stories coming back are so amazing that Torch has ordered 1,000 more.”

Gayle-Ann told us “It is my friend... with me wherever, it is just so convenient. I have read the New Testament, but the way this is read is just easily understood”.

Kenneth wouldn't have called himself a Christian, and hasn't enjoyed audio

books, but ‘I like listening to the Pathway. I'm really listening to the New Testament now, not just odd verses. I'm realising what it all means.’

Losing sight can be a time of real questioning and searching, so what better gift can a newly blind person receive than the Word of God?

Torch is encouraging anyone who is living with sight loss to contact them for a free audio Bible at www.torchtrust.org/pathway , or by calling 01858 438260.

Most of the first 1,000 players were sponsored by individuals, churches or trusts. Torch is also seeking people to donate £20 to cover the cost of sending out one of the new audio Bibles.

Struggling with God – Mental Health & Christian Spirituality

By Christopher C H Cook, Isabelle Hamley, and John Swinton, SPCK, £14.99
(Book Review)

This book gets to the heart of a predicament for many Christians: when it feels as if our mental health struggles are overwhelming - and our capacity for faith and hope and love is diminished - how is it possible to maintain, never mind nourish, our relationship with God?

The truth is that Jesus helped people wrestling with mental health problems.

Many familiar conditions, such as anxiety and depression, and more severe ones, including bipolar affective disorder and schizophrenia, are addressed by the authors here. They explore the impact such mental health disorders can have on individual Christians, Church and society.

Each chapter includes biblical reflections, prayers, questions for individual/group study, and pointers to further reading. Overall, it presents a Christian vision of spiritual and mental wellbeing through prayerful struggling with God.

Happy Holidays

David Pickup, a solicitor, considers the possible pitfalls of travelling...

'From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace... we went on to Neapolis. From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district[a] of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. (Acts 16:11-12)

I wonder if travel was in some ways easier in St Paul's day! No waiting at airports, cancelled flights or passport problems. The Roman Empire had an amazing system of well-maintained roads, provided with inns, guards, signposts and milestones. Everyone spoke Greek and the currency was interchangeable. We do not live in classical times so how should we prepare for holidays?

Choose your holiday from a reliable travel company that is a member of the professional bodies that protect customers if it all goes wrong. Pay for the holiday using a credit card, so you can claim against the credit company if there is a serious problem.

Prepare and research where you are going. Look up the Government travel advice pages

on staying safe and healthy in that country.

Get someone to look after your house and pets while you are away. Make sure it does not look as though it is empty.

Get proper insurance that covers what you need. The Association of British Insurers has advice online about travel insurance, including how COVID-19 can affect it, and a guide on choosing the right travel insurance policy.

Rules on claiming health benefits in Europe have changed. It is now the Global Health Insurance Card.

When on holiday, keep your belongings safe and avoid dangerous places. Do not keep all your holiday cash in one place. If you lost your wallet, would you have details of what numbers to phone to stop your card? Take more than one credit/debit card with you, and keep them separately.

Finally - have fun. You deserve it! As always this is a light-hearted introduction, and do get professional advice.

How to deal with those stressful people in your life

Sadly, most of us know someone who makes us feel stressed. That awkward colleague at work, a selfish family member, an aggressive neighbour, or a friend who emotionally drains you.

Whoever they are, beware: stress-giving people can seriously affect your mental – and physical – health. Travis Bradberry, the author of *Emotional Intelligence 2.0*, warns: “Even if we are exposed to stress for just a few days, it can still compromise the effectiveness of neurons in the hippocampus - that part of the brain which is responsible for reasoning and memory.”

Stress produces more adrenaline and cortisol. These ‘stress’ hormones put you in a state of ‘hyper-arousal’. Your heart rate and blood pressure increase, you feel angry, anxious, out of control, overwhelmed or numb. Long term, this can result in insomnia, and even heart disease and stroke.

So how do you stop stressful people from hurting you? Clinical

psychologist Dr Marianne Trent and other psychotherapists suggest the following:

Try to take breaks from the stress-giver for at least 20 minutes at a time. Give your stress hormones time to rebalance, and regain your inner calm.

Try to schedule your meeting with the stress-giver between activities that make you happy. Even just texting a good friend can help.

Try to reduce the time you spend with them. Of course, as stressful people are often ‘un-bounded’, they will not like that, because they want to set the agenda. Instead, start setting boundaries as to when you are available. Don’t be afraid to just say ‘no’. They don’t own you, and they should not be running your life.

Instead, remember that God loves you and wants you to know freedom and peace. Remember His compassion and kindness. He is always your refuge.

How to keep young, as you grow old

When the US President Joe Biden announced that he was running for re-election, many of us thought he was too old. He will be 86 by the end of 2028. Trump will be 82. How could either of them run the United States at such an age?

The argument about Biden and Trump will doubtless carry on, but meanwhile, there is some encouragement for the rest of us who are ageing.

A 2012 study by the University of Edinburgh found that only about a quarter of the cognitive changes that occur as we age are determined by genetics. The other three quarters are based on our lifestyle choices.

Firstly, choose to exercise. When you exercise in any way, you are not just making your body fit, you are also improving your brain health. This is because exercise promotes the release of a cell-making protein in the brain called BDNF (brain-derived neurotrophic factor), which is linked to learning and memory.

Secondly, choose to retain a sense of control and purpose in your life. We can't all influence world politics, but we can each of us act for the general good of the people around us. In 2022, researchers in the US found that people who have a greater sense of purpose in life not only live longer, but have fewer health problems, including depression, blood pressure problems and heart attacks.

Thirdly, choose to set yourself some realistic personal goals, no matter how small. Research shows that setting a goal – even just to lose weight, or tidy the garden, can make you feel immediately more worthwhile.

Fourthly, choose to keep spending time with other people. Remaining sociable in old age is vital – we are social animals and really do need those meaningful relationships.

Fifthly, choose to follow activities that allow you to keep learning – perhaps take up a hobby such as gardening, or even begin a foreign language.

The story behind the HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God

Some famous hymns of praise and thanksgiving were written in astonishing circumstances of pain and distress. 'Now Thank We All Our God' is no exception.

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

Oh may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

By Martin Rinkart

The joy and serenity of this hymn are staggering, when you learn the

circumstances in which it was written. Martin Rinkart was a pastor at Eilenberg, Saxony, during the terrible Thirty Years' War (1618-1648).

As a walled city, Eilenberg offered some protection to the inhabitants. No wonder that political and military refugees of all sorts poured into the city, making it dangerously overcrowded. Soon the water supply was fouled, the sanitation overwhelmed, and the food ran out – leaving people famished and diseased.

In 1637 a terrible pestilence swept through the city, killing some 8,000 people, including Rinkart's beloved wife. By that time Rinkart was the only minister left in Eilenberg, because the others had either died or fled for their lives. Rinkart alone conducted the burial services for 4,480 people, sometimes taking as many as 40 to 50 funerals a day!

Eilenberg was besieged and overrun three times – once by the Austrian army and twice by the Swedes. When a Swedish general demanded the town pay him 30,000 thalers, Martin Rinkart pleaded that the impoverished city could never meet such a levy, but the general scorned him. At that, Rinkart turned to his companions and said: 'Come, my children, we can find no mercy with man; let us take refuge with God.'

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On his knees there and then, Rinkart led his friends in a fervent prayer and in the singing of a hymn. The Swedish commander was so moved that he decided that the levy be not 30,000 thalers, but instead 1,350 thalers.

Somehow, out of the hell of the Thirty Years War, came this lovely

hymn of peace and total trust in God. Martin Rinkart had had to dig deep into his faith to survive, and the result was utter, serene dependence on God – despite chaos and destruction all around.

Bishops agree key areas for further work implementing ‘Living in Love and Faith’

The House of Bishops has set out key areas in which it is requesting further work from the implementation groups who are taking forward the recent decision of General Synod on offering prayers of thanksgiving, dedication and for God’s blessing for same-sex couples.

The proposals debated at Synod, which were developed after a six-year period of listening, learning and discernment known as Living in Love and Faith, would mean that, for the first time, same-sex couples could have a service in church in which there would be prayers of dedication, thanksgiving or for God’s blessing on the two people

concerned, following a civil marriage or civil partnership.

The proposals would not, however, change the Church’s doctrine of Holy Matrimony. The texts known as *Prayers of Love and Faith* will be voluntary, with freedom of choice about their use. There will be protections both for those who, on grounds of conscience, will not be able to offer them and those who will.

Three implementation groups have been set up to refine the draft texts of Prayers of Love and Faith, to work on the new pastoral guidance for the Church of England; and also to examine what pastoral reassurance will be required to ensure freedom of conscience for clergy and laity.

Reflecting Faith - the Pulpit

The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series.

The pulpit is one of the four most obvious pieces of 'furniture' in a church; the others being the lectern, altar and the font.

Today the pulpit is where the preacher stands to give the sermon during a service. It is generally raised higher than the chairs or pews, so the preacher can be seen more easily by the congregation. Pulpits often have a 'sounding' board canopy above them, so that the words may 'resound' more audibly.

The pulpit may be simple or heavily ornamented; engraved with pictures and/or words in a creative manner. There are examples of some pulpits which require the preacher to climb up over a dozen steps to reach the preaching platform, while others have only five or six steps.

In Anglican churches they are likely to be situated between the nave, where the congregation sits, and the chancel, where the choir or church leaders sit. In Methodist chapels, pulpits are normally centrally placed, often above the altar.

In bygone generations, the pulpit was used for all sorts of announcements.

Without any microphones, it was better to use a raised area from which to address people.

So the pulpits were used not only by priests for preaching, but also by the churchwardens for notices. The pulpit was also where Marriage Banns were called, excommunications were pronounced, and indulgences were advertised.

In fact, pulpits were not much used for sermons before the Reformation! This is because the clergy in those days were required to preach only four times a year.

Most commonly, the pulpit was used for the bidding prayers. These, partly in English, were said for the leaders of the Church, the King, the governing orders, the people, special needs, and, finally, for those parishioners who had paid to have their names read out.

This month

Have a close look at your church's pulpit. What does both the pulpit itself and the sermons that you hear from it reflect about your faith?

Even the BBC couldn't find the Loch Ness Monster

by Tim Lenton, community reporter

Twenty years ago, on 27th July 2003, a team from the BBC reported that the Loch Ness monster did not exist. They had combed every inch of the loch, using 600 sonar beams guided by satellite navigation, and still found nothing. The operation was covered in the BBC One documentary, *Searching for the Loch Ness Monster*.

Earlier reported sightings of the monster had led to speculation that it might be a plesiosaur – a marine reptile from the age of the dinosaurs. The BBC team hoped the air in Nessie's lungs would be detected by the instruments on their search boat.

"We went from shoreline to shoreline, top to bottom... We have covered everything in this loch, and we saw no signs of any large living

animal," said Ian Florence, one of the specialists who carried out the survey for the BBC.

The earliest report of a strange water monster in the area involved the Celtic monk St Columba in the sixth century AD. He was said to have banished a monster from the River Ness into the loch. But there are many more recent sightings: in 1933 the local paper reported that a water bailiff had seen it, and it was not long before photographs were published – the first taken by Hugh Gray that year and the second by surgeon Robert Wilson in 1934.

But the BBC report did not kill off interest. Nessie continues to be sighted, and the Loch Ness Centre in Drumnadrochit, near the shores of the loch, has just reopened following a major transformation. This is said to mark the 90th anniversary of the "first sighting". Presumably St Columba didn't count.

Smile Lines.....

Couch

Friends sympathized as our curate complained that her back was really sore from moving furniture. "Why don't you wait till your teenage son gets home?" someone asked.

"Well, I could," our curate replied, "but the couch is easier to move if he's not on it."

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.

A Scientist Reflects: Suffering and the Image of God

During the cost-of-living crisis, Food Banks have become a necessity for many desperate families. When they are given food, people reveal a variety of emotions: from relief, happiness, and hope, to quiet sadness, resignation, and desperation. Most often they display a mixture of several of these feelings at the same time.

I believe that our cries for answers at times like this, and our deep longing for things to be better, kinder, more just, less painful and chaotic, are a sign that we are made in the image of God. The Bible describes God creating men and women, instructing them to rule over the earth, and giving them the freedom to choose what they will do. The world God made was described as “very good”, but human wrongdoing caused a rift between people and God, and also between us and the rest of creation.

From a scientist’s perspective, it seems that the potential for accidents, disease and death – for both animals and humans – may have

been part of God’s very good creation, and there was a real threat of famine, albeit far rarer than in our current mismanaged version of creation? How would we have managed life in what Genesis describes as an un-subdued world if our relationship with God hadn’t broken down, and evil hadn’t been unleashed? Maybe painful experiences would have been experienced as challenges that brought us closer to each other and to God, rather than bringing us the experience of suffering (which I would define more particularly as involving distress, isolation and fear)? Of course, these are theoretical questions that no one can answer, but perhaps they are worth exploring.

God has already responded to suffering at a root level by taking it on Himself. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus broke the power of sin and death. We do not yet see the final results of those decisive actions – the end of suffering for all those who trust Him – but we can already feel their impact. For example, many people have experienced the wonderful effect, either in their own lives or by receiving kindness from others, which is described by these words: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from

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you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 36:26).

Some of the people who receive food are, in the words of one community leader, “really desperate”, but yet they still trust God to meet

their needs. My hope is that the worldwide Church will, with God’s help, be part of the answer to their prayers – demonstrating our true status as people made in the image of God.

Age of those with religion

By Dr Peter Brierley

The 2021 Population Census asked people their age as well as whether they had a religion. 94% of the population answered both questions. The average age of the population is 41, and the average age of Christian adherents was 48, the oldest of any religion. The youngest are the Muslims with larger families and therefore more children; their average age is 29. Those with No Religion are the next youngest, with an average age of 34. All the other religions have an average age between 37 and 42.

These figures re-enforce what is already well known: that church

congregations are generally lacking in young people, but the higher percentages of younger people in other religions shows that it is not necessarily religion as such which is alien to young people, but rather the Christian faith.

It has been said that it is not the essence of the Christian faith which deter younger people, but rather the Church itself and the lacklustre lives of those who profess to be Christian. In addition, in Western culture, the tenets of Christian belief have been discarded in a modern, secular environment, the Bible has been largely dismissed and ignorance reigns, particularly among the younger population.

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Water (Smile...)

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• My friend was working at an amusement park when a couple stopped him.
• “Excuse me,” said the woman, pointing to a pond. “What is that water made
• out of?” Bemused, my friend replied, “Two parts hydrogen and one part
• oxygen.” “See?” she said to her boyfriend. “I told you it wasn’t real.”
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Henry Moore and his monumental sculptures

by Tim Lenton, community reporter

Henry Moore, the British sculptor and illustrator best known for his monumental semi-abstract bronze sculptures, was born 125 years ago, on 30th July 1898, in Castleford, a small mining town in Yorkshire.

He knew he wanted to be a sculptor from an early age, having heard at Sunday school about Michelangelo's life and work. But his parents regarded sculpture as manual labour, and he trained as a teacher before joining the Army during the first world war. An ex-serviceman's grant brought him – via Leeds School of Art – to the Royal College of Art in London, where he met and later married Irina Radetsky.

In the second world war Moore became popular as a war artist – mainly through his drawings. But in 1943 he was commissioned to carve a Madonna and Child for the Church of St Matthew in Northampton.

Moore's fame as a sculptor grew quickly, with exposure in the

media backed up by major exhibitions in London and Florence. In 1977, at the age of 79, he decided to establish the Henry Moore Foundation, partly for tax reasons but also to encourage “enjoyment and opportunity” in the arts – especially sculpture. It now runs his house and estate at Perry Green, Hertfordshire.

His work was not without controversy. An early ‘modernist’ sculpture bought by artist and poet Roland Penrose in 1937 – and put in his Hampstead garden – aroused indignation in some.

Then in 1962, as a socialist, Moore sold another statue to London County Council at a fraction of its value so that it could enrich the lives of those living in a socially deprived area. It was installed on the Stifford council estate – but was vandalised and moved in 1997 to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. The Stifford Estate was later demolished.

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**Legislation to safeguard
Church of England
Academy land moves
forward**

The Church of England's lead Bishop for Education has welcomed a recent Government amendment to a Bill which safeguards land held for Church academies.

The [amendment](#) to the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill will reintroduce clauses originally found in the Schools Bill, with which the Government decided not to proceed.

The clauses ensure that new sites for church academies, where they are relocated, continue to be held on charitable trust. The amendment was brought by the Government at the House of Lords Committee stage.

The Bishop of Durham, Lead Bishop for Education for the Church, said: "Church of England schools provide a highly valued education to over a million children which is distinctly Christian, but serves a diverse community of all faiths and none."

Not like it used to be (*Smile..*)

I used to be able to do cartwheels. Now I tip over while pulling on my socks.

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July Sudoku ☞

It was 65 years ago, on 26th July 1958, that debutantes were presented at the British royal court for the last time. Were any of our readers a debutante, perhaps even at this last one?

AND

It was 15 years ago, on 31st July 2008, that NASA reported that its Phoenix Mars Lander had found frozen water in a soil sample taken from two inches below the surface of Mars.

Diabetes timebomb: NHS to offer 'soup and shakes' diet

The NHS is to roll out a 'soup and shakes' diet across the UK, aimed at the tens of thousands of patients who are fighting Type 2 diabetes.

Health officials said every part of the country will be offering the regime by next March, as the NHS tries to tackle what has been called Britain's 'diabetes timebomb'.

Pilot schemes report an average of two stone in weight loss in three months. Clinical trials seem to show

that this will be enough to reverse about half of diabetes cases. The 'soups and shakes' diet is a 'total diet replacement' product, which aims to deliver 800 to 900 calories a day for 12 weeks.

Professor Jonathan Valabhji, the NHS England's national clinical director for diabetes and obesity, says: "Research is clear that weight loss, where indicated, goes a long way to helping people stay well and avoiding preventable illness, and in many cases, it can be the trigger for putting Type 2 diabetes into remission.

Struggling with God – Mental Health & Christian

Spirituality (Book review)

By Christopher C H Cook, Isabelle Hamley, and John Swinton, SPCK, £14.99

This book gets to the heart of a predicament for many Christians: when it feels as if our mental health struggles are overwhelming - and our capacity for faith and hope and love is diminished - how is it possible to maintain, never mind nourish, our relationship with God?

The truth is that Jesus helped people wrestling with mental health

problems. Many familiar conditions, such as anxiety and depression, and more severe ones, including bipolar affective disorder and schizophrenia, are addressed by the authors here. They explore the impact such mental health disorders can have on individual Christians, Church and society.

Each chapter includes biblical reflections, prayers, questions for individual/group study, and pointers to further reading. Overall, it presents a Christian vision of spiritual and mental wellbeing through prayerful struggling with God.

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2	3pm	Family Communion	Mel Hartley(Curate) Fiona Swain
9	9.30am	Holy Communion	Ven. Matthew Trick " "
16	9.30am	Morning Prayer	David Neale Fiona Lichfield
23	9.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Dr. Alan Flintham " "
30	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Canon Matt Barnes Liz Turner
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
2	10.45am	Holy Communion	Rev. Canon Matt Barnes Mrs Bradshaw/Mrs Jackson
9	10.45am	Hoy Communion	Ven. Matthew Trick Mr & Mrs Wardle
16	10.45am	Matins	David Neale Mike Pindar/Gillian Caird
23	10.45am	Holy Communion	Revd Dr. Alan Flintham Mr & Mrs Gordon
30	10.45am	Holy Communion	Rev. Canon Matt Barnes R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
2	Mr & Mrs Sherwood		Mrs Day/Mrs Walters Janet Cosgrove
9	Lesley Butcher/Helen Garvey		Mr & Mrs Jackson " "
16	Clive & Joy Thrower		Mr & Mrs Grimshaw Margaret Nelson
23	Jane Dickson & Kate Green		Mr & Mrs Wardle Amanda Neale
30	John & Jill Caws		Mr & Ms Grealey " "
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>
2	Jeremiah 28: 5-9 Matthew 10: 40-end	Duke of Devonshire <i>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</i>	TBA
9	Zechariah 9: 9-12 Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end	John Bowns <i>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Fiona Swain
16	Isaiah 55: 10-13 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	Mike Woodcock <i>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Sarah Porter
23	Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	Christine Robinson <i>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i>	Rupert Turner
30	1 Kings 3: 5-12 Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52	Roger Wardle <i>Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Fiona Lichfield

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