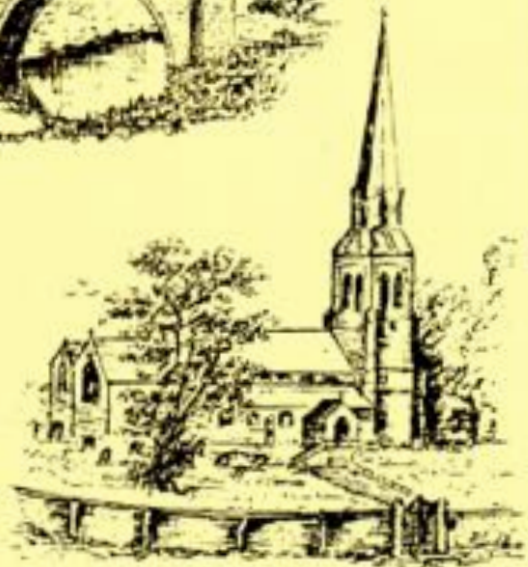


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May 2023

Dear Friends,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Rev'd Mike Gilbert, Rector of Baslow and Eyam. I am also the Area Dean. As Area Dean of the Peak Deanery, I help to care for around 55 churches from Glossopdale and the Hope Valley in the north to the parishes around Hartington and Bakewell in the south and most stops in between.

It is my delight to write in this magazine in that capacity as you wait for your new vicar. The time in between two vicars is, slightly pompously, known as an 'interregnum', which is Latin for 'between reigns. This coincides with waiting for the coronation of the nation's king.

In some ways a coronation of a monarch and an installation of a vicar are quite similar. They both take place in a church building, both presided over by a bishop, both receive a Bible and importantly both are given a reminder that they are there to serve the people.

It is all done in the presence of God, the King of Kings. This is the king who they are called to imitate. This king, who came not in pomp but with a lowly birth and a lonely death; living a life of love and justice. This king, Jesus Christ, who said he came not to be served but to serve.

For both your king and your vicar, when they put aside what they want to serve others, to live a life of love and humility then they do become regal, as they imitate the servant King, Jesus Christ.

In this endeavour they will both need our prayers and support. I hope we will give them both.

God bless,

Revd Mike Gilbert  
Area Dean

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### St. Anne's, Beeley

*Funeral Service followed by Interment*

22<sup>nd</sup> March ~ Judith Mary Fraser-Martin aged 80 years

### **St. Peter's updates**

#### **LENT MEETINGS**

Thank you to everyone who led or attended our recent Lent Meetings. Every talk illustrated the variety of ways in which the church, faith and family had influenced people and all were fascinating to hear.

#### **PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK and EASTER DAY**

It was delightful to welcome the donkeys, Puck and Treacle, to our Palm Sunday service and we send our grateful thanks to Shaney for bringing them! Our three Compline services, the Maundy Thursday service (in St Anne's), the Good Friday 'Quiet Hour' and Easter Eve Liturgy were all well attended whilst our Easter Day service was a truly joyous and uplifting celebration.

#### **KEEPING OUR CHURCH SMART!**

Church members and visitors cannot fail to have noticed the beautiful daffodils offering their unique welcome to St Peter's. The churchyard grass has had its first cut, the South Door is newly restored (thank you Roger) and the the North steps have been pressure washed (thank you Mike). All these are tangible symbols that we care...and the church is open for

#### **Telephone Numbers**

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## ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

TheGivingMachine is a unique registered charity that enables you to generate sales commissions with every online purchase. They convert these commissions into free donations for the schools, charities and other community

organisations you choose. **St Anne's, Beeley** is one of the organisations you can support. The donation is calculated without going via another website so doesn't affect your shopping experience.



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

### **St. Anne's Beeley & St. Peter's Edensor Joint services in May**

There will be two joint services, held at St. Peter's, in May.

**14<sup>th</sup> May ~ The Venerable David Garnett** will be the visiting preacher and celebrant. Many of our congregation and readers will remember David as both Archdeacon of Chesterfield and then Vicar of Edensor and Beeley churches. Do come along and join us and have a chat with David.

**28<sup>th</sup> May ~ The Rt Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby**, will be the visiting preacher and celebrant on this special Sunday when we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost (Whit Sunday).

**You are very welcome to join us at our services  
10.45am**

#### **St. Peter's Church 100 Club March Draw 2023**

1st Prize £30 - no. 46 Mark Rhodes

2nd prize £20 - no. 99 Kate Green

Funds to church this month - £50

**Ann Hall**

It was 90 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1933, that the first modern sighting of Scotland's Loch Ness monster was reported in the Inverness Chronicle.

## Easy Fundraising

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



### To Register

- Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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](http://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.

Jane Collier presents:



# Fotheringhay:

An Audience with

# Mary

# Queen of Scots

Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 7:00pm

St Peter's Church, Edensor DE45 1PH

Tickets £12:00 available from:

Pilsley Post Office 01246 582245 or on the door.

## Dates for your Diary - May 2023

- Friday 14 May BEELEY WI (Note date change)**  
**Coronation celebration meal at the Smithy**  
*President: Liz Gilder*
- 16 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP - meet at the Village Hall 7pm**  
Chris Boyce leading a walk around part of Beeley Village  
*(stay and watch on screen, if the weather is bad)*
- 17 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms**  
AGM and Resolutions Meeting  
Competition: a flower arrangement in a teacup
- 24 'Fotheringhay - An Evening with Mary Queen of Scots'**  
7pm St. Peter's Church *Tickets £12 (See page 4 for details)*  
Tickets £12 - a re-enactment by Jane Collier
- 25 CHATTY CRAFTS - 10.30 - 12** in the Chapel at St. Peter's

## BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY (BASH)

The Medway Centre, New Street, Bakewell

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

**14 May 2023** "The Count of Monte Cristo" 2002, UK/USA, Action/Adventure

'The Count of Monte Cristo' is an adaptation of the Alexander Dumas tale by the same name. Dantes, a sailor, is falsely accused of treason by his best friend Fernand, who wants Dantes' girlfriend Mercedes for himself. Dantes is imprisoned on the island prison of Chateau d'If for 13 years, where he plots revenge against those who betrayed him. With help from another prisoner, he escapes the island and proceeds to transform himself into the wealthy Count of Monte Cristo as part of his plan to exact revenge.

## A new vision for Together Magazine

Together is the UK trade magazine for Christian resources, distributed to almost every UK Christian publisher and retailer, as well as hundreds of churches and over 500 Christian authors.

Published by Cedar Tree until the end of 2022, the magazine is relaunched this month (May) by Onwards and Upwards Publishers, a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Together has promoted collaboration, unity and fellowship across the Christian resources industry. Now it is extending the vision, to support church leaders and their staff with an even wider variety of helpful feature articles and resource recommendations.

To subscribe to the magazine, visit: [togethermagazine.org/subscribe.htm](https://togethermagazine.org/subscribe.htm)

## The Padley Centre

The Padley Centre welcomes donations of practically anything! Food must be in date (preferably with quite a long 'run in' time) and donations of tinned meats, fish, soup, beans and tomatoes; dried pasta, rice, flour, sauces and longlife milk, tea and coffee, fruit squash; biscuits etc. are particularly welcomed as are toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, shower gel and men's and women's hygiene products. Whilst bedding is gratefully received the centre is unable to accept used pillows and duvets. Other items can be sold in the centre's fund raising shop.

Nadine is making regular trips to the centre with our donated items and she has been greatly impressed by the warm welcome she receives and the work she has seen. Please leave marked bags of donations for the Padley at the back of church.

The Padley Centre is extremely grateful for our continued support and it is truly heartening to hear about people who have transformed their lives, some of whom are now volunteering to help others at the centre.

### **One in five people find common noises "intolerable"**

Do some common noises really bother you? If you hate everyday sounds like chewing, sniffing and even moderate breathing, then you may be among the one in every five people in Britain who suffer from misophonia.

In the first study of its kind, researchers from King's College London and University of Oxford have discovered that 18.4 per cent of the general UK population say certain noises can leave them feeling 'trapped' and 'upset'.

Misophonia is a psychological condition in which common sounds made in normal life trigger more than the occasional irritation. Instead, they can trigger a fight or flight response, sparking real anger and even panic.

Clinical psychologists say that while most people dislike the sound of loud chewing, slurping, snoring and loud breathing, people with misophonia frequently react badly to even normal breathing, footsteps and swallowing.

## COUNTDOWN TO THE CORONATION

### *Of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort*

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May the Coronation will take place.

It is based on a solemn religious ceremony which has remained largely unchanged for more than 1000 years. For the past 900 years, the ceremony has taken place at Westminster Abbey, and is conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

King Charles III will be crowned, and then in a similar, but simpler ceremony at the same service, the Queen Consort will also be crowned.

***From 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May Coronation Big Lunches*** will be held up and down the UK, and also across the Commonwealth.

***On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May a Coronation Concert*** will be held at Windsor Castle, with iconic locations across the UK lit up using projections, lasers, drone displays and illuminations.

***On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May*** there is a special Bank Holiday, giving everyone the opportunity to join in with their communities and good causes through Big Help Out activities. (More details at: <https://thebighelpout.org.uk>)

## **Mark**

*Smile.....*

When the late Dean of York was asked why he called his stumpy-tailed fox terrier 'Mark', he explained: "The New Testament contains the life-stories of our Lord by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Mark's is the shortest tale!"



## Did you know 10 Facts about King Charles III?

1.He was born at 9.14pm on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1948, to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, at Buckingham Palace in London.

2.He has been heir-apparent to the throne since he was three years old.

3.He is the first monarch in British history to have earned a university degree. From 1967 to 1970 he studied history at Cambridge University.

4.He can speak Welsh. He spent two months learning the language in 1969, as he prepared to become the Prince of Wales. He still speaks it today.

5.He is a qualified pilot and diver. While serving in the military in the 1970s, he trained as a jet and helicopter pilot and became a confident diver.

6.He is a keen watercolour painter, a published author, and a music lover, who played the cello at Cambridge. He has done some TV: making a guest appearance on Coronation Street, and presenting the BBC weather forecast.

7.As Prince of Wales, he founded nearly 20 charities. Together, they raise £140million each year for good causes. He is passionate about the environment, speaking out against plastic pollution as early as 1970. He

has planted many trees during royal engagements.

8.Aged 73, King Charles III is the oldest monarch ever to be crowned in British history. He became King on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022, after the death of his mother, the Queen, in Balmoral.

9.As head of the Commonwealth, King Charles III is monarch of each of the 14 Commonwealth realms: Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, the Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu. As King, he's also the only person in the UK who can travel abroad in the Commonwealth without a passport and drive without a licence.

10.King Charles III has two children, Princes William and Harry, and five grandchildren. Prince William is next in line to become King and was named the Prince of Wales in 2022.



## If a vicar asks you for money...

If you are contacted by a clergyman asking you for money, beware! It is a scammer.

Scammers have been impersonating various clergy, including even the Archbishop of York, to ask priests and other church people to buy them Amazon vouchers and online gift cards.

The scammers use either emails or texts, and their message is along the lines: "I have a request I need you to handle discreetly." They then say: "I am currently busy in a prayer meeting, so no calls – just reply to my email." Then the message asks the intended victim to send them

financial help, usually in the form of vouchers or gift cards.

The police reckon that the scammers have trawled church websites for the contact details of clergy and parish officials. At least one person is believed to have been fooled – and lost £1000 in a scam.

As diocesan spokesman said: "It seems this is a national trend." The police are looking into it, and meanwhile, advising people that: "Clergy will *never* ask you to give them money, vouchers, or personal banking details directly, even to help someone in need.... it is a scam."

## The Best of Friends - Choose Wisely, Care Well

By Phil Knox, IVP, £10.99

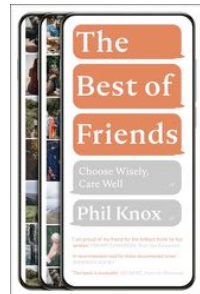
Book review....

Friendship is one of the best things ever created.

It is unparalleled as a building block of society, a universal theme in great literature and film, and has a huge impact on our mental health, wellbeing, and happiness. But many of us are lonely or feel suffocated by the pressures of life and quantity of relationships we have to maintain.

Now, more than ever, we need better, deeper friendships. We need the best of friends.

Full of practical advice, humour and wisdom, Phil Knox shows us how to choose our friends wisely and maintain lasting and meaningful relationships.



## **In praise of passion**

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

Enthusiasm – I love it. Give me passion, excitement, fascination and joy over calm detachment and a cool distance anytime.

I see that passion at football matches when I support my Premier League team, and I see it when I visit a range of grassroots organisations thriving in the city where I live. Hopefully, you see it in your area as well.

Enthusiasm is infectious. But sadly, in our churches, we don't always do enthusiasm well.

Research shows that many Christians fail badly at passing on their beliefs to the next generation. Faith, it seems, is not as infectious as a passion for a football club that can easily be passed down the family line.

Maybe it's part of our character not to talk about religion. It's something some people feel is very personal and might give offence. Other cultures have no such reserve – and I love the impact that Christians from a variety of backgrounds have made on the UK church scene.

Many churches run all kinds of community groups – without

articulating the faith that drives them to make a difference in their local area. It's a missed opportunity to explain the reason behind what we do.

I love it when I hear people talking about their faith – a living faith that has made a real difference in their lives. Perhaps prompting them to launch a charity, or a group that helps people with specific needs, or to start a new business.

Or maybe a faith that drives them to leave behind a high-paying City job to work in the health service on lower pay. Or to take their skills abroad to work in a developing country and train local people to replace them.

Our churches have so many stories of transformation to share with their communities.

That's the type of enthusiastic faith that works for me. It's about a passion that makes a difference in people's lives – both themselves and the men and women around them.

Maybe we Christians should be more passionate and open about what we believe - and the impact that faith has had on our lives, as well as the communities around us.

## **The pothole crisis deepens**

If you drive, you already know this:  
**the potholes are getting worse.**

Some experts have warned that one in five of our roads will be undriveable in the next five years, unless we get to grips with the crisis.

In its recent annual survey on the state of the country's roads, the Asphalt Industry Alliance (AIA) has found that about 37,000 miles of road, or 18 per cent, are in very poor condition. Without intervention, these roads have less than five years of 'life' left in them.

But intervention costs billions of pounds. This latest 'Alarm' report estimates that now more than £14 billion is needed to fix all of England and Wales' potholes, and generally get the country's roads back up to standard.

Looking further ahead, the AIA predicts that while just over half of all local roads are in good structural condition, the remaining 100,000

miles of roads may need to be rebuilt in the next 15 years, unless adequate maintenance is speedily introduced.

It is not as if the government is ignoring the problem. Jeremy Hunt has provided an additional £200 million one-off payment to fix potholes on our roads. That is in addition to the Government's annual £500 million pothole fund. This means that in 2023/4, the Government is going to pour an eye-watering £700 million into holes in our roads.

Meanwhile, research by the RAC Foundation has found that one in 24 road bridges across the country are substandard, and therefore unable to carry heavy vehicles.

Steve Gooding, director of the RAC Foundation, said: "Whether it is potholes or bridges, there is only so long that councils can continue to patch things up before bigger cracks literally start to appear in the road network."

## **Do good, be blessed**

When we do good, even when others are doing wrong – God will bless us. That does not mean God will always bless us in material ways, although at times this is the case. But God will always bless you spiritually for your faithfulness.

## **Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 in the Cavendish Chapel**

*Eight members of the PCC were present, with one apology from Cynthia Gordon*

Mark Titterton opened the meeting with the Collect for the day.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: Amendment: Updated cost of repair to the south side of the west gable wall was £1,950 +VAT.

Request for 'Fit and Proper Person' declarations completed by Paul Thompson, Jemima Letts and Peter Davie.

Letter of thanks sent to David Neale.

Report from the Chair: The recruitment process for the new incumbent is progressing. Advert in the Church Times etc. resulted in five people applying and three of these are due to be interviewed.

The usual pattern of services is being maintained and the Lent Group meetings are taking place each week.

Nadine Harrington and Cynthia Gordon have both agreed to stay on as PCC members during the vacancy and the PCC ratified Peter Davie as a member after he was co-opted at the last meeting.

Finances: End of Year accounts had been sent to the PCC prior to the meeting. The accounts had been independently examined by Peter Holdridge and were accepted by the PCC and will now be presented at the APCM.

Lynne formally thanked Mark on behalf of the PCC for all the work he has done over the years.

Electricity and Gas contract: for the last 5 years the Church has used the National Energy Basket to obtain competitive prices for electricity and gas. This has been very beneficial to the Church and all agreed to continue with the arrangement.

Generous Giving: the challenge for the Church is Planned Giving. It was reported that nationally 1 in 3 people who go to church do not give, and the average donation is £10.

This will be a challenge for the new incumbent to deal with in future years. A suggestion was made that Canon Mark could explain this problem at the APCM.

Contactless Giving machine: St. Peter's has been fortunate to be given one of the free contactless giving machines being rolled out by the Diocese and for which we applied. Hopefully this will be installed sometime in May and will encourage more visitors to give a donation.

Preparation for APCM: Reports are coming together and there will be a hard copy of each report at the back of the church for people to read. Anyone wishing to have copies emailed to them can give their email address to Gillian Davie.

QI Report: This is ongoing and the Electrical Inspection will take place over two days on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April by Neil Simpson. The cost will be £600 +VAT. Proposed by Peter Davie and seconded by Nadine Harrington, all in agreement.

MAP Updates: The latest updates had been emailed to the PCC prior to the meeting.

Schedule of Works: After the heavy snowfall water was found to be coming in over the south door of the porch. The architect thought this was due to a build up of

compacted snow in the south aisle gutters which, when the thaw began, resulted in the top layer of thawing snow leaking over the edge of the flashing. He will look into this as soon as possible.

The church path had been cleaned by Pete Templeman, Derbyshire Resin Driveways. Liz Bradshaw had met the Heating Adviser, Richard Taylor, to discuss future heating plans for the church. His report will be circulated to the PCC.

Safeguarding updates: Liz and Lynne are to have a meeting with Sarah Porter. Sarah has recommended that Liz and Lynne undertake Safer Recruitment training.

She will be invited to attend the APCM and a suggestion was made that she should be asked for permission to display her contact details, necessary for safeguarding, clearly on the notice board.

Paul Thompson and David Jackson still to do Domestic Abuse Awareness Training.

Correspondence: enquiries received about hire of the church for concerts etc. The fee charged for hire has previously been £300, Liz suggested the cost be raised to £400, to cover increased heating and lighting charges. Proposed by David, seconded by Nadine. All in agreement.

A.O.B.: Jemima has met Clive Thrower to discuss updating the website. Clive agreed it needed improving and a draft has been completed. It is hoped to include a link to Just Giving QR codes.

Prior to this meeting, Liz and Lynne also held a constructive meeting with Clive to discuss updating the website.

Edensor Day to be held on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June.

The meeting ended with The Grace

Date of next meeting: Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023, directly following the APCM.

Following that the next meeting of the PCC will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm.

## Helping the Afghan refugees

The Church Urban Fund (CUF) reports that many churches have responded with “love and compassion” to the various needs of 9,000 Afghan refugees who have been living in temporary ‘bridging hotels’ for the past 18 months.

As the government now takes steps to move the Afghans into settled accommodation, CUF wants the government to “ensure that Afghan refugees are given sufficient time and support ... and that they are not

forced to move without appropriate consideration and support.”

Last year CUF, in partnership with the Benefact Trust, awarded £126,000 to 37 church projects, which together helped 2,621 Ukrainian and Afghan refugees last year. Many churches did more than provide the emergency basics; they also showed real friendship and helped families to begin to integrate into their local communities.

As one vicar explained: “The wonderful thing about faith-based social action is that it is there for the longer term.”

## How an argument over tea led to the founding of America

by Tim Lenton

Some 250 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1773, Britain passed the Tea Act, which favoured the British East India Company over the American colonies. This led to the Boston Tea Party in December, which escalated into the American Revolution and the establishment of the USA.

The idea of the Tea Act was to help the struggling British East India Company to dispose of its vast holdings of tea profitably in the American colonies, where much of the (inferior) tea came from Dutch sources and was smuggled in. But the colonists reacted strongly against the attempt to manipulate their tea-buying, and against British taxes generally, which they regarded as taxation without representation.

Later the same year this led to what has become known as the Boston Tea Party, where a large group of

citizens, calling themselves the Sons of Liberty and dressed as Mohawk Indians, boarded the British tea ships and threw 92,000 pounds of tea into the harbour.

This was not a violent insurrection. No-one was injured, and it was reported that the Sons of Liberty swept the decks of the ships afterwards. But British politicians of all sides were appalled, not least because many of them had substantial holdings in the British East India Company.

Added to the ill-feeling resulting from the Boston Massacre in 1770, in which five people died after British troops had been taunted (the comparison with Ulster is obvious), this led in two short years to the American War of Independence, which changed everything.

It was 80 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May 1943, that the RAF launched Operation Chastise, which became famous as the 'Dambusters' Raid'. Bouncing bombs were used to bypass anti-torpedo nets and breach dams, which caused catastrophic flooding in Germany's Ruhr Valley.

70 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1953, New Zealand mountaineer Edmund Hilary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

## **After the Ascension, what?**

The New Testament tells us that Jesus ascended into heaven, and now intercedes for us at His Father's right hand. Have you ever wondered what this means?

Some have thought that the Lord is somehow constantly 're-offering' the sacrifice of His death before the Father in heaven, and in so doing is 'pleading' on our behalf. But the New Testament is clear in its insistence that Christ's death was historically once and for all achieved.

Hebrews 7:25,27 tells us "...He is able to save to the uttermost those

who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them....He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily.... Since He did this once for all when He offered up Himself...."

Instead, Jesus is now in heaven to 'represent us before the Father' (1 John 2:1). He is there to escort you into the Father's presence every time you turn to God in prayer. That is why Christian prayer always ends with 'In Jesus Christ's Name'. He is our only way through.

## **Tearfund does work of "significant social value"**

The aid agency Tearfund has been praised for the way in which it helps poor communities in Africa. It develops and supports them by working through their own local churches. Such a model has been found to produce "significant social value".

So says the research consultancy State of Life, which surveyed nearly 8000 responses from Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe. It found that for every £1 invested through Tearfund, church projects delivered £28 of social value.

Tearfund works closely with local churches to provide training programmes for their communities. The aim is to achieve sustainable

improvement in an individual's economic, personal and social life, as well as in their spiritual well-being. The initiatives are not funded by Tearfund, but instead rely on the communities mobilising resources themselves.

The study found that people who engaged with Tearfund were 51 per cent more likely to have the same, or higher, earnings compared with the previous year and also were 26 per cent less likely to have gone without enough food.

Tearfund has now launched a new campaign called 'Practise what you preach', to raise funds for its training programmes. It says that communities do not need to rely on handouts, but instead can grow with the help of local churches who facilitate organic, local-led initiatives. More details at: [learn.tearfund.org](http://learn.tearfund.org).



# Speak out

By the Ven John Barton

As a little boy growing up during World War II, I spent night after night in a bomb shelter. Why were those wicked Germans strafing us? Why was everything rationed (especially sweets)? After the war I began to understand that many other countries had suffered too, and unspeakable atrocities had been inflicted on Jews and other defenceless minorities. In my own lifetime, history had shown what happens when a failure to recognise the unique worth of all other human beings turns civilised people into monsters.

It was hard to accept that Germans were an enlightened, cultured people whose history, like ours, was steeped in the Christian faith. Yet as I grew older, I came to the conclusion that if they could succumb to an evil ideology, despite the values which must have been instilled in them as children, so could we, and it would be arrogant and blinkered to imagine we were immune from the influence of inhuman propaganda.

We need to highlight disinformation and speak out

when other people are demeaned, even if that makes us unpopular. Keeping silent when others are being oppressed is not an option. The German Pastor Martin Niemöller issued this warning:

*First they came for the Communists  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a Communist.  
Then they came for the Socialists  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a Socialist.  
Then they came for the trade unionists  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a trade unionist.  
Then they came for the Jews  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a Jew.  
Then they came for me  
And there was no one left  
To speak out for me.*

Niemöller was a one-time supporter of Hitler, but changed when Nazis imposed their racial ideology on churches. He was incarcerated in concentration camps from 1938 to 1945. That's the price he paid for speaking out.

## How your friends may be keeping you alive

Take care of your friendships, and they will take care of you.

A recent study has found that if, in later life, you enjoy your friends on a regular and frequent basis, then the joy that they bring you may even halve your risk of death within five years.

The book of Proverbs (27:9) compares the balm of ointments and perfumes to the soothing effect of a good friend, and an analysis of the research would seem to confirm this. People in their later years who socialised every day were healthier than those who didn't. Even those who saw their friends only once a week were healthier than those who saw no friends on a regular basis.

In fact, the team reported having found a 'dose response', with the greater the frequency of

socialising, the greater the likelihood of living longer. As one doctor put it: "The more frequent the social activity, the more prolonged the survival time."

It is thought that having regular contact with friends encourages healthier thinking, better personal habits, increased physical activity, and reduces stress.

Yet according to Age UK, more than two million older people in England live alone, and more than a million older people can go for a month without speaking to anyone.

*The study was published in the Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health.*

### **Good idea!**

Have you ever been just sitting there, and all of a sudden, you feel like doing something really nice for someone else? That could well be God, prompting you through the Holy Spirit.

# Reflecting Faith - The Lectern

*The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series*

Have you ever considered the furniture that we have in our churches?

Close your eyes and think what your own sitting room looks like and the furniture you have chosen to go in there. Most of us will have chairs, a sofa, one or more tables of different sizes, a fireplace and a television. Which way are the chairs facing? What's the focal point?

Churches are no different in that they have most fixtures and fittings in common, and in set places.

In an Anglican church the focal item is the altar at the centre, with the lectern – from where the Bible is read out loud during services - on the right side as you look at it, and a pulpit on the left-hand side.

In a Methodist church the pulpit is often behind, but built higher than the altar, and probably with a mobile lectern to be placed as chosen.

This demonstrates a key difference between the two denominations. The former holds the bread and wine in greater importance whilst the latter gives that status to the preaching and the Word of God.

Such variations reveal the way in which we 'reflect our faith' through our buildings.

The word 'lectern' derives from 'to collect, gather', and again, 'to speak', so together it means 'to gather words, to pick out words.'

The words in church which we read from the lectern have been certainly carefully chosen and then written down. There have been centuries, indeed millennia, of time, thought, prayer and energy going into preparing the Bibles that we read today!

It is a privilege to be asked to read from the Bible during a service, as that will form the basis for the sermon, the hymns and indeed the whole theme for that day or even that week.

*This month:* Have a look at the lectern in your place of worship or the place where the Bible readings are read from. What material is it made from? What shape is it? Does it have any distinctive features? Then consider how that passage or those passages are continued and expanded through the different elements of the service.

## 25<sup>th</sup> May: The Venerable Bede – great historian

The Venerable Bede was an outstanding scholar who accomplished several ‘firsts’. He was the first historian to date events from the birth of Christ. He was the first person to write scholarly works in the English language. And, of course, his world-famous, magisterial *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, completed in 731, is still in print today.

Bede was born in about 673, and sent as a child to Wearmouth monastery, and then later transferred to the monastery at Jarrow. His was a quiet life: he probably never travelled further than Lindisfarne to the north, and York to the south. In about 692 Bede was ordained deacon, and then, in about 703, he was priested.

Bede once described his own life: “I have devoted my energies to a study of the Scriptures, observing monastic discipline, and singing the daily services in church: study, teaching and writing have always been my delight.” It sounds unremarkable, but Bede’s fruitfulness has been extravagant: his writings have informed and influenced millions of people over 14 centuries.

As a theologian, Bede translated the Gospel of John into Old English,

completing it on the very day that he died. He also wrote commentaries on various books of the Bible.

But Bede’s outstanding gift was as an historian. His *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* is one of the most important sources that we have for understanding early English history. Bede was scrupulous in his use of sources, clearly identifying them. He also was careful to distinguish between fact, hearsay and legend. He had a healthy scepticism, and certainly did not believe that everything he was told was necessarily true.

His *Ecclesiastical History* tells the history of Britain up to the year 729. It starts with the story of the Celtic peoples, who converted to Christianity in the first three centuries after the death of Christ. Bede then moves on to the invasion of Britain by the pagan Anglo-Saxons, in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> centuries. They themselves were in turn converted by Celtic missionaries from the north and the west, and by Roman missionaries coming up from the south and the east.

Bede himself lived during the time of the Anglo-Saxon church, of which he was a wise observer of its various problems. He urged that episcopal visitations, confirmations, and Holy Communion should be held more frequently – for the good of the Church.

## 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.*

### Can Science Prove God Exists?

To risk sounding like a smart aleck seven-year-old, technically speaking you can only prove things mathematically. If you need to know that one plus one equals two, don't go to a chemistry lab. The natural sciences only deal with things that can be observed and measured. Science has been so successful that it's tempting to get carried away, valuing science above any other kind of knowledge, but there are other ways of knowing that are equally important. For example, art conveys ideas, experiences or emotions that provoke us to think or do something in response.

In fact, to find answers to any of the really important questions about meaning and purpose that affect us throughout our lives, we always have to go beyond science. Some scientific data might help define the question, for example a farmer facing a drought would probably like to know some details about the current weather patterns and the availability of seeds for more hardy crops before she can start asking "What is the point of trying to grow anything

at all?" But in the end, she is asking a deeper question – and so are the rest of us when we go through any significant experience in life.

So rather than asking "Can science prove God exists?", what about: "Are the findings of science compatible with the existence of a purposeful Creator?" For many scientists today, the answer to the second question is yes. They have investigated the Bible's descriptions of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and found that they make sense. They have discovered that they can interact with God – especially in prayer – and that this faith has changed their lives.

Professor Christine Done, an Astrophysicist at Durham University, writes, "for me the more we know about the vast, yet intricate and beautiful Universe we live in, the bigger and more awe-inspiring is the God who made it all." (*Thinking About: The Big Bang*, <https://www.cis.org.uk/resources/thinking/>)

Some go even further, making statements like this: "the way the universe exhibits an ordered structure, which is open to science to investigate, points to a mind behind it." (Revd Dr Rodney Holder, Astrophysicist, in *Longing, Waiting, Believing* (BRF, 2014)

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The question “Can Science Prove God Exists?” turns out to be a category error – trying to use science to answer a non-scientific question. On the other hand, many

scientists think there is enough evidence from a wide range of sources to warrant belief in God.

## 28<sup>th</sup> May: Fire of Pentecost

*"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8*

We all get tired, and battle weary sometimes. The disciples of Jesus had just been through a three-year long roller coaster adventure with Jesus that had culminated in His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The range of emotions would have been hugely taxing in the days leading up to Pentecost, as they remembered Jesus weeping in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas, brutally beaten and crucified, and then dead and buried. Then there had been the shock and awe of finding out that He was alive again! But then He had left them again, to return to His Father. By the time the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples would indeed have welcomed some fresh spiritual fire!

Today, many of us have been emotionally drained by the uncertainties of Covid 19, the worry of prices rising at an alarming rate, and now the uncertainty of what will happen in Russia's war in Ukraine.

So, what better day to pray for fresh spiritual fire for each of us? As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Church, let us thank God that He will never leave us or forsake us.



## **Bishop's Bill to remove two-child limit on benefits clears House of Lords**

A Private Member's Bill brought by the Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, to abolish the two-child limit on Universal Credit has recently completed its passage through the House of Lords. The Bill will now be considered in the House of Commons.

The Bill would amend previous legislation which limits the number of children counted when calculating benefit payments to a household. The limit restricts means-tested benefits to the first two children in a family if they were born after April 2017.

Bishop Paul said that while the policy, introduced six years ago, may have

been intended to help families and create a level playing field, the effect had been the reverse.

"While the policy aimed to address the root causes of poverty, the two-child limit has instead become the greatest contributor to driving children into poverty," he said.

"It impacts an estimated 1.3 million children, disproportionately affecting children of certain religions and ethnic minority backgrounds."

He added: "Through removing the two-child limit, each and every child will be valued. Children will no longer be reduced to a number, but be seen as individuals with worth and potential.

## **Beware your dog's tracker app**

A number of apps which offer to keep an eye on your pet are also recording the login details and locations of YOU.

Such is the finding of a recent study. It seems that many tech companies which offer smart collars, GPS trackers, and wearable cameras for pets, may also be creating cyber security risks for their owners.

A recent study at Newcastle University and Royal Holloway, University of London, evaluated 40 such apps. It discovered that a good number of them were recording the login details and location of the

owners without encryption. In addition, all but four of the apps included some sort of tracking software, which was gathering information on the owner, without their consent.

As one doctoral student at Newcastle University's School of Computing explained, "Pet tech brings with it new security, privacy and safety risks to the pet owners.

"We would urge anyone using these apps to take the time to ensure they are using a unique password, check the settings and ensure that they consider how much data they are sharing or willing to share."

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**3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June - communities  
will count wildlife in  
'undisturbed' churchyards**

Parishes across England and Wales are registered to participate in Churches Count on Nature, an annual scheme where people visit churchyards and record the plant and animal species they encounter.

The biodiversity survey, supported by environmental charities A Rocha UK and Caring for God's Acre, as well as the Church of England and the Church in Wales, will take place from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of June this year.

In the last two years, 900 counting events took place across churches in England and Wales, and over 27,000 wildlife records were submitted. Churches across all denominations take part in the count each year.

The data will be used to determine where rare and endangered species are located in the country, and also to aid

churches of all denominations to increase biodiversity on their land.

This year, species on some of the 17,500 acres of churchyards in England alone will be mapped, with a further 1,282 acres of churchyards in Wales.

As graveyards and church land are usually undisturbed, they can be host to a great variety of wildlife not seen in other green spaces. Old churchyards often have fantastic flowery and species-rich grasslands.

Churches Count on Nature is part of Love Your Burial Ground Week.

The Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher, who is the Church of England's Lead Bishop for Environmental Affairs, said: "Hundreds of thousands will have watched Sir David Attenborough's new documentary on wildlife in the British Isles. Registering for this initiative is a brilliant way for churches to encourage a local response and help to restore the natural habitats on our doorstep."



## **Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow**

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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.

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The surgery will be closed on the following dates:

**May Bank Holidays 1<sup>st</sup>; 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**  
all day

**Wednesdahy 10<sup>th</sup> May- training pm**

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## Bob Dylan's Blowin' in the Wind

by Tim Lenton

Sixty years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1963, the folk/blues album *The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan* was released. It included the hit song *Blowin' in the Wind* and marked the start of an amazing singing-songwriting career.

It was in fact Bob Dylan's second album, but the first to contain all his own songs. He came to prominence in the protest movement of the 60s, latching on to the prevailing atmosphere with a catalogue of songs that were not only perceptive but revealed an entirely different kind of talent, from the manner of his delivery to the poetic invention of his lyrics.

Dylan's birth name was Robert Allen Zimmerman, and he was born in Minnesota, descended from Jewish immigrants from the area of Ukraine and Lithuania. He started using guitar and harmonica in folk fashion, but he soon 'went electric', to the

consternation of the purists but to the delight of everyone who enjoyed his originality, range and sense of humour.

His career stalled for a short while when he was involved in a motorcycle accident in the mid-60s, but he came back strongly and unexpectedly with the wonderful country-tinged album, *John Wesley Harding*. In the late 1970s he became a Christian and issued several overtly Christian albums, starting with *Slow Train Coming*, but he eventually reverted to a more open style, though he never renounced his faith: it seems evident in his recordings up to the present day.

Although now in his 80s, he has never stopped performing or writing, usually to the highest standards. His more recent albums, such as *Time out of Mind* and *Rough and Rowdy Ways* (his 39<sup>th</sup> studio album, issued in 2020), show just as much invention and creativity as ever.

## Sarah Eberle's Psalm 23

**Garden:** Design tips for a calm green space (*Book Review*)

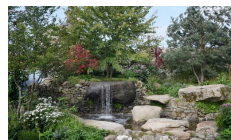
By Various authors, Bible Society, £6.50

In September 2021, Bible Society entered a garden based on Psalm 23 into the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The garden was designed by Sarah Eberle, who had previously won 17 gold medals at Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows.

If that wasn't enough, the Psalm 23 Garden won another gold medal as well as awards for Best Sanctuary

Garden and Best Construction Award!

Therefore, the garden contains vibrant greenery and a peaceful water feature. This book contains full-colour photographs of features of the garden, and tips and advice on creating your own beautiful garden.



Sarah Eberle's  
Psalm 23 Garden  
Design tips for a calm green space

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READINGS & ROTAS FOR MAY 2023

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES</u>			
<b>7</b>	3pm Family Communion <i>Revd Stephen Monk</i>	Fiona Lichfield			
<b>14</b>	Joint service at St. Peter's 10.45am <i>Ven David Garnett</i>	"	"		
<b>21</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>David Neale</i>	Liz Turner			
<b>28</b>	Joint service at St. Peter's 10.45am <i>Bishop Libby</i>	"	"		
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>			
<b>7</b>	10.45am Holy Communion <i>Revd Clive Thrower</i>	Mike Pindar/Gillian Caird			
<b>14</b>	10.45am Holy Communion <i>Ven. David Garnett</i> <i>(Joint service with St. Anne's)</i>	Mr & Mrs Gordon			
<b>18</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion for Ascension Day				
<b>21</b>	10.45am Matins <i>David Neale</i>	Roger Sherwood/Diana Walters			
<b>28</b>	10.35am Holy Communion <i>Bishop Libby</i> <i>(Joint service with St. Anne's)</i>	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw			
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>	
<b>7</b>	Jane Dickson/Kate Green	Mr & Mrs Jackson	<i>tba</i>		
<b>14</b>	John & Gill Caws	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	<i>Gloria Sherwood</i>		
<b>21</b>	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Wardle	"	"	
<b>28</b>	Lesley Butcher/Helen Garvey	Mr & Mrs Grealey	<i>tba</i>		
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>		<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Isaiah 40: 12-17, 25-end</b> <b>Luke 22: 24-30</b>	Mike Woodcock	TBA		
	<i>Easter 4 (Readings for the Coronation of King Charles III)</i>				
<b>14</b>	<b>Acts 17: 22-31</b> <b>John 14: 15-21</b>	Christine Robinson			
		<i>Easter 5</i>			
<b>21</b>	<b>Ezekiel 36: 24-28</b> <b>Acts 1: 6-14</b>	Roger Wardle	Fiona Swain		
		<i>Sunday after Ascension Day</i>			
<b>28</b>	<b>Acts 2: 1-21</b> <b>John 20: 19-23</b>	Trevor Grimshaw			
		<i>Whit Sunday</i>			

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