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Archdeacon Karen writes...

Every day, my phone sends me a 'memories' montage or a 'featured photo' from my gallery and very often, in a moment's pause in my day, I'll look and be reminded of people, places and events some of which may have faded in my mind, and smile or ponder.

November is, in many ways, a remembering month. Nationally, we pause on the 11th and again on Remembrance Sunday itself, and also on November 1st, All Saints Day, as we remember those who have walked the path of faith before us, some giants of the faith and others known to us personally. Many churches hold special services to remember the faithful departed at this time and that can bring a mixed bag of reaction in the midst of being helpful, especially if memory is jagged or bruised or grief is raw.

November also marks the transition from autumn to winter; the blaze of colour turning to a soggy mush of decaying leaves and debris (that threaten to clog drains and gutters as the season changes), moving us to let go of summer and prepare for winter, psychologically and maybe with a hint of anxiety as we see how long we can go without putting the heating on and step into ever-shortening days.

And yet we know that the seasonal cycle will repeat, sadly with greater variation as the climate changes, but spring will come again and so we, almost without realising it, set our hearts and minds to take stock, to remember and to draw strength from the certainties of life as we live with change.

Some of the Old Testament psalms (poems) do just that and it's a way

of building hope for the future. Psalm 136 reminds us repeatedly as it remembers history, events and stories, of the deepest truth: God's 'steadfast love endures forever'. That line repeats at every verse, all 26 of them, driving home the fact.

Remembering is usually far from straight-forward and it can be incredibly painful. But, as we remember and reflect, let's take time to recognise and give thanks for the thread of God's steadfast love for each and every one of us that weaves its way through our stories, individual and collective – a love that 'bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, a love that never ends'. That's the love that is the Kingdom of God, good news for all, that meets us in Jesus.

May you be able to recognise and know that for yourself in this season of remembrance and on into the future.

The Venerable Karen Hamblin
Archdeacon of East Derbyshire

FROM THE REGISTERS

St. Peter's, Edensor

Memorial Service

26th September ~ Jasper William Dacres Olivier

5th September 1938 - 6th August 2023

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

A reminder to everyone that only **FRESH FLOWERS** are allowed in the churchyards.

With Christmas approaching may we also remind anyone who puts wreaths on the graves or memorial plots of their loved ones to remove them once we get into the new year? If they are left they begin to deteriorate, look unsightly and can be blown about in storms.

Thank you, we appreciate your co-operation.

Why go to church?

A church-goer complained to his minister: "I've been coming to church every Sunday for 30 years, and in that time I have heard thousands of sermons, but for the life of me, I can't think of a single one now. So, I think I have wasted my time."

The minister thought for a moment and replied: "I've been married for 30 years, and my wife and I have cooked thousands of meals. For the life of me I can't recall the entire menu of a single one of those meals now. But I do know that each one nourished us and gave us strength to carry on living. If we had not had those meals, but snacked on rubbish instead, we would have been stunted and eventually starved. Without regular Christian nourishment, we also will starve – spiritually."

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
- 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.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

via 'THE BRIDGE'

If you would like to send Christmas Greetings to friends and members of the congregations of both our churches, please put your name on the list at the back of church (St. Peter's) or (St. Anne's) let either Fiona Swain or Rupert Turner know so they can pass your name to me **before 13th November please.**

All you need to do then is place your donation in an envelope marked 'Christmas Greetings' and put it on the collection plate during **ADVENT.**

All donations to St. Anne's & St. Peter's church funds

St. Peter's Church 100 Club September Draw 2023

1st Prize £30 - no. 93 Vacant number

2nd prize £20 - no. 34 Amanda Neale

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

Light (Smile...)

A small boy was fascinated by the red Sanctuary lamp during a rather long sermon. Finally, he whispered: 'Mum, when the light changes to green, can we go?'

Dates for your Diary - November 2023

- 12 St. Peter's, Edensor 2pm** - Baptism Elsie Kya Elizabeth Gower
- 14 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
'When Dracula came to Derby' - Dr Ann Featherstone
President: Fiona Swain *Refreshments & raffle:* Sarah Porter
- 15 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms
Speaker: Paul Newsham - Crop Circles, Mazes, Labyrinths, Ley Lines & Symbols *Competition:* a riddle (with the answer on the reverse side)
- 21 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** - 7pm Beeley Village Hall
Ian Else talking about the Barmote Court
- 24 CHATTY CRAFTS** - 10am-12noon in the Cavendish Chapel., St. Peter's. All welcome.
- 26 St. Peter's, Edensor 2pm** - Baptisms - Rachael Ann Williamson and Rosie Ann Maria Williamson

Early Notice

Tuesday 19th December - Service of Lessons & Carols, St. Peter's - 7.30pm

Sunday 24th December - Service of Lessons & Carols, St. Anne's - 6pm

BAKEWELL AND ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY (BASH)

The Medway Centre, New Street, Bakewell

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

November 12th - Mr Jones (2019) Cert 15

A Welsh journalist breaks the news in the western media of the famine in Ukraine in the early 1930s.

Contactless giving for visitors - St. Peter's, Edensor

Many of you may have seen the contactless giving device, which is sited next to the porch door, which was given to us after a successful application to the National Church Institutions.

During September, contactless donations through this device were £233.87, - a significant increase to the cash donations that would have been gifted to us.

And of course, we can reclaim Gift Aid on these donations.

Mark Titterton
Treasurer

COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES

The notice in last month's magazine pointing out the sign on the church gates saying there are War Graves in the churchyard, brought a query from a member of our congregation as to whether they were in fact War Graves.

Lynne wrote to Juliet Hunter, Project Administrator - Signs at the War Graves Commission and this is her reply, which makes very interesting reading.

Dear Lynne,

Thank you for your email and what an interesting query. I will try to provide some context for you and your parishioners.

The Commission are responsible for the commemoration of members of the Commonwealth forces who lost their lives between the following dates:

- 4 August 1914 to 31 August 1921
- 3 September 1939 to 31 December 1947

The 4th August 1914 is the day of declaration of war by Great Britain. The 31st August 1921 is the official end of war, as per the Order in Council that declared the war ended, as required by the Termination of the Present War (Definition) Act. The 3rd September 1939 is the day of declaration of war by Great Britain. The 31st December 1947 is the date agreed by the participating governments to produce a post-war period roughly equal to that of the First World War.

Commonwealth servicemen and women who died whilst in service during the war periods, regardless of the cause of death, are accorded war grave status. Additionally, those who were discharged from service but whose deaths occurred within the designated war periods, from injury or illness caused by or exacerbated by their service in the war, also qualify if the Service Authorities deemed that the death was service attributable. Whilst most people are familiar with the large battlefield cemeteries abroad, where soldiers were buried close to where they fell, and none were repatriated, people are less familiar with the 13000+ sites in the UK that hold both WW1 and WW2 casualties. These casualties may have died back in the UK from their injuries incurred whilst abroad, or may have been lost at sea off the UK coast as a few examples.

The Commission holds some information about the casualties we commemorate, however we do not hold the service history or circumstances of death. The documentation that we hold for each casualty can be found on our website, for St Peters here is the link: [Find War Dead | Search Results | CWGC](#). The reason these 3 soldiers may not be commemorated on the village memorial is that they may not have originally been from the village, but may have been passing through and died locally. However, whatever the cause of death, if they were an active soldier when they died, they will be eligible for a Commonwealth war grave wherever, and however they died. FYI We have over 6500+ signs in the UK and are installing more each week.

I hope this helps with a response to your congregation members.

Kind Regards,
Juliet

HARVEST FOR PADLEY

Thank you to everyone who so generously brought food and toiletries to the Harvest Services at our two churches, which was added to with donations from the school. Nadine Harrington took a very full vehicle to the Padley and there was only sufficient room left for the driver!



Some of the donations for the Padley Centre and one photograph of Nadine's very full car - the rest of the space was also full to capacity!



RENEWABLE POWER CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that

St. Peter's Church, Edensor

as part of their commitment to being good stewards of the environment, have committed to purchasing electricity that is 100% generated from Hornsey 1 Wind farm through the Parish Buying Energy Basket from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2025.

*as accredited by OFGEM

'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it'

PSALM 24, VERSE 1



We thought that our congregation and readers of the magazine would find this Renewable Power Certification interesting as it shows that we are doing our best for the environment and our own resources by using the Parish Buying Energy Basket to obtain the best possible price for our electricity.

St. Peter's - heating the church

As you will all appreciate, whilst energy bills are no longer rising as fast as they did last year, they are still much higher than we would like them to be. We will have the heating on in St. Peter's, although it will be at a lower temperature and for less time.

We still want to welcome people to church and suggest that you wear extra layers or bring a small blanket to put over your knees or round your shoulders during the service.

Smile... Did Noah fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"



£1.50 single bus fares for young people

From 1 November 11-19 year olds in Derbyshire will be able to travel for only £1.50 for a single fare across Derbyshire and Derby.

The £1.50 fares are for all buses in the county and city and include travel on direct services into neighbouring local authority areas.

Young people, aged 11 to 19, will need a b_line card to be able to get the discounted fare. The cards are free and available through either the county council or city council websites. [Sign up for a b_line card.](#)

The b_line card is a cut-price travel discount and library card for those aged 11 to 19. It is for young people in school, college, on a training course or in an apprenticeship.

Our Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport, Councillor Charlotte Cupit, said:

“The bus provides a convenient and safe way for young people to get to where they need to be, whether that be school, an apprenticeship, their first job and for leisure journeys too.

“We’re delighted to be able to offer them a discounted fare, making these important journeys more affordable. We hope that this reduced rate also helps young people to get out and about and socialise, too.”

Our and Derby City Council’s Bus Service Improvement Plan will fund the scheme. We’re both collaborating with local operators to provide the £1.50 discounted fare until October 2024.

The discounted tickets are also available for bus journeys that cross into other neighbouring areas, like Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Greater Manchester, Yorkshire, and Cheshire. The discount will not be available on late night bus services.

Early Notice

EDENSOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

SWITCH ON

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Mulled wine & Mince Pies in St. Peter’s Church
at 5.45pm

followed by the official switch on by the
Duchess of Devonshire
at 6.30pm on the Green

Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on Wednesday 11th October 2023 in the Cavendish Chapel

Eight members of the PCC were present with apologies from David Hartington and Paul Thompson

Canon Mark Titterton opened the meeting with a Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th June were agreed and signed

Vacancy Update: The PCC were brought up to date with the position of the vacancy, the current advert having closed on 6th October. A shortlisting meeting had been held and candidates would be interviewed in due course.

Finance: The Treasurer had circulated the accounts prior to the meeting. Income from planned giving has continued to drop during the year and collections are down generally. This could be due to people moving away and the rise in the cost of living. The contactless giving machine near the south door has made a positive difference to the amount given by visitors to the church.

Generally the finances are in good shape but we can't afford to be complacent.

Churchyard: Liz Bradshaw had spoken to Ian Woodhead, who has been mowing the churchyard this year, about his contract and he has offered to keep the price the same for next year. He acknowledged that it had been a difficult year for mowing, with the very hot period earlier in the year being followed by a very wet one, making it difficult to maintain a consistent standard of mowing. The PCC agreed to renew his contract and Liz would contact Ian to let him know.

Gravestones: A Faculty would be needed to lay any gravestones flat on the ground so another inspection will be made of the ones that are badly leaning to deem whether they are unstable or not.

Millennium Yew: This had been removed earlier in the year as it had died. Steve Porter will find a replacement which will be sited in a different spot in the churchyard.

Cavendish Family Graves: The Cavendish family graves that had sunk have now been topped up with extra soil. This was done by Rob Dowding from the Gardens team.

Fresh flowers: There has been a small increase in the use of artificial flowers in the churchyard and a timely reminder would be put in the parish magazine to say that only fresh flowers were allowed in the churchyard.

MAP updates: Lynne had sent out the MAP updates prior to the meeting.

Website: Jemima has been working on the website and hopes to be able to send an updated draft version to the PCC soon. Clive Thrower has offered his help with this.

Schedule of works report:

- a) The lightning conductor was inspected in September.
- b) Smart meter fitted to replace the old electricity meter.
- c) The large cupboard from the Vicarage garage has now been moved to one of the outhouses at the Vicarage. Items for the Padley Centre can be left in the outside toilet at the Vicarage - there is a metal bin for any food items and a plastic bin for clothes etc.

Safeguarding: Nothing to report.

Fundraising Events:

Christmas Wreath making workshop - 7th December. Only 1 ticket left at this time. There will be a talk by Lord Burlington on 11th April 2024.

Correspondence: Gillian had received a letter from the Diocesan Bellringing Repair Fund asking for a donation. This was discussed and agreed that a donation of £100 should be made. The DBR are able to give advice on the safety and state of bells and grants may be made where necessary for any work needed.

AOB: Coffee Money: The money raised each week from the refreshments after the service will this year be divided between Toilet Twinning and one of Pam Young's projects - Pam travels to the Ukraine with aid and also to parts of Africa.

Christmas Lights: New 'nets' of lights are needed for the two yew trees by the south porch. The PCC agreed to replace these and Mike Pindar would deal with this.

Christmas Tree: It was agreed that this year there would be a traditional Christmas tree in the church.

Date of next Meeting: To be arranged

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8.25pm.

A new kind of Remembrance poppy

For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free.

Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: "We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continues the RBL's commitment to sustainability."

The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and

to "be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment."

The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and it is made from "bespoke red and green paper." The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to Sainsbury's stores for recycling.

3rd November: Richard Hooker – priest, apologist, teacher

Richard Hooker lived at a critical time for the Church of England. He became one of the most important English theologians of the 16th century.

He provided the Church of England with a theological method which combined the claims of revelation, reason, and tradition. Traditionally, he has been credited as the originator of the Anglican via media – the middle way between Protestantism and Catholicism.

Hooker was born near Exeter around 1554, educated at Corpus Christi College Oxford, and was then made fellow there in 1577, and deputy professor of Hebrew in 1579. In 1581 he was ordained, and later appointed as Rector of Drayton Beauchamp.

In 1585 Hooker was appointed Master of the Temple Church in London, but returned to rural ministry six years later, first at Boscombe in Wiltshire, and then at Bishopsbourne in Kent, where he died in 1600.

The 1580s and 1590s were a time of bitter theological disputes between the Church of England, after the 1559 Elizabethan Settlement of the C

of E, and the growing Puritan party within the Church.

Hooker was implacably against Puritanism, and set about refuting it, and defending the Church of England in his magisterial eight-volume book *On the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*.

The book has been called "probably the first great work of philosophy and theology to be written in English." In it Hooker set out to demonstrate the superiority of episcopacy in the C of E, as opposed to bringing in the presbyterian system that the Puritans wanted.

Anglicanism, he said, was rooted in both Scripture and tradition, as suited a Church both Catholic and Reformed. And as human reason is a gift from God, he argued that this, too, was a vital element in interpreting both Scripture and tradition.

So, Richard Hooker was the first real apologist for Anglicanism. His contribution to Anglican thought was so huge that down the centuries he has won the backing of all wings of the Church: the evangelicals, Anglo-Catholics, and central churchmen.

6th November: William Temple - Archbishop of Canterbury

During the Second World War, Winston Churchill was Britain's Prime Minister. At the same time, William Temple was Archbishop of Canterbury. While Churchill led the country against Germany, Temple encouraged the British people to trust the Lord for their deliverance and strength. Like Churchill, Temple was a great leader, a gifted orator and a prolific writer. He was also a theologian and social activist.

Temple was born on 15th October 1881 in Exeter, Devon. He was educated at Rugby School and Balliol College, Oxford, from 1900 to 1904. He loved the music of Bach; the poetry of Browning and Shelley, and Shakespeare. He was an avid reader and possessed a near-photographic memory.

He became president of the Oxford Union and after graduation, was a lecturer in philosophy at Queen's College, Oxford. He was a member of the debating society and was a skilled and balanced debater. Following his ordination in 1909, and priesting in 1910, Temple was headmaster of Repton School for four years. He married Frances Anson in 1916. They were childless.

From 1921-29 Temple was Bishop of Manchester. During this time he was seen as a pioneer of the Ecumenical Movement and gradually became a national figure. In 1926 he urged the British government to seek a negotiated agreement to the General Strike.

Temple excelled as a moderator; a teacher and a preacher and his appointment as Archbishop of York (1929-40) was a popular one. His influence also led to the formation of the British Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. During the 2nd World War he jointly founded the Council of Christians and Jews to combat anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice in Britain.

As Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-44) Temple became an outspoken advocate of social reform and became involved in the campaign against unemployment, poverty and poor housing. He believed in the rights of all people, whether rich or poor, and was a leading force for social justice. He was grounded in the problems of the working man and in his book *Christianity and Social Order* (1942) he shared his vision for all to have access to healthcare, education and decent housing. His radical thinking and activism played a foundational role in the formation of the British Welfare State. *(Continues over page....)*

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Temple died aged 63 at Westgate-on-Sea, Kent on 26th October 1944. He was the first Primate of All England to be cremated and his ashes were

buried in the cloister garden of Canterbury Cathedral. He is the last Archbishop of Canterbury to have died while in office.

10th November: Justus – leading the Church in troubled times

Does this sound familiar? An Archbishop of Canterbury tries to bring unity and calm to a Church split down the middle over seemingly irreconcilable differences, and all the while to promote the Gospel to the wider non-Christian society, in the face of widespread ignorance and even hostility towards Christianity.

This isn't Justin Welby, though. It was Justus, a 7th century archbishop of Canterbury. Like Justin Welby, he had a passion for mission – he began as one of the Roman missionaries sent in 601 by Pope Gregory the Great – to reinforce Augustine. Once in England, he was quickly put to work – becoming the first ever Bishop of Rochester, in 604. It was then that he joined with other church leaders to urge the Irish and British (Celtic)

Christians to repair the great church divide of the time – to conform their customs to those of Rome. (They were largely ignored.)

In 616 things got worse. There was a pagan reaction in Kent and Essex, and without any support from the pagan King Edbald, Justus and Mellitus knew it was time to get out – quick. They escaped to France, and the whole English mission seemed in peril. Then – an unexpected breakthrough occurred – the king was converted. So back came Justus, to become Archbishop of Canterbury in 624. Pope Boniface V had faith in his ability and courage – he bestowed on him both the pallium and the power to consecrate bishops in England.

When Justus died in 627, he was buried at St Augustine's monastery. Then, in the 11th century, Justus was moved to a site in Canterbury Cathedral, behind the high altar.

The Two Minutes Silence

by David Pickup, a solicitor.

Remember, Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to Your love remember me, for You, Lord, are good. (Psalm 25:5-7)

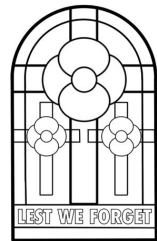
I love the Psalms, as they cover every emotion and religious experience, from despair to praise and from fear to rejoicing. Some say they are difficult, but life is difficult, and so the book of Psalms is great for dipping into and finding the right one for you. This one is about remembering – remembering the past failures in our lives, and dealing with them.

What do you think about during the Two Minutes' Silence on Remembrance Sunday? Perhaps you do not think about anything. I find it helpful to make an effort to think about the war dead. I used to do some research into local men who were casualties. I had some photos taken from newspapers or sent home. These memories added some

personalities and characteristics to the names on memorials.

I also think of members of my own family, who lived through the wars, and the experiences they had. Most did not go off to serve away from home, but lived through the blackouts, blitz, and evacuation and rationing. My grandfather left a photo of some comrades and had written on the back a request to 'keep this safe'. And so we have, for over one hundred years! I also remember, with thanks, the comparatively peaceful lives we have had.

There are some things we do not want to remember, usually bad things we have done or had done to us. When we turn our memories over to God, we are asking God to be merciful and loving, for although we make mistakes we can appeal to His enduring love.



Be a stained-glass window

People are like stained glass windows. We glow and sparkle when it is sunny and bright outside. But it

is only when the sun goes down that our true beauty is revealed – and then only if there is a light deep within us – the light of God.

12th November The Poppies of Remembrance Sunday

In late 1914, WWI erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

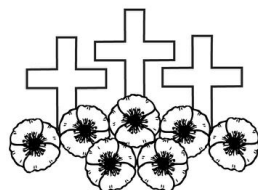
But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.



Renowned composer 'thrilled' to write new Christmas carol for Church of England

This Christmas, the Church of England is inviting choirs across churches, schools, and communities to 'join the song' alongside one of the country's leading choral composers.

The 'song' is a new interpretation of 'The First Nowell.' It has been given a brand-new melody by the well-known composer Bob Chilcott and is the centrepiece of this year's Church of England Christmas focus: Follow The Star: Join The Song.

The C of E theme for 2023 highlights how singing can help draw people closer to God and one another, through the journey from Advent to Epiphany.

Bob Chilcott's most often performed pieces include Can you hear me?, A Little Jazz Mass, and the St John Passion. His music has been recorded by The King's Singers, King's College, Cambridge, The Sixteen, Tenebrae and The BBC Singers, among other choirs and groups.

"It's been an absolute thrill for me to be able to write new music for the well-known carol, 'The First Nowell,' and to be a part of the 'Follow the Star' campaign at Christmas 2023," Bob Chilcott said.

"I have aimed to make this melody easy to pick up and I hope all will enjoy singing it, at a time of year when the joy of singing is so central to worship and to the celebration of Christmas."

The carol is published by Oxford University Press and features as part of OUP's new edition of the favourite series, Carols for Choirs 6.

The C of E is offering a wide variety of free resources available for churches, schools, and choirs. Visit: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/accounts/login/?next=/hub/asset/first-nowell-resources/> (New users will need to set up a free account, which is a very quick process).

Looking back on the 2023 cricket season

by the Ven John Barton

The 2023 cricket season ended on a jarring note. A widespread review of the game in England found it suffered from racism, sexism, elitism and class-based discrimination.

Older cricket fans will wince. They recall the days when each county side was divided into amateurs and professionals, called Gentlemen and Players. They had separate changing rooms. Gentlemen came from wealthy families, so didn't need the wages paid to the others. You could distinguish them on cricket scorecards, where Gentlemen's names were printed with their initials in front of their surnames, whereas Players' names were the other way round. The team captain was always an amateur.

For centuries, women have played cricket, using a smaller ball, but it wasn't until 1976 that they were allowed to play at Lords, where schoolboys from Eton and Harrow had played for years. Twenty five years later, Ebony Rainford-Brent became the first black woman to play for her country, and was subject to racist abuse. "As soon as I walked into the world of cricket the comments started", she said.

In the early days, a few Indian cricketers who were members of noble families, played for English counties and even for the national

team. But by and large the game in England was played by white people. Class distinction was accepted without question. In church, they were still singing,

*The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at his gate;
God made them, high or lowly
And ordered their estate.*

Although the Bible acknowledges distinctions between rich and poor, employers and workers, kings and their subjects, it gives priority to the poor and powerless, and places grave responsibility on those who are wealthy and wield power. No reference is made to their skin colour. Adam and Eve are presented as non-ethnic and non-national because they represent all people of all ethnicities.

One outstanding cricketer, who lived by these biblical themes, was David Sheppard. He captained England, both before and after he was ordained in the Church of England. He chose to minister only in the most downtrodden areas, wrote *Bias to the Poor* as part of his campaign for social justice and refused to play against South Africa when their team was controlled by apartheid. All sports need players of principle like him.

Reflecting Faith - Remembering Our Loved Ones

Revd Dr Jo White

For the last couple of months, we've been looking at seating in the church building.

Perhaps you've noticed that on the more 'special' items there are dedication plaques to the person who donated the money to buy the item or in whose name the item was purchased. In some churches, pretty much everywhere you look you will find such labels, whilst in others they are much rarer.

Of course, many people donate financially and give specific items in their own name or in memory of someone else without wishing for this to be publicly noted. But often when folk donate something they do like it made clear.

A couple of centuries ago people would leave money after their death for a mass to be said for their soul. In some rich cases this would be every day for a year or even longer.

The 'very' rich paid for a new altar to be placed in the church building or even in an extension to the building – a chantry. This is where their personal mass would be conducted each day. In these cases, a stipend would also be paid to cover the cost

of a separate priest to do this task, rather than the rector or vicar having it as an extra daily task.

A room would be provided for that priest above the chapel often.

This all stems from the belief that we have sinned and will be punished in purgatory or hell but can 'buy' time off through prayers.

Today our theology has moved back to a more biblical understanding, that Christ is the one who bore our sins on the cross, and we can't earn our way to heaven; we can only get there by faith in Him.

But we still love and think about the people whom we loved, even though they are dead. Some Christians believe that, as we prayed for them in life, why should we stop just because they are dead?

As C.S.Lewis wrote;

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me."

This month

As you remember your loved ones whom you see no more, hold them close in ways that make sense to you, and reflect your faith in God's loving grace and mercy.

19th November: Hilda - Abbess of Whitby

Hilda played a key role in the early English Christian church, and she may even have been the first to encourage the writing of Christian poetry.

She was born a princess, into the Deiran (Northumbrian) dynasty, and her sister became Queen of the East Angles, with whom the Deiran had connections.

In those days East Anglia had close ties with the Gallic Church, and because of her sister, Hilda came under that influence. She was actually on her way to take her monastic vows near Paris when the Bishop of Lindisfarne, Aidan, called her back to Northumbria.

Back home, she went into seclusion for a time, before being sent to be abbess of a religious house in Hartlepool in 649.

Eight years later, Hilda felt moved to establish a religious community at Streasnaeshalch (later renamed Whitby). Her community was a royal establishment, a double monastery (both men and women) and became famous for its learning, with even five bishops trained there.

Whitby was also, of course, the venue for the famous Synod of Whitby in 664. With Hilda acting as hostess, the Synod met to decide upon the date of Easter. The issue at stake was greater than that, though, for the decision would sway the Church in Britain to adapt either the Celtic or Roman traditions. Although Hilda defended the Celtic church customs, she accepted with grace the decision of the Synod to accept the Roman date for Easter, and she then worked to unite the Church throughout the land.

Seeing the Light – poems

By Kenneth Steven (*Review*)
Canterbury Press Norwich, £10.99

This new poetry collection from Scottish poet Kenneth Steven captures small moments of revelation or epiphanies, which come unexpectedly as gifts amid the ordinary. An uncleared breakfast table, the sight of someone working outdoors, an old photograph, and the features and sounds of the Scottish landscapes that

so inspire his work, all become, in the poet's words, portals to a greater reality: "the small moments that make up the whole story".

This is the sudden 'going through the door' into the bigger world. Many of them are written in the sonnet form, whose brevity and economy of expression mirror the essence of this book, and whose very form turns from the ordinary to the extraordinary in a moment.

Legislation clarifying right of local authorities to support churches clears final hurdle

Legislation clarifying that parish and town councils can provide support to churches for repairs and improvements has cleared its final stages in the House of Lords.

A Government amendment to the Bill makes it clear that local authorities can provide grants for parish churches or places of worship, following many years of legal uncertainty.

The amendment was introduced after the Bishop of Bristol, Viv Faulkner, highlighted the need for clarification of the law during the Bill's Committee Stage in the House of Lords.

Bishop Viv, who is the Church of England's joint lead bishop on church buildings, said: "This amendment

brings clarity to the law which will give local authorities confidence to award grants to local church buildings to enable them to serve their communities better.

"I have long been in conversation with Government about bringing in this change and have been contacted by both local authorities and church councils who are anticipating this change with enthusiasm and gratitude."

The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill recently received its Third Reading in the House of Lords. It will now go to the House of Commons for final consideration ahead of Royal Assent.

The clarification comes after the Taylor Review of the Sustainability of English Churches and Cathedrals, published in 2017, proposed a clarification through guidance or a change in the law.

Pre-driver training days for young people

Do you know of any young people aged 15 to 17 in your area who would like to get a head start on driving?

Limited spaces have become available on our upcoming First Gear pre-driver training days.

The days give trainees their first experience behind the wheel of a car in a safe, controlled environment, with fully qualified driving instructors.

They are for young people aged 15 to 17, either living in or being educated in Derbyshire.



God in the Sciences

Written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

God of the mountains, God of the valleys

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone ... The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment... Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? (Job 38:4–7, 14, 16)

These verses from the biblical book of Job focus on the Earth, from the top of the highest mountains to the deepest valleys of the sea floor. Job used to have a very comfortable life, but lost everything: health, children, and much of his property. He can see no obvious reason for this terrible turn of events, so he demands an answer from God, asking “What have I done to You...? Why have You made me your target?”

There is no direct reply to Job's question, but instead a long conversation with his friends who assume (wrongly) that he must be being punished for doing something very bad. When God finally speaks,

He draws Job's attention to his surroundings. The sun, moon and stars, the immensity of land and sea, the creatures that inhabit them, and the processes that produce weather are a wonderful display of God's creative power. God is the origin and sustainer of all these things, and they are far beyond anything humankind could produce, fully understand or imagine – even today.

The things we do know about the processes described in Job can help us appreciate how marvellous they are. Mountains are produced by the movement of the Earth's rocky crust over great periods of time. Erosion by weathering or glaciers then grinds down those rocks to produce the mineral component of soil.

Considering the wider perspective of creation can help restore our sense of who we are, who God is, and where we fit into His purposes. God speaks to Job in the midst of his suffering, lifting his eyes to the power and creativity of his Maker. Only after this theology lesson are Job's practical needs addressed. What will life be like for us over the coming months? A constant check on our own thinking – reminding ourselves of the bigger picture of God's plans and purposes – might be just what we need to help us keep going.

This article drew very directly on the writing of Prof Bob White in New Daylight (BRF, Sept-Dec 2020), and the input of a Bible study group based in Cambridge.

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What new students worry about most

A recent YouGov survey has found that students who began university this autumn were more worried about being lonely than about having enough money, understanding the course, or even finding suitable housing.

So, what can a new student do, surrounded by thousands of strangers? How do they begin to make friends that will last?

The survey found that simply joining a society or club of like-minded students had proved the most successful intervention. 42 per cent of students who did this to alleviate loneliness said that it had been the most helpful action they took.

And there are other things that students can do, to help alleviate loneliness. Spending time volunteering has also worked well for many students wanting to build a stable social network.

Well, you asked... (A couple of items to make you smile...)

The preacher in the Dome in Brighton had given out his text: 'Paul we know and Apollos we know, but who are these?' The stewards were just showing in two late-comers, and one called out: "They are two businessmen staying at the Queen's Hotel."

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Wanted

A lady was advertising for a travelling companion, and ended with these words: 'Christian wanted, cheerful if possible.'

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.

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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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October solution



November Sudoku



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Parishes are still “at our very heart”

“Parishes are at the very heart of the Church of England's mission.”

This was the C of E's response to a recent article in the Sunday Telegraph. The short comment was provided as a response to an article that had appeared in the newspaper on ‘parish closures.’

William Nye, the Church of England's Secretary General, said: “Local parish churches are at the very heart of the Church of England's mission and over the next nine years we are investing £3.6 billion of Church Commissioners funds in front-line ministry up and down the land, focussing particularly on those communities most in need.

“It is early days, but we are seeing our efforts bear fruit - and local projects funded by the national

church have already brought 27,000 new disciples into our congregations.

“Of course, churches do sometimes close - but the truth is that the number of closures is the lowest it has been for 50 years, and we are starting new worshipping communities all the time. In fact, earlier this summer General Synod formally committed the Church to revitalising our parishes.”

In fact, the number of consecrated churches closed has actually decreased in each of the last five decades. The figures provided to the Sunday Telegraph, who omitted them, were as follows:

1969-1979: 760

1980-1989: 485

1990-1999: 274

2000-2009: 243

2010-2019: 209

READINGS & ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>
5	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>Father Bob Boyle</i>	Barbara Hawsworth
12	3pm	Remembrance Service <i>David Neale</i>	“ “
19	9.30am	Morning Prayer <i>David Neale</i>	Claire Cadogan
26	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>Rev Matt Barnes</i>	Fiona Swain
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>
5	10.45am	Holy Communion <i>Father Bob Boyle</i>	Mr & Mrs Gordon
12	10.15am	Service of Remembrance Pilsley School Yard	
	10.50am	Remembrance Day Service <i>David Neale</i>	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw
19	10.45am	Matins <i>David Neale</i>	Mr & Mrs Wardle
26	10.45am	Holy Communion <i>Rev Matt Barnes</i>	Mike Pindar + helper
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
5	Lesley Butcher/Helen Garvey		Mr & Mrs Jackson
12	Mr & Mrs Hubbuck		Mr & Mrs Grimshaw
19	Jane Dickson & Kate Green		Kate Green/Christine Goldsack
26	John & Gill Caws		Mr & Mrs Wardle
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>
5	1 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12		Diana Walters <i>All Saints' Sunday</i>
12	Wisdom 6: 12-16		David Jackson <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>
19	Zephaniah 1: 7; 12-end Matthew 25: 14-30		John Bowns <i>Second Sunday before Advent</i>
26	Ezekiel 34: 11-16; 20-end Matthew 25: 31-end		Mike Woodcock <i>Christ the King</i>
<p>(A wry smile.....)O Lord,Thou knowest I have nine houses in the City of London, and have lately purchased an estate in Essex. I beseech Thee to preserve the counties of Middlesex and Essex from earthquakes and fire. - Joshua Ward, 18th century</p>			
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