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There and Back Again!

It was a blustery March day when 2 removal vans set off up the M1 to build a new home in Derbyshire. A new adventure began and now 5 years on it might be 2 vans that return back down !

As Archdeacon I have been privileged to serve you, and have grown to love the county of Derbyshire, experiencing great joy in the many visits to parishes, community events, rural agricultural shows, schools, through peak and dales. As a family we have very much enjoyed our visits to Edensor and Beeley, walks around the Chatsworth Estate and taking part in the Peak Pilgrimage.

I am the richer for sharing in ministry with you all, and I thank you for your partnership and support over these years. I have found warm, loving, spirit filled and faithful people in all parts of the diocese. There is much to be encouraged about and God is at work amidst us all and will lead us onto the next part of the journey.

Lent will soon be upon us and that leads us on a spiritual journey of exploration. As we start to prepare from Ash Wednesday, through 40 days and nights, through Holy Week and the last hours of Jesus' ministry on earth, we can reflect ourselves on our own calling to be a follower of Christ. What do we personally bring to the life of our parishes, community, school that can make a difference, change lives? What change of heart would you hope to leave if you journey on?

My prayer for you all is that in some small way my time with you will be remembered and you can build on what we have developed together. Being good neighbours, building up relationships with one another in the many different villages/ towns/ farms, and showing the love of Christ to all those who come to visit.

My family and I (Martin , Clara, David and Abbie) wish you the very best for the future, and we will remember with fondness our journey “There and back again”

Every blessing

Carol Coslett

(former Archdeacon of Peak & Dales)

Carol retired as Archdeacon at the end of February 2023



The second Lent talk will be on Wednesday 8th March - Revd Tony Kaunhoven ‘Trying to serve in God’s church’.

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

Coffee/Tea 10.15am, talk at 10.30am

FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER’S

2nd February ~ Funeral Service followed by Cremation

Andrew Richard Spencer aged 59 years

17th February ~ Funeral Service followed by Cremation

Virginia Wenzel Drummond

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Easy Fundraising

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To Register

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

To Shop

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

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

Special services!

March and April sees the time of year when there are several special services:

Sunday 19th March: Mothering Sunday (both churches) All welcome, distribution of flower posies.

Holy Week

Sunday 2nd April: Palm Sunday - come and meet the two delightful donkeys, Puck and Treacle - St. Peter's 10.45. Family service at St. Anne's 3pm.

Service of Compline - 3rd, 4th & 5th April (St Peter's 7pm)

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 6th April (St Anne's 7pm)

Good Friday 'Quiet Hour' 7th April (St Peter's 2 - 3pm).

Easter Eve Vigil 8th April (St. Peter's 7pm)

Easter Day Sunday 9th April: (9.30am St. Anne's & 10.45am St. Peter's)

Further details in the the April magazine.

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

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

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.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club January Draw 2023

1st Prize £30 - no. 39 Duncan Gordon

2nd prize £20 - no. 73 Sarah Titterton

Funds to church this month - £50

The 100 club raised £808.92 in 2022 for the Restoration Fund.

The running total raised for the Restoration fund is £11,319.69

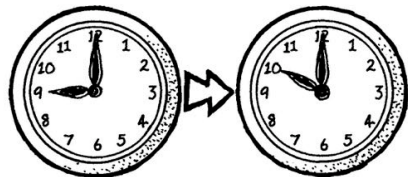
Thank you all members past and present who have supported the 100 club.

Ann Hall

British Summer Time Begins

26th March

Remember to move your clocks forward by one hour!



Dates for your Diary - March 2023

- 14 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
£5 charity shop item Refreshments & raffle: Sue Mills
- 14 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms
Speaker: Pam Goodison - Glass coaster making workshop
Competition: a small glass ornament
- 21 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** - 7pm Beeley Village Hall
David Spencer talking about Peak District Rural Life in the 18th century
- 23 CHATTY CRAFTS - 10.30 - 12** in the Chapel at St. Peter's. Join us for crafting or a cuppa and a chat! **& Collection of any items donated for the Padley Centre**

EARLY NOTICE - SHEEP SERVICE 23rd APRIL, St. Peter's 10.45am

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY (BASH)

The Medway Centre, New Street, Bakewell

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

12 March 2023

"Brian and Charles" 2022, UK, PG, Comedy

After a particularly harsh winter Brian goes into a deep depression; completely isolated and with no one to talk to, Brian does what any sane person would do when faced with such a melancholic situation. He builds a robot.

A message from Joy Thrower reminding us to use Easyfundraising when purchasing goods on line

Just to let you know £17.98 was recently paid into the PCC account from Easyfundraising. That is the latest quarterly payment. Since the PCC joined easyfundraising it has raised £523.54. There are only 19 people who use the scheme. It has taken a long time to reach this total but if there was a drive to recruit more people so much more could be raised. There must be more than 19 people in the congregation who buy things on line. I use "Bunches" to send flowers to friends and family and get "Posy Points" that give a reduction on the next purchase. Amazon, Currys, Morrisons, ASDA, Boots, M&S, Dunelm, Etsy & Manchester Airport parking must be some of the online sites people use.

Note from editor:

Instructions on how to use Easyfundraising can be found on page 3 of this magazine

EASTER LILIES AT ST. ANNE'S



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

EASTER LILIES AT ST. PETER'S

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



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

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



St. Anne's & St. Peter's Churchyards

Spring is just around the corner, so we would appreciate it if everyone who has placed Christmas wreaths etc. on graves or cremation plots could make sure that they are removed as soon as possible, if this hasn't already been done.

This makes mowing a much easier task and no one wants to see old, dead Christmas wreaths or flowers in the churchyards.

Also a reminder that only fresh flowers should be used in the churchyards.

Thank you.

The Padley Centre

We continue to collect donations of food, clothing and toiletries for the Padley Centre. Items of bric-a-brac are also very welcome as these can be sold in the Padley shop to raise funds.

Donations will be taken to the centre on a monthly basis so please bring items to St Peter's by the **final Thursday of every month**. This is the day when our Chatty Crafts group meets so you are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat if you have time.

So....have a good Spring Clean and bring labelled bags / boxes to church for transportation.

If you would like to know more about the work of The Padley Centre, come to listen to Jill Bryan, an ambassador for the centre on Wednesday 1st March in church. Arrive at 10:15am, grab a cuppa and a biscuit then sit back and listen to Jill from 10:30am. Jill will speak for approx 30 minutes then take any questions. No charge!!

RADIO DERBY

Make a Difference Blanket Appeal

Many, many thanks to everyone who has knitted or crocheted blanket squares, and special thanks to Kirstie Law who has been busy stitching all the squares together to make some beautifully colourful and warm blankets.

At the time of writing at least 4 large blankets have been created....each knitted one needing 88,200 stitches!

The Appeal closed at the end of February and by 6th February over 1600 blankets had been sent in to Radio Derby and immediately distributed to people of all ages who have been struggling to pay for heating. The blankets have been very gratefully received - in addition to providing warmth they show that people care.



Become a litter picker – and earn money

Litter pickers will be able to make about 20p per can or bottle from a new deposit scheme in England and Wales, according to an environment minister.

From 2025, bottles and cans will include a deposit, likely to be 20p, that can be reclaimed when containers are returned to reverse vending machines at designated sites, according to a recent government statement.

As one environment minister explained, “there will be an opportunity for people to go around collecting up litter and so forth, and taking it back, and receiving the deposit, which we think might benefit a range of charities and individuals.”

The scheme will include all polyethylene terephthalate plastic bottles and cans up to three litres in

size, meaning households will have to take their rubbish to a recycling point instead of leaving them on the kerbside for collection.

Councils will be able to cash in on any bottles and cans left in the recycling by collecting the deposit. The exact amount of the deposit will be decided by a new quango that will run the scheme, which was first announced in 2017.

The scheme is expected to save local authorities around £35 million a year by reducing the amount of recycling they pick up. The UK uses 14 billion plastic drink bottles, and nine billion drink cans every year. The country already recycles around 70 per cent of these.

Cold water swimming

Cold water swimming may be popular for its claimed mental and physical health benefits, but it also comes with risks. Some people swim in the cold for longer than their bodies can take, and risk hypothermia.

The Parliament Hill Lido in Hampstead has recently posted a warning to its swimmers, saying that some weeks it has had daily incidents of hypothermia. It urges swimmers: “Please, please be careful and don’t stay in the water too long.” Hypothermia can even be fatal.

First crossing of Antarctica

by *Tim Lenton*

The first land crossing of Antarctica was completed 65 years ago, on 2nd March 1958, by the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition, led by Vivian Fuchs. The team of 12 men travelled 2,158 miles from Shackleton Base to Scott Base (via the South Pole) in 99 days, using six vehicles.

The journey – nearly 22 miles a day, much of it in appalling conditions and obstructed by huge crevasses – started from the Weddell Sea and ended at McMurdo Sound. It was well prepared and strongly supported. The advance team at the Shackleton Base had to over-winter in weather much more severe than they had anticipated, but still they remained healthy.

Mount Everest conqueror Edmund Hillary, starting at the ‘end’, was responsible for laying supplies for the crossing party and forging a route for vehicles through the western mountains, but he and his group also made an unscheduled dash for the Pole, becoming in the process the

third group to reach it, and the first to do so in vehicles.

The expedition had been timed to cash in on the worldwide interest created by the International Geophysical Year, a global project designed to stimulate scientific co-operation. Under the patronage of Queen Elizabeth II, the expedition was funded by the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. The continent was not crossed again until 1981.

Fuchs, whose determination was key to the expedition’s success, was the son of a German immigrant and his British wife. He was educated as a geologist – a profession he chose so that he could pursue his interest in the outdoors. He was knighted on his return to the UK and became one of very few explorers to whom the Royal Geographical Society has awarded a Special Gold Medal. He also became Director of the British Antarctic Survey until 1973 and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society the following year.

Present (Smile....)

For their elderly vicar’s 70th birthday, the congregation at St Mary’s decided to give him a present of a new suit. The vicar was so moved by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and began his homily with a tear in his eye, “Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit.”

Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on Friday 27th January in the Cavendish Chapel

Eight members of the PCC were present and apologies were received from Mark Titterton

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Liz Bradshaw and Peter Davie was welcomed as a new member of the PCC. Nadine Harrington had agreed to remain as a PCC member.

The Minutes of the meetings held on 19th October 2022 & 9th January 2023, were signed by Lynne Clark, to be presented to, signed and agreed as a true copy at a later date by Canon Mark Titterton (acting Chair).

Matters Arising: a donation of £500 has been sent to the Alzheimer's Society from the coffee money.

Nadine Harrington will collect items for the Padley Centre on the last Thursday of each month.

Mike Pindar is willing to continue to pay the annual subscription to the PBS.

A Foundation Governor still needs to be appointed for Pilsley CofE School.

Report from the Chair: (delivered by Liz & Lynne) Lynne will be organising fund raising events from Spring onwards, when lighter evenings may encourage more people to attend.

A cheque for £200 has been sent to James McKay in lieu of a fee.

Wreath making sessions in December were very successful and Lynne will liaise with Mick Brown about a floral activity in the Spring.

The Memorial Service in October was well attended and much appreciated.

The Christmas Jumper day raised £122 for the Padley Centre.

The Advent, Carol and Christmas Services were well attended.

Canon Dave's leaving celebrations were truly memorable. Copies of photographs taken at the time are now displayed on the noticeboards at the back of church. Copies have been sent to Dave and Margaret for the Memory Book.

Thanks were given to all who contributed through monetary contributions, baking cakes etc. and those who helped on the day.

Mission Action Plan update: Lynne provided printed copies of the updated MAP; in future just the updates will be emailed to the PCC.

Finances: (delivered by Liz & Lynne) Nothing untoward in the finances.

The collection by stewards during services will resume on Sunday 5th February.

Regular giving has dropped slightly. David Jackson has details of the Parish Giving Scheme for those wishing to contribute this way.

Quinquennial Inspection: The boiler had been serviced and a gas check undertaken. Lightning Conductor inspected.

Electrical Inspection still due to be done - Liz to contact Neil Simpson.

New heaters in the Cavendish Chapel exempt.

Churchyard: The yew trees in the churchyard have been trimmed by the Gardens Team, overseen by Steve Porter. Clippings taken away.

Bulbs planted in the Autumn are now beginning to come through.

The gravestones deemed insecure need to be laid flat for safety reasons. John Bowns to be asked to help with this.

Maintenance Contract: Two quotes had been received for the maintenance of the churchyard. After discussion the PCC agreed to accept the quote provided by Ian Woodhead. Proposed by Paul Thompson, seconded by Cynthia Duncan.

War Graves: It was suggested there should be signs at Edensor and Beeley to indicate that there are war graves in the churchyards - one at St. Anne's and three at St. Peter's. We need to apply to the Archdeacon for permission for this. Proposed by David Hartington, seconded by Nadine Harrington.

Service Cover: Service cover is in place to the end of March, most of April and some of May, with Bishop Libby leading the service on 28th May. The Sheep Service has been arranged for 23rd April.

Stephen Monk may be able to take some of the Compline Services and Easter Liturgy. Cynthia suggested a letter of thanks be sent to David Neale in appreciation for the work that he is doing covering Matins services. All agreed - letter to be sent.

Lent Meetings: List of speakers will be displayed at the back of the church. First speaker- Gill Bryan from the Padley Centre will be on March 1st.

Tea/coffee & biscuits served at 10.15am with the talks beginning at 10.30am. Talk to last approximately 20 minutes, questions to follow. Meetings to conclude by 11.30am.

Schedule of Works: Three new heaters have been installed in the Cavendish Chapel.

The roof leak at the south side of the west gable needs attention and Richard Brook, the architect, met with MSM to ascertain what needed to be done - some stonework will need to be taken down to renew the lead flashing. We have a quote for the work and the PCC had already agreed by email that the work should proceed and now confirmed their agreement.

The church path had become slippery where the yew berries had fallen. Peter Templeman, Derbyshire Resin Driveways, has been asked to take a look at it and advise on cleaning methods. Nadine will buy more salt for when the path is icy.

Future plans for the heating system Kevin Gascoyne had been to check the boiler as the church wasn't getting as warm as it should have been. There is nothing wrong with the boiler; the problem is a large, open space, old pipes and radiators that take a long time to heat the church. Kevin advised having a long term plan for new pipes and radiators, which could cost in the region of £30,000. Richard Taylor, Heating Adviser to be consulted for advice on future heating solutions. Liz to contact Richard.

Safeguarding: All PCC members are now required to complete training on domestic abuse. Lynne suggested she makes enquiries to see if someone will come St. Peter's to complete training rather than finding a different venue away from Edensor, where many courses are already fully booked. PCC members from St. Anne's could also be invited.

Update given on those PCC members who need to renew their safeguarding courses/ DBS checks.

Correspondence: Letter from DDA Bell Repair Fund re a donation; pass to Mark.

AOB: Date of APCM 16th April - to be confirmed

Talk by Jane Collier in the Spring.

The Meeting ended with the Grace.

Date of Next Meeting - 22nd March

Now that the parishes are in a vacancy, this is an explanation of what is happening; it is quite technical but we thought that you might be interested.

Suspension of the right of presentation - Introduction

In the Church of England, priests are appointed to a benefice. This is the basic unit of ministry and may be a parish or a grouping of parishes.

In previous centuries, each parish or group of parishes had a Patron who appointed and paid for a priest. Patrons retain the legal right of presenting a priest to the Bishop for appointment.

Each benefice has a Patron or Patrons. A Patron (who may be an individual or a body such as a university college) owns the right to present a priest to a vacant benefice. There are several variations of Patronage including sole Patronage (one person or body), joint, patronage by turns and special patronage boards.

The priest appointed to serve in a benefice may be either an incumbent or a priest-in-charge. Where the Patron's right of presentation to a benefice is 'suspended', a priest-in-charge is appointed. Where the benefice is not 'suspended', an incumbent (either a vicar or a rector) is appointed.

What happens in a vacancy?

When an incumbent (vicar or rector) leaves, it is important for everyone involved to think carefully about the future. If a new priest is to be appointed on a basis which is essentially 'like for like', the PCC(s) compile a parish profile and appoint parish representatives. The Patron(s) consult with the parish representatives and then 'present' a candidate to the Bishop who would then appoint that person as incumbent: or if the Bishop is Patron s/he will make the appointment directly.

What is "suspension" of presentation?

At times the Bishop may feel that additional flexibility is needed to look at the arrangements for a benefice, and this is achieved by putting the procedure described above on hold. The Bishop may decide to take the legal step to suspend temporarily the Patron's rights and, instead, following consultation, appoint a priest to be in charge of the parish or parishes, thus they are licensed as priest-in-charge rather than vicar.

This gives the opportunity not only to look at the pastoral care arrangements but also to look at possible reorganisation.

What does suspension of presentation mean in practice?

All new appointments are made on Common Tenure. A suspension just means there is a technical difference in the appointment.

When the rights of presentation to a benefice are suspended, any new priest

appointed to that benefice is licensed as a Priest-in-Charge operating under a Bishop's Licence rather than being incumbent of the Benefice. Since any Priest-in-Charge would be appointed under Common Tenure there is very little practical difference between a Rector/Vicar and a Priest-in-Charge. In both cases a priest is appointed to the parish, and in both cases the Patron and parish are involved in the selection process. The priest-in-charge normally looks after the benefice on a permanent basis under the provisions of Common Tenure, with a Statement of Particulars and provision for regular ministerial review. Occasionally the appointment may be on a time-limited or interim basis.

There are a number of other technical and legal areas in which the distinction between an incumbent and a priest-in-charge is relevant (e.g. legal ownership of benefice property), but by and large, a parish will notice no difference between a priest-in-charge on Common Tenure and an incumbent (vicar or rector) on Common Tenure.

NB This is what has happened in the past when our two parishes have gone into a vacancy.

If anyone has any questions, the churchwardens will be happy to try to answer them and we are looking forward to keeping you up to date as things progress.

Giving the journey

In a remote village in Central America the word got out that one of the missionaries who had served their region for many years was about to return home because of her old age.

The people decided to hold an event of 'public appreciation' for her. One very old and very poor man walked for four days to reach the ceremony. He came in over mountainous terrain

carrying two coconuts, which was all he had.

The missionary recognised the man as coming from the remote village in the mountains.

"Brother," she said, "I cannot believe that you would walk so far to present me with this gift."

His response? "Long walk part of gift."

Learn to bell-ring for King's Coronation!

The Coronation of the King and the Queen Consort will be held in Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May. It will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

A Palace statement has said that it will “reflect the Monarch’s role today and look towards the future while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry.”

Meanwhile, in preparation for the Coronation, a national call has been made to recruit thousands of new bell ringers to ring in the new King in May.

A new website, Ring for the King, (ringfortheKing.org) has been set up for this purpose by The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers,

especially hoping to encourage young people to try their hand.

The website says that bellringing is “an activity like no other – a unique mix of physical exercise with mental agility that is a deep part of our history but still practised and evolving today.” It suggests that after ten to 15 hours of one-to-one tuition, a beginner can learn to handle a bell, use a bell rope, and begin to ring with others.

There are about 38,000 church bells, but only 30,000 ringers in the UK. The Central Council has said that while a swell of new recruits in time for the Coronation would be ‘fantastic’, “we hope that people find this new hobby, skill and social activity something they would want to continue with beyond 6th May.”

Want to lose weight? Cut your calories by 216 a day

The research was carried out by the charity Nesta.

According to recent research, even a modest reduction in calorie intake can make a big difference over a sustained period. Or to put it another way, an extra 200 calories a day will make you gain about a stone a year in weight.

Rates of obesity in the UK have doubled over the past 30 years. Two-thirds of us are now overweight or

obese, and it is costing the NHS more than £6billion per year.

On a personal level, research has found that making small, incremental changes in your diet are more likely to be successful than dramatic interventions. Examples of small changes for the good might include “reducing your ‘eating window’, cutting out the habit of certain snacks, and having bigger meals less often.” It is estimated that between 20 and 25 per cent of UK calories are eaten as snacks.

The 'Nones'

The Ven John Barton considers some findings from the 2021 Census.

Do you know any? 'Nones' are people who, when asked what religion they belong to, say 'None'. At the last Census in 2021, just over 50% of adults in England and Wales said they were 'Nones'.

Not all are atheists. More detailed delving by the research organisation Theos, revealed that 16% of Nones believe in reincarnation, 14% in the healing power of crystals and 14% in the supernatural power of ancestors. The author G K Chesterton (1874-1936) wrote, "When people choose not to believe in God, they do not thereafter believe in nothing, they then become capable of believing in anything." He had himself dabbled in the occult and a variety of alternatives, before becoming a committed Roman Catholic.

Recent research by historian Tom Holland convinced him that, "to live in a western country is to live in a society still utterly saturated by Christian concepts and assumptions."

You'll find all this in his book, "*Dominion: How the Christian Revolution Remade the World*".

Even the Guardian's resident atheist admits, "I feel culturally Christian, so deeply imbued with its myths, paintings, hymns and parables". Many others who also claim atheism, often turn out to be less certain than her, and are actually agnostic, meaning 'don't know'.

Many of us seem to have lost touch with our roots and are contented to live our lives on the surface without asking questions, until we have to.

Actor Amanda Abbington and stuntman Jonathan Goodwin tell of how their love for each other deepened after an accident left him paralysed from the waist down. He says, "I've always been a very cynical person but since meeting Amanda I've shifted my opinion about the power of the universe. I just had this really powerful feeling that we were supposed to be together."

Does that mean 'none', or something more?

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken to my need: the wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward, the Word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.

- from *St Patrick's Breastplate*

Louise Morse is a speaker and author of several books on issues of old age. She works with the Pilgrims' Friend Society, a 216-year-old Christian charity supporting older people in housing and care homes. See www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk

Let's make 19th March a Mothering Sunday

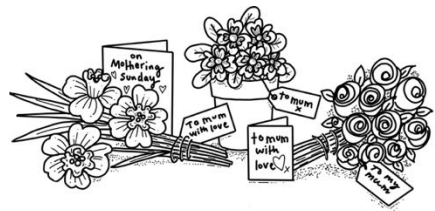
On 19th March most churches will celebrate their 'mothers'. Millions of pounds will be spent on Mother's Day gifts and cards, and children will give flowers to women in church. It's a joy to honour mothers for their love and caring, but our blessings are lessened when we forget the Day's original purpose.

The Mother's Day we know today began on 12th May, 1907, in America, when a woman called Anna Jarvis held a service in her late mother's church to honour her work of organising women's groups to promote friendship and health. The idea spread, and in 1914 Mother's Day was declared an official celebration.

But the European Mothering Sunday goes back to the 16th century, and was altogether more faith-based. On the fourth Sunday of Lent people went 'a-mothering', going to their 'mother' church, the main church in the region, for a special service. In those days domestic servants rarely

had free days, but they were given a day off during Lent, so they could go along with their mothers and families. Times changed, and by the 1900s Mothering Sunday had largely changed into Mother's Day – a celebration of mothers more than mother churches.

Many Scriptures describe the mothering qualities of God, for example Isaiah 66:13 – 'As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.' We also see it in women without children. I remember a spinster head teacher in a poor district in Wales mothering and bringing the best out of 'her' children. We see it in our housing and care homes, in older women who have never been mothers as well as those who have, as they comfort a carer who has had a miscarriage, or who needs encouragement. We see it in pastors, and in men who nurture others. Let's thank God for His gift of 'mothering', wherever we find it.



Stay trimmed and balanced

Here is some encouragement to 'take soundings' on our lives this Lent

'Do not let this Book ...depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night,...be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be ... successful.' Joshua 1:8

Any flying instructor will tell you that aeroplanes need to be 'trimmed' or 'balanced in flight' on a regular basis. After flying through storms and hitting air pockets, they get knocked out of line. That's true of our path through life. The bad storms of sickness, redundancy, divorce and disappointment, can knock us off our balance, too.

In other words, our attitude needs to be constantly checked and adjusted. Have you checked yours

lately? What are you encountering at the moment that is putting pressure on you to veer off course? So long as we live, we will always need to look to God, to stay 'trimmed and balanced'. Lent is an excellent time to do this.

The best way to stay balanced is to read God's Word. It gives us a true map of the world around us, and it shows us where we are on that map. Here's an idea you can try for Lent: every week, for the next few weeks, choose a Bible verse and write it down on a small card. Carry it with you wherever you go and memorise it. In one year, you'll know 52 new scriptures, and more importantly, your attitudes will be more naturally in line with God's Word, your faith will be strengthened, and your life will be moving in the right direction.

Bouncing Forwards – notes on resilience, courage and change

**By Patrick Regan OBE,
SPCK, £9.99**

"You'll bounce back." How many of us have heard these well-meaning words when faced with mental or physical health challenges, trauma or the loss of dreams? And yet, life's battles can leave us scarred and changed. Why would we want to go back when what we've been through

has taught us so much? It's time to bounce *forwards* instead.

Nobody is immune from the storms of life. This practical book may help you to grow in resilience and become better equipped for the journey. Patrick Regan OBE is the CEO of Kintsugi Hope, and the founder and president of urban youth work charity XLP. He is the author of several books and a regular host on TBN.



Time for a Spring clean?

By David Pickup, a solicitor.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. (Psalm 51:77)

People used to have an annual 'Spring clean' when they would clean the house from top to bottom. Perhaps it was a way of marking the new season or because the longer days and increasing sunlight rays made the dust stand out. Certainly, the coal fires used all winter before central heating would have made the houses dusty!

If you do have a clean-up, why not have a clear-out as well? Some of us are not good at throwing things away. Even if we don't use the thing, we can have a sentimental attachment to it, and not want to let it go.

But what do you do with the stuff you no longer want, without simply

adding to landfill? There are online places to sell second-hand goods and local online organisations that advertise things people want to get rid of. You could also have a garage sale (called a yard sale in America) where you sell stuff, or even go to a car boot sale.

Another way of passing things on is via a charity shop. But charity shops are particular about what they can accept. Many reject items that do not have a safety label, and items that could be potentially dangerous, such as electrical goods.

If you want to raise money for church funds, how about holding a church or village jumble sale? If you decide to go ahead, just give yourself time to plan it well in advance with rules about what you will accept, how you will publicise it, how you can keep everyone safe, and who will manage the money.

World Water Day is 22nd March



We take clean water for granted. After all, when did you last turn on the tap and expect filthy water to come out?

But sadly, bad water is still a daily reality for billions of people. The United Nations wants to help them by ensuring that everyone can access

clean water by 2030. It is part of the so-called '2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development', and it is an enormous challenge.

Meanwhile, this year each one of us can do at least something to help on 22nd March. A donation to Water Aid will help provide safe water to marginalised communities worldwide. Simply go to: www.wateraid.org/uk

Reflecting Faith - what birds can remind us about our faith

The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series

There are many depictions of 'creatures' used in decorations in and on our church buildings. Some are beautifully carved in the highly decorated ends of choir stalls.

Others can be found on the pews-ends.

Sometimes there are human caricatures, perhaps of people the craftsmen knew in real life – their priest or bishop; or even their foreman!

Sometimes there are carvings of birds, such as the pelican and peacock.

The peacock is known for its magnificent tail feathers, which it displays to both impress and deter aggressors. From the early days of Christianity, the peacock has been used to symbolise eternal life, and so is often seen carved into memorial stones in the churchyard. This is because it renews itself each year, by shedding its old feathers and growing new ones. Of course, this also links to Christ's resurrection,

as the peacock is visually reborn and whole again.

The pelican is a less obvious Christian symbol, although quite common in all art forms. It's seen as a symbol of atonement because when observed by naturalists many centuries ago, they misinterpreted the red tip on its long bill.

They saw the pelican started to prune its feathers, and it appeared to them to be ripping open its breast, so as to feed its young with its own blood. This story became symbolic for the Atonement, where Jesus allowed Himself to be pierced so that we may live. And although ornithologists view the red tip differently today, the pelican continues in its representation.

This month: Have a look at what other 'creatures' you can see in a church near you; but also think about what flowers might be most suitable in church for next month – April.

Burnley ministers tell their stories via TV

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

At the height of the Covid pandemic, the work of two Christian ministers in Burnley, Lancashire, moved TV viewers across the world. They were filmed by a BBC crew handing out food parcels and seeking to help people suffering deeply because of the lockdown.

The two men – Pastor Mick Fleming and Father Alex Frost – have now published books telling their remarkable stories.

In *'Blown Away: From Drug Dealer to Life Bringer,'* (SPCK) Mick Fleming tells how he struggled with a traumatic childhood and turned to drugs and to crime, but ultimately came to faith following a series of events that many will call miraculous.

He explains how he launched 'Church on the Street' in Burnley – one of the poorest parts of England – after he sat on the ground outside McDonald's "with a suitcase of clothes, tea and coffee in flasks, and sandwiches, and a packet of cigarettes in my pocket."

Pastor Mick tells how angry he felt when the churches closed their doors during the Covid lockdowns.

People were suffering, going hungry and the Church was, he writes, nowhere to be seen.

In *'Our Daily Bread'* (Harper North), the Rev Alex Frost gives telling insights into what Christian ministry is like in Britain in the 2020s, serving some of the country's poorest people. He shows the role played by one Church of England priest, and his church, in serving the people of his Burnley parish, as they face life's challenges and setbacks.

He writes "Here, in a deprived northern town, where the headlines usually scream poverty and destitution, there is also an undaunted spirit and an unwavering survival instinct. People here are stronger than you could ever imagine."

Father Alex tells the stories of some of the people with whom he ministers, under headings such as Love, Broken, Calling, Grief and Transformation. As he tells their stories, he reveals his own, including working as a football referee, stand-up comic and an Argos store manager. Father Alex weaves his own story among those of the parishioners he serves.

He writes, with passion, "I want to see the Church of England change dramatically, coming out of its middle-class bubble, its 'Waitrose worship' and start to represent who we are as a nation now."

Nigel Beeton writes: St Mary's, Bury St Edmunds, is one of the larger parish churches in the country, but any church is replete with little hidey holes where an absent-minded clergyman can place things and mislay them:

The Vicar's lost his iPad!

The Vicar's lost his iPad –
Disaster's come to church!
His sermon's on that iPad
It's left him in the lurch!

He's been looking for that iPad
For most of half an hour,
He's searched the chancel and the nave
So now he's up the tower!

Oh! Where's he put that iPad?
He had it when he came!
He's searching high and searching low
It's driving him insane!

The angels in the hammer beams
For several hundred years
Have witnessed proper order
But now they're all in tears.

For chaos reigns below them
Upon this modern day
For everyone is searching now –
Both clergyman and lay!

The Vicar found his iPad
Tonight, we'll all be sleeping!
He sent a message from his phone
And set his iPad beeping!

And as he holds his iPad
We feel his happy glow;
But could he not have done that
trick
That half-an-hour ago?

The answer comes upon us
That trick he could not do!
For, in the caverns of our church
He'd lost his smartphone, too!

By Nigel Beeton

Adam and Eve's true nationality

A Brit, a Frenchman and a Russian
were viewing a painting of Adam and
Eve frolicking in the Garden of Eden.
"Look at that garden they are
maintaining so well," mused the Brit.
"They must be British."

"Nonsense," the Frenchman
disagreed. "They're naked, and so
beautiful. Clearly, they are French."

"Ah, but no clothes, no shoes, no
shelter," the Russian pointed out,
"they have only an apple to eat, and
they're being told this is paradise.
They are Russian."

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 bucket of tadpoles: Springtime, curiosity, and the Theology of Science

When I was nearly three, I knocked a bucket of tadpoles all over the patio. Those unfortunate creatures must have been collected to educate my brother and I on where frogs came from, but a toddler can't just stand by and watch. Can I see up close? Or maybe I was 'helpfully' moving it to another place. I just remember doing something I shouldn't have done, and tadpoles on the ground. I was sad that I wouldn't get to see those creatures grow up.

I might have been great at destroying things when I was a child (my family would probably say I still am), but I absolutely love watching living things up close. The more I learn, the more my sense of wonder grows. For a tadpole to become a frog, large sections of its gut, salivary glands and muscles must die, as well as the gills. The cells in those tissues are programmed to curl up and disintegrate, and are swallowed up by a specialised kind of white blood cell. Legs grow from small sacs of cells on the tadpole's body, and one of my textbooks says that 'The nervous system is also remodelled' -

which I suspect is a bit of an understatement.

This knowledge removes a little of the mystery of how a tadpole turns into a frog, but there is plenty more to discover. These few details also reveal the cleverness of the process. Metamorphosis is surprisingly common in the animal kingdom. How is that an efficient way to grow up, or is efficiency not the most important thing for an animal?

Scientists are essentially grown-ups who are still very much in touch with their inner two-year-old self. They refuse to stop asking questions, even when finding an answer becomes decidedly more awkward than opening a textbook.

Many scientists are people of faith, and this also drives their questioning. They believe that God created a world that was very good, that the purpose of all Creation is to praise Him, we are made in God's image, and that we are tasked with looking after Creation. So Christians, of all people, should be enjoying and investigating our surroundings. These are the bones of a Theology of Science which serves some of us very well, and keeps us looking into things like buckets of frogs – that is, until a two-year-old comes and knocks them over.



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Musings on daily life (Smile)

'Ecclesiastic' is material used to fasten a clergyman's robes.

A day without sunshine is like, well, night.

I am in shape. Round is a shape.

I plan on living forever. So far, so good.

I am having an out of money experience.

**The real secret to
skimming a stone**

Our parents taught us that when you want to skim a stone, use only ones that are circular, flat, smooth, and of medium weight.

But now scientists have discovered that this is not true. It seems that you do NOT need a perfect stone, in order to skim it successfully. In fact, even stones that are heavy, knobbly and a bit potato-like can be made to bounce across the water.

The research shows that while a flat stone is best for several short, neat

skips, a larger rock can skim with fewer – but bigger – leaps.

According to Dr Ryan Palmer, a research associate at the University of Bristol, "the heavier a projectile is and the more curved it is, the deeper and longer the skimming interaction. That means you can get really exciting skims known as 'superelastic' bounces.

"Essentially, you throw it in at one height and it has a monstrous leap out of the water - which is both surprising and unexpected."

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

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.

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For Urgent Calls when we are closed call 111

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February solution



March Sudoku



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More musings on daily life

What's the leading cause of dry skin?
Towels.

A cashew is a peanut with back trouble.

A gesticulation is any movement made by a foreigner.

What's a perfect gift for a person who has everything? Storage space.

Save the Date - National Day of Reflection & Great Daffodil Appeal 2023

For the third year running, Marie Curie will lead the National Day of Reflection on Thursday 23rd March.

It is a day for everyone to remember loved ones who have died, and to support people who are grieving. There will be a minute's silence at noon, a nationwide network of Walls of Reflection, and a series of grief-themed online events.

Taking place on the third anniversary that the UK went into lockdown, the National Day of Reflection raises awareness of the impact of grief on our lives and of the need for better

support. Millions of people across the UK – adults as well as children – are grieving now and need support, whether in the workplace, at home, in schools or across communities.

The National Day of Reflection also ties in with the charity's flagship annual fundraising appeal in March – the Great Daffodil Appeal – with people donating and wearing one of their iconic daffodil pin badges. Every year thousands of supporters from across the UK come together to raise money to support the charity's nurses, doctors, and hospice staff so they can continue to provide expert care to people at end of life, and their families.

More details at:
www.mariecurie.org.uk/

READINGS & ROTAS FOR MARCH 2023

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>		
5	3pm	Family Communion	<i>Revd Stephen Monk</i>	Fiona Lichfield	
12	9.30am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Clive Thrower</i>	Liz Turner	
19	9.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>David Neale</i>	" "	
26	9.30am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Bob Boyle</i>	Sarah Porter	
*Brasses only during Lent					
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>		
5	10.45am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Mike Gilbert</i>	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
12	10.45am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Clive Thrower</i>	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
19	10.45am	Matins	<i>David Neale</i>	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw	
26	10.45am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Bob Boyle</i>	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>	
5	Lesley Butcher/Helen Garvey		Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	No Flowers - Lent	
12	Ann & Tony Hubbuck		Mr & Mrs Wardle	" "	
19	Clive & Joy Thrower		Mr & Mrs Grealey	" "	
26	Jane Dickson/Kate Green		Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	" "	
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>		<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>	
5	Genesis 12: 1-4a John 3: 1-17		Gloria Sherwood <i>Lent Two</i>	TBA	
12	Exodus 17: 1-7 John 4: 5-42		John Bowns <i>Lent Three</i>	Rupert Turner	
19	Colossians 3: 12-17 John 19: 25b-27		A school child <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Fiona Lichfield	
26	Ezekiel 37: 1-14 John 11: 1-45		John Caws <i>Lent Five</i>	Claire Cadogan	

Kneeling ne'er spoil'd silk stocking; quit thy state; all are equal within the Church's gate. - *George Herbert*

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