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September 2023

Acting Archdeacon Nicky writes...

As our children and young people return to school and the pace of life begins to pick up again after a brief and much-needed lull over the summer, I wonder how you're feeling?

Perhaps you've missed friends or colleagues and the structure of your usual rhythm and routine and are excited and energised by the fact of returning to something that feels more normal.

Maybe you've enjoyed less traffic on the roads, fewer evening commitments, some time away on holiday and are wishing that slower way of living could continue a bit longer.

As I prepare to move from the role of Acting Archdeacon to becoming Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales, I have been reflecting on what I might need to do differently now I have a long-term role rather than only 6 months to deliver impact and identifiable outcomes.

If you are free, then I'd love to welcome you to my licensing and collation service at Derby Cathedral on Saturday, 30 September at 2.30pm.

As you may have heard me say at a deanery synod or in interview, my personal priorities will remain prayer, people, places, projects, planning and personal formation – do ask me about them and how they connect to our emerging diocesan priorities and the things that matter to you in your context.

I want to learn how to navigate the responsibilities and opportunities of my role in a way that brings about positive changes and is healthy

and life-giving for me and all those I work with. I'd like to invite you all to join that journey with me.

My experience is that you travel well and make best progress towards the future that God is preparing for you by praying, reflecting, seeking feedback, planning and working together focussed on what really matters, the things we aim to achieve. Old habits from my teaching career, a way of being I find invaluable and highly recommend.

So as we look towards the Autumn term, may we form genuine relationships of mutual care and accountability. Then together we can discern what God is inviting us into and asking us to prioritise. And we can do those things at a pace that is sustainable and good news for us, as well as for those we are called to serve.

*Nicky Fenton*  
*Acting Archdeacon*  
*Derbyshire Peak & Dales*

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### Beeley Heritage Open Days

16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

11am to 4pm.

Featuring People of the Plains, an exhibition relating to the Indians of The United States and Canada in the Cavendish Village Hall, Beeley DE4 2NU and a glimpse into Georgian village life at the popular Spencer's Yard at Moorend Beeley DE42NR.

Admission free, refreshments can be bought at the village hall, cars can be parked on Pig Lane, signposted on the day.

*More information: David 07748369145*

### **Early Notice....**

#### HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

ST. PETER'S EDENSOR- 10.45AM

*(followed by a Bring and Share lunch)*

ST. ANNE'S BEELEY - 3PM

*(followed by Refreshments)*

Everyone is very welcome to either or both of these services and all donations of food/toiletries etc. will be taken to the Padley Centre.

## 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.

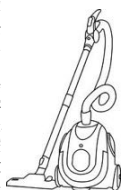
## Help Needed

We are in need of more people to go on the cleaning rota at St. Peter's Church. If you are interested in helping please have a word with the Wardens.

At present we have 5 couples on the rota; the more people we have the less often your turn comes round.

Most people find it easier to clean in pairs, so either with your partner or a friend - many hands etc.

Please do give this some serious thought.



## Dates for your Diary - September 2023

- 12 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall  
Quiz Night - John Miley                      President: Chris Miley  
Refreshments & Raffle: Jude Shore
- 16/17 BELEY HERITAGE OPEN DAYS** - 11am - 4pm (see page 3 for details)
- 19 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** - 7pm Beeley Village Hall  
David Adams talking about Sir Joseph Paxton, Gardener and MP
- 20 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms  
Speaker: Brian Shaw - Creating a Nature Reserve  
Competition: an item for 'a nature table'
- 29 CHATTY CRAFTS** - 10.30-12 in the Chapel at St. Peter's. Join us for  
crafting or just a cuppa and a chat. Everyone is very welcome!

## BAKEWELL AND ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY (BASH)

The Medway Centre, New Street, Bakewell

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

**10 September 'Everything, Everywhere all at Once'** (2022) Cert. 15

A middle-aged Chinese immigrant is swept up into an insane adventure in which she alone can save existence by exploring other universes and connecting with the lives she could have led.

## EDENSOR VILLAGE DAY & OPEN GARDENS

**Presentations of Cheques Evening**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

**Tree Planting on The Green 5.30pm**

**followed by**

**Presentation of Cheques 6pm in Church**

Anyone who helped in any way on Edensor Village Day is very welcome to attend this very special event, when we see where the money raised on the day is going to and we have a chance to chat to the representatives of the chosen charities.

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

1st Prize £30 - no. 27 Mary Read  
2nd prize £20 - no. 43 Judy Harding  
Funds to church this month - £50

**Ann Hall**

It was 125 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1898, that George Gershwin, the American composer, was born. Well known for his operas, Broadway musicals and film scores.



# HARVEST NEEDS LIST

Below are the items we would love you to donate at  
Harvest Festival Campaign.

GRAVY GRANULES - BISCUITS - COOK-IN SAUCES - SUGAR  
SAUCES (RED, BROWN, MAYONNAISE) - JAM - PASTA - RICE - TINNED FRUIT  
TINNED MEAT - TINNED TOMATOES - TINNED FISH - TINNED RICE PUDDING  
TINNED VEGETABLES - TINNED BAKED BEANS - TINNED CUSTARD - FLOUR - FRUIT  
SQUASH - LONG LIFE MILK - TEA - COFFEE - CEREAL

DEODORANT - DISPOSABLE RAZORS - KITCHEN ROLL - TOILET ROLL - SHAVING  
FOAM - SHAMPOO - CONDITIONER - SHOWER GEL - SANITARY PRODUCTS -  
LAUNDRY DETERGENT - WASHING UP LIQUID

CLOTHING, SHOES, UNUSED UNDERWEAR OF ALL GENDER AND SIZES  
BOOKS - BRIC A BRAC - JEWELLERY - BEDDING - COATS - HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES

If you would like to donate money for us to purchase these items you can do so  
online at <https://checkout.justgiving.com/obz7x76txn> or scan the QR code



Items listed in  
**GREEN** are what  
we need most



**NB for those reading this in black and white text it is the items  
in a paler grey that are most needed, thank you.**

## **Parish ‘at very heart’ of God’s mission, General Synod hears**

The General Synod has recently backed the parish as key to the spreading of the message of the Christian faith, in a debate where the local church was described as ‘at the very heart’ of God’s mission.

Members were told that the parish system is central to the Church of England’s Vision for growth, in a debate led by Revd Canon Kate Wharton, from the Diocese of Liverpool.

“The parish system exists not so that we can be territorial and protective of ‘our patch’ and work only in our own silos, but so that we can ensure that every single soul in

the land is held within a system in which they matter and can be known.”

The General Synod members voted to welcome the Church’s commitment to increasing the numbers of ordinands, as well as an increasing emphasis on lay ministry and the expansion of Licenced Lay Ministers.

“This isn’t about survival, somehow bringing in enough people and enough cash to ensure we can keep going,” Canon Wharton said. “Rather, this is about a community of believers coming together to dream dreams with God about what might be possible in His perfect plan for their future.”

## **God can use everything we give Him**

The story is told of a man in charge of building a great church, who was pestered by an apprentice who wanted to design the glass for one of the windows. Finally, he agreed that the apprentice should be given one very small window. BUT – the apprentice would have to provide all the materials himself.

Undaunted, the apprentice carefully swept up all the stray bits of coloured glass that had been

discarded and set to work. Slowly, and with great care, he pieced together a window of rare beauty. When the church was finally opened, many people stopped to stare in wonder at his small, but so beautiful, iridescent window.

Our lives can be like that - no matter how small we may feel, or that we have only scraps to offer to God, He can still help us use every bit of time and energy and love we do have, to build a life that is beautiful, and which will reflect the glory of God to others.



## **Help more children get back to school this month**

As our children return to school this month, World Vision has been reporting on its work in countries where more and more children will NOT be going to school this autumn.

Instead, the worldwide cost-of-living-crisis means that such children will either be skipping meals to make ends meet, unable to go to school because of the fees, 'sold' into early marriage, or sent to work as child labour.

World Vision is warning that: "Forcibly displaced children are paying the price for the international community's failure ... new and protracted conflicts, disasters, and extreme weather, alongside the reverberating impacts of the

pandemic and higher costs are driving the shocking rise in hunger and malnutrition seen in many parts of the world today."

And so it is that 85% of forcibly displaced families are unable to afford enough food to meet their daily nutrition needs. 25% of families are responding to increased financial pressures by keeping their children out of school, and 19% have sent their children to work.

Meanwhile, significant numbers of families in Afghanistan and Niger (12% and 7% respectively) are using child marriage as a coping mechanism for decreased income.

If you can help World Vision to provide help for such children, go to: <https://www.worldvision.org.uk>

## **Could you volunteer to help prisoners rebuild their lives this autumn?**

Prison Fellowship has opportunities in many prisons across England and Wales for PF volunteers to help run its various programmes for prisoners, including the Sycamore Tree programme,

supporting prison chaplaincy ministry, and delivering the Angel Tree project this Christmas, as well as much more.

If you would like to help Prison Fellowship reach out to people in prison, please go to: [www.prisonfellowship.org.uk](http://www.prisonfellowship.org.uk)

## **How not to be a Grumpy Old Man (or Woman)**

*The Ven John Barton considers....*

Marvel. Marvel every time you see a child learning to walk and speak at the same time. Share in their delight. Wonder at the dawn of each new season: sunshine and shadows, falling leaves, frost, sudden new growth. You are still alive to take it all in. That's an unexpected bonus.

Appreciate. Have a look around your living room and concentrate on items designed for your comfort and entertainment, which your forbears never had. Think of someone you don't like; now ponder a couple of their good points. Try to desire their welfare more than their downfall.

Forgive. (That's a condition for being forgiven). You may have to do it over and over again for the same person. Unearth grudges which have been lying under the surface. Are they

worth preserving that much? Think of the damage they are doing you. Married or Single? Don't envy. The grass on the other side of the street isn't greener, it's just different. Count your blessings - some will be uniquely yours. Be concerned for the welfare of someone whose circumstances are unlike yours.

Deal with disappointment. If you have become grumpy it's probably caused by a deep-down dissatisfaction with yourself. Stop raking over past failures. Each morning when you wake up, say with the Psalmist, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Change. No, it isn't too late. It will only be too late to change when you are in a coffin. In the meantime, there's still room for manoeuvre. Remember John Henry Newman's words, "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

## **Falling down the stairs**

Women are more likely to fall down the stairs than men. The British Woodworking Federation (BWF) Stair Scheme has estimated that 38 per cent of women have a fall going up or down stairs each year, compared to 28 per cent of men.

A recent study at Purdue University has been trying to find out why. They came up with several reasons. Firstly,

women tend to be more distracted when using the stairs. They are more likely to be talking to friends or colleagues at the same time, or to be carrying things, and therefore unable to use the banister. Also, women are often wearing impractical footwear such as sandals, flip-flops or high heels.

Some 43,000 people are hospitalised each year in the UK from stair falls.

## How to fight back against artificial intelligence

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

I've been writing Christian comment columns for newspapers and radio for more than 30 years – but I had a shock when I asked an artificial intelligence computer programme to write one for me.

The question that I posed was simple. Could an AI programme produce a column that would match up to one penned by a team of writers who regularly produce articles for a local newspaper in St Albans, my home city north of London? These are all people who know the area and have a living faith.

The answer? The AI fared pretty well and – worryingly – it produced several insights that could have been written by one of our experienced team.

My experiment with artificial intelligence gave me a glimpse of what AI can already do, with – looking ahead – the potential for 'systems with human-intelligence' to make radical changes to society, including taking away people's jobs and making 'fake news' much easier to invent and distribute.

Many people are worried. A group of technology leaders have called for a

pause in development while we study AI's potential impact.

But what 'my' AI-generated article lacked – and, of course, it would – was a living faith that would inform its writing. For anyone who is a Christian communicator – from the pulpit, online, in print, via video or drama or in our personal lives – this is a vital lesson.

In an age when AI can generate sermons, write articles and design compelling graphics, those of us who seek to speak about the faith, and bring others to it, will need increasingly to 'bring ourselves' into our messages.

Like John the Baptist, we need to be pointing to Christ – always – but it'll become increasingly vital that we bring our own lived experiences, our testimonies, into how we communicate.

That's the challenge for all Christian communicators, and anyone seeking to share their faith. Words and arguments that could be drawn from a text-book or the web can easily be replicated by AI programmes.

Actions of love, and sharing our personal story will always be the most persuasive way of presenting Christ's gospel of sacrifice and love.

And AI – I pray – will never be able to match that authenticity and truth.

# Remembering the genius of JRR Tolkien

By Tim Lenton

Fifty years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1973, JRR Tolkien, the fantasy writer, poet, scholar and educator, died. He was best known for his novels *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

Born in Bloemfontein and descended from a family that originated in an area that was then East Prussian and is now Russian, Tolkien – always known as Ronald – thought of himself as unmistakably English. He was brought up in the Birmingham area after the death of his father, who had stayed in South Africa while his wife and children visited England.

Ronald's mother then died when he was 12, and he was raised by aunts, uncles and a guardian who was a Roman Catholic priest, Father Francis. Tolkien later became a devoted Catholic and insisted that his fiancée, Edith Bratt, join him in that faith. She did so, reluctantly, and they had a long and extremely happy marriage. His

beliefs were a significant factor in C S Lewis's conversion to Christianity.

Tolkien had a longstanding fascination with language and became an acknowledged expert in both linguistics and mythology, which led to his writing his two most famous works – and several others. Despite assumptions by some, none were intended as children's books, and *The Lord of the Rings* was never a trilogy – it was printed in three volumes for cost reasons.

The huge success of his writing led to unexpected fame. He and his wife eventually moved to Bournemouth and lived there until she died in 1971. He was then given rooms in Merton College, Oxford. He said in an interview shortly before his death: "A pen is to me as a beak is to a hen."

Since 2003, The Tolkien Society has organised Tolkien Reading Day, which takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> March in schools around the world.

# North Korea – how it all began

By *Tim Lenton*

Some 75 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1948, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was established, headed by Kim Il Sung.

Korea as a whole had been under Japanese control most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, with many Korean guerrilla groups fighting to regain the country's autonomy. The Second World War led to the surrender of Japan and the division of Korea, with the Soviet Union occupying the north and the United States the south.

Attempts to create a unified country failed, and two separate governments emerged, each claiming to be the legitimate rulers of Korea. As a result, the Korean War broke out in 1950, resulting in a great deal of destruction, followed by stalemate and a line of demarcation between north and south at the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel.

The leader of the north, which became the People's Democratic

Republic of Korea, was a famous and accomplished former guerrilla leader called Kim Il Sung (meaning Kim Become the Sun), who because of his earlier exile spoke very little Korean when he became head of government. He had been raised, he said, in a Presbyterian Christian family, one of his grandfathers being a Protestant minister. During the Second World War he was for a time a Major in the Soviet Red Army.

He was in office for more than 45 years, being succeeded by his son and then grandson, as North Korea became a totalitarian socialist dictatorship, with a centrally planned economy, closely linked to the Soviet Union. At first the north outperformed the south, but when South Korea stabilised and bloomed economically in the 1980s, the situation was reversed. The tension between north and south continues.

*To make you smile...*

Two professors were sitting chatting on a veranda overlooking the sea, watching the sun set. The history professor asked the psychology professor, "Have you read Marx?"

To which the professor of psychology replied, "Yes, and I think it's these pesky wicker chairs."

## Coffee is good for you

If you like coffee, then this is good news: it seems that coffee is quite good for you. For one thing, coffee contains chemicals called polyphenols, which protect against inflammation in the body and which repair damage to cells.

One study, known as the European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition (Epic), found that people who drank more coffee were less vulnerable to a range of chronic illnesses. Another study, at the University of Verona, found that it can help prevent a toxic protein called tau from clumping together –

which might help in fighting Alzheimer's.

Coffee drinkers have also been found to have different species of bacteria in their gut microbiomes, compared with non-coffee drinkers. This is believed to be one of the strongest protective factors against colorectal cancers.

Harvard University recommends two to five cups of coffee daily, and the NHS recommends that no more than about two and a half cups of coffee are consumed in one sitting, and no more than five cups per day.

## How fish may help you hear

Seafood, and oily fish in particular, may be able to help you hear better.

A new study has found evidence that consuming oily fish such as sardines, salmon and mackerel may help slow down the onset of deafness.

Scientists at the University of Guelph, in Canada, found that people with particularly high blood levels of DHA, found in seafood which is rich in omega-3 fatty acids, were 16 per cent less likely to have difficulty hearing, compared with those who had low levels.

Scientists believe that the DHA may play an important role in signal transmissions between nerve cells, including the auditory nerves of the ear.

Some scientists suggest that we consider eating fatty fish at least three times a week, in order to increase our blood levels of DHA. This need not be expensive: according to the Cleveland Clinic, in the US, sardines – a tin of which cost just 47p at Tesco\* – contain some of the highest levels of omega-3 of any fish.

*\* Other supermarket brands are available!*

# 25 years of Google

By *Tim Lenton*

It was 25 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1998, that Google, the internet search company, was founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, both students at Stanford University in California.

The company was originally based in a friend's garage at nearby Menlo Park.

It began in January 1996 as a simple research project which employed links to decide the importance of individual pages on the world wide web. The two students – both Jewish – worked from their college rooms and called the search engine BackRub, a name fairly rapidly abandoned. Google is a slight misspelling (or reinvention) of the word googol, which is the mathematical term for a 1 followed by 100 zeros.

This turned out to be quite appropriate, given the amount of information involved. Google is now

the world's most used search engine by far, leaving such "competitors" as DuckDuckGo, Bing and Yahoo! floundering distantly in its wake.

Google Inc was born officially in late summer 1998 when Sun co-founder Andy Bechtolsheim wrote Page and Brin a cheque for £100,000. There was a third founder, Scott Hassan, who wrote much of the original code, but he left before Google was officially founded as a company. Today, however, he is described as a serial entrepreneur with a net worth of around a billion dollars.

Being a huge company, Google has plenty of critics, but its code of conduct, stated in 2004, was "Don't be evil" because "we believe strongly that in the long term, we will be better served – as shareholders and in all other ways – by a company that does good things for the world, even if we forgo some short-term gains".

## **23<sup>rd</sup> September**

### **When the sun goes edgewise, and daytime equals night**

23<sup>rd</sup> September is the autumnal equinox (if you live in the northern hemisphere) or the vernal (Spring) equinox (if you live in the southern hemisphere). The equinoxes occur in March and September, when the Sun is 'edgewise' to the Earth's axis of rotation, so that everywhere on earth has twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of darkness.

## Weather by app?

Do you watch the weather via an app? It seems millions of us do, as we try to outguess what the British weather is going to do next.

There are thousands of weather apps out there, and it seems that you can find one that will predict almost anything you want. But if you want reliability, you could do worse than choose the Met Office app.

The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) has recently named the Met Office as the world's best public sector-provided app for usefulness, reliability and information quality. As its website says, "92.5 per cent of the Met Office's next day

temperature forecasts are accurate within two degrees Celsius." As the UK's official weather service, it is also responsible for weather warnings, and sends them directly to users as push notifications.

Or you might try The Weather Channel app. Some industry analysts say that the US-based Weather Channel is the world's most accurate forecaster. Using data from IBM, the Weather Channel offers a main app with hurricane, lightning and wildfire tracker capabilities on top of all the usual functions, as well as a separate Storm Radar app.

## Do you like the exterior lights of modern cars?

Have you noticed that the exterior lights on many newer cars are smaller than they used to be? Many motorists are finding this difficult when driving in sunshine, as they still need to see what other cars are signalling to do.

But the arrival of LED light clusters means that car manufacturers have been fitting their indicator lights into much smaller spaces. And while that

might look good, stylistically, it doesn't always work well. This is especially true when the car is in bright daylight, or when the car's indicator lights are set near to a brake or taillight.

The current regulations only legislate for colour, lighting intensity and viewing angle. Surprisingly, there are no rules about how big the actual surface area of the indicator light should be.

It was 100 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1923, that Interpol, the International Criminal Police Organisation, was founded.



## Reflecting Faith - pews and chairs

*The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series on finding faith in the fabric of our church buildings.*

Most of us think of pews as having been installed at the same time the church building was built, with occasional upgrades over time. But that's not the case.

Originally church floors consisted of little more than stone flags or beaten earth on which grasses or rushes were lain as a renewable winter covering for cleanliness and insulation. Each year, in late summer, the old and rotten rushes were cleared out and new ones taken to the churches in carts. There are still a number of English towns, in particular in the north of England, that celebrate 'Rushbearing' each year.

The people stood for all the services. However, it was recognised that the infirm and elderly needed support, and stone benches - often backless - were placed by the walls for them. It was not until the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s that wooden pews were introduced

for everyone to be able to be seated.

Naturally, people being people, there were pews and then there were pews!

Society was organised in classes or hierarchies and the richer and more important folk had the best seats near the front so they could hear what the priest was saying and watch the service.

One's place to sit was arranged by your place in Society, so the poorer and least important were at the back.

Sermons alone could be lengthy; two hours was not unusual, and if you could pay for privacy to doze off and some form of personal heating for winters, then clearly that made sense.

*This month*

Have a look at the seating in a church near you. Are all the chairs or pews the same? Are some more elaborately decorated or larger? Is there a difference between the pews in the nave for the congregation and those for the choir and different again in the sanctuary? Does any of this reflect your faith?

## **Synod hears update on Prayers of Love and Faith as concentrated work phase begins**

Concentrated drafting work to prepare new pastoral guidance and other material needed for the Prayers of Love and Faith to come into use, is now underway.

General Synod members recently spent time scrutinising the work which has taken place since the landmark debate in February that welcomed proposals to enable same-sex couples to come to church following a civil marriage or civil partnership, for prayers of

dedication, thanksgiving and for God's blessing on the two people.

Since February a draft set of texts known as Prayers of Love and Faith have been further refined, and work to develop new pastoral guidance for the Church of England and proposals on pastoral reassurance have been underway.

Members of the Steering Group overseeing that work, led by the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, and the Bishop of Truro, Philip Mounstephen, provided an update on progress since February and took questions.

## **The importance in having a cause greater than yourself**

A survey was conducted among people who lived to be more than 100 years old. What had kept them going so long? You'd have thought that they would recite their health diets, their miracle drugs, or their devotion to strenuous exercise. Instead, the one thing all these centenarians had in common was a purpose in life. They had had a good reason to get out of bed each morning.

St Paul writes: *'For me to live is Christ'* (Philippians 1:21). For Paul, that kept him going. He lived to exalt the

name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to share the Good News.

Sadly, too many of us are instead like the man who said; 'No matter what I'm working on, I'd rather be doing something else.'

A wise man once said: There are two most important days in your life. The day you were born, and the day you discover WHY you were born. God made you for a purpose. Have you discovered it yet? You haven't really lived until you know what it is.

*Nigel Beeton writes: September, of course, is the time of the autumnal equinox, that point in the calendar when the nights become longer than the days, and the summer is technically over, and it can be a poignant moment, but should it be?*

## **When Autumn Comes**

Should we be sad  
When autumn comes  
And winter looms ahead?  
Is it so bad  
That days grow short  
And verdant leaves grow red?

We'll miss the sun  
And long, hot days  
We'll miss the sea and sand;  
But soon will come  
The starry nights  
And wintry landscapes grand!

Perhaps it's best  
That nature sleeps  
And things no longer grow;  
We get a rest  
From vibrant weeds  
And grass we need not mow.

So celebrate  
The equinox  
The autumn season's here!  
It is a date  
To mark, with joy  
The turning of the year.

*By Nigel Beeton*

## **Ways of keeping your home smelling fresh**

Diffusing essential oils into our homes is nothing new – the ancient Greeks used reeds dipped in essential oils in both their homes and temples. And diffusing essential oils like lavender, eucalyptus or rose is still popular today, helping us to relax and feel tranquil.

If you would like to 'have a go', there are three basic types of diffusers to choose from.

**Reed diffusers**, often rattan or bamboo, sit in a small well of fragrance, which works its way up

and evaporates at the top, dispersing fragrance into the air.

**Electric diffusers** heat a blend of the oil and water, which then evaporates into the room.

**Nebulising diffusers**, which use high pressure to force a stream of air through the essential oil, in order to create a mist.

Whichever you choose, be very careful if you have pets in your house. Many essential oils are highly toxic for them. You might wish to 'google' whatever scent you have in mind, to make sure that it won't badly affect your dog or cat.

## **Why car tyres are not good for you**

Here is a sobering thought: it is not just your car's exhaust fumes that damage the environment. It is also your car's tyres.

It seems that as rubber tyres wear down, they shed tiny particles that together with other car tyres, form vast clouds of toxic particles along the roads. These pollutants may be invisible, but they are washed into gutters and soil and rivers, and they are getting into everything.

And, unlike exhaust fumes, tyre particles are produced by all types of

vehicles – petrol, diesel, electric, hybrid or hydrogen. Some scientists even warn that the heavier, electric cars, will produce even more of this hazardous stuff, because of the extra wear on the tyres.

These microplastics are now present in all ecosystems throughout the world. They have been found in the sea, in the placenta of unborn babies, and even in our lungs. How hazardous are they? It seems that no one has yet quite decided.

## **Are you always a bit late - for everything?**

Is this you? - late for work, late for friends, nearly missing trains and flights, late for lunch dates, late for dinner dates, and late for just about everything else.

If you are habitually late for almost everything, is it an actual mental condition?

When a recent TikTok video called it 'time blindness', that struck a chord – the video has been viewed nearly five million times.

But some psychologists doubt you can just claim being late 'a mental

condition'. Instead, they say that a major factor is our childhood experiences of lateness - whether we have since tried to mimic our parent's behaviour about punctuality, or rebel against it.

Certainly, once we have got into the habit of acting in a certain way, we tend to do it long-term, unless we make a really conscious effort to change ourselves.

One common reason for lateness is over-optimism. If we are a bit too positive about our abilities, we may assume that we can leave at the last minute and still get somewhere else in time. We don't factor in any possible problems along the way.

## **God in the Sciences**

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### **How can a Christian be a scientist?**

I used to ask this question as a student. I wondered what it was like to have a career in science, and how being a Christian might make a difference. Eventually I met a good number of successful scientists who were sincere Christians, and I learned that science and faith are a great combination. Dr Francis Collins, former Director of the project to decode the whole of human DNA, wrote that it is “possible for the scientist-believer to be intellectually fulfilled and spiritually alive, both worshipping God and using the tools of science to uncover some of the awesome mysteries of His creation.” So, what do people like this make of the opportunities and challenges of a life in science?

Although our beliefs may affect what we notice about the world and how we interpret our data, they don't affect the outcome of the experiments themselves. If a Muslim

and a Christian drop the same ball from the same height under identical conditions, it will fall at the same speed. This means that a scientist can be respected by her colleagues for doing good work, regardless of what she believes and what her colleagues think of her worldview.

Science is an exercise in observing and measuring things, and coming up with general principles about the way things are. The world has been declared by God to be ‘very good’ (see chapter one and two of Genesis), and exploring it is a way to express our gratitude to Him. Scientific discoveries can also bring a sense of awe and wonder that feeds into our worship.

Some people don't want to get involved in certain lines of research because of ethical concerns. On the other hand, there are many issues that make Christians want to get stuck into new research that will help care for people and the rest of creation, such as medical research, ecology or developing appropriate technologies.

Organisations such as Christians in Science and the Faraday Institute gather together scientists who are also people of faith, and others who are interested in the subject. They come from a wide range of

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backgrounds, and express their beliefs in a variety of different ways.

What they have in common is the conviction that you don't have to choose between science and God. As the young people in our churches

prepare to return to their studies, online if not in person, let's encourage them that science (along with many other fields) is a great way to serve God.

## **Pilgrim Journeys: pilgrimage for walkers and armchair travellers**

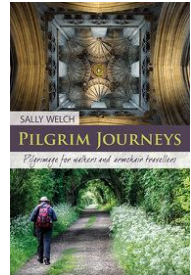
*By Sally Welch, BRF, £7.99*

Why do pilgrims walk so much?  
What do they learn? What lasting good does it do?

In *Pilgrim Journeys*, experienced pilgrim and writer Sally Welch explores the less-travelled pilgrim routes of the UK and beyond, through the eyes of the pilgrims who walk them.

Each chapter explores a different aspect of pilgrimage, offering

reflections and indicating some of the spiritual lessons to be learned that may be practised at home. This absorbing book shows how insights gained on the journey can be incorporated into the spiritual life of every day, bringing new ways of relationship with God and with our fellow Christians, offering support and encouragement as we face the joys and challenges of life.



## **The Siamese Kittens and the Breadcrumb**

**By Michael A G Haykin,  
IOPublishing £4.99 (review)**

“In no time at all, the kittens began sniffing around and jumping all over the Quinns. Despite the drive, the kittens began to feel that they would enjoy their new home after all.”  
It is a windy day when Mr Quinn brings the three Siamese kittens –

Siam, Ko-ko and Java – to his country house on the outskirts of Dublin. There, the kittens meet Chai, a wise cat who has lived with the Quinns for years. Chai takes the kittens under his wing and teaches them the importance of trust, even when things do not seem to be going to plan.

*This is a book for 4-to-7-year-olds.*

# Remembering W H Auden

By Tim Lenton

Fifty years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1973, W H Auden, British-born American poet, died. He is widely – though not unanimously – regarded as one of the greatest writers of the 20th century.

Wystan Hugh Auden had been born in York and died in Vienna. In later years he had been splitting his time between Austria and New York, having become an American citizen in 1946 (though retaining his British citizenship). Having studied English at Christ Church, Oxford, he taught in British private schools, travelled to Iceland and China, and taught in American universities.

Auden's poetry is technically varied, ranging widely in style from haiku to villanelles and far beyond. Altogether, he published about 400 poems and a similar number of essays and reviews. He also collaborated on plays, notably with Christopher Isherwood, with whom he had a relationship for some years. His most famous poem is probably *Funeral Blues*, which is recited in its entirety in

the comedy film *Four Weddings and a Funeral*.

His grandfathers were both Church of England clergymen, and he grew up in an Anglo-Catholic household that nurtured his love of music and language. Possibly of Icelandic descent, he loved Icelandic legends and Old Norse sagas. He returned to the Anglican Church after what he called a "vision of agape" in 1933, seeing Christianity as "the only mature way to understand human darkness and potential"

In 1935 he married Erika Mann, the lesbian daughter of novelist Thomas Mann, to protect her from the Nazis; the marriage lasted until her death in 1969, though they never lived together.

It was recently revealed that Auden was considered as a possible Poet Laureate in 1967 following the death of John Masefield, but was finally rejected because he had taken American citizenship.

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**Don't chase what isn't there**

'...those who chase fantasies have no sense.' Proverbs 12.11

Have you ever been attracted to computer gaming? For many people, it has become addictive; and they spend so much time in their fantasy world that their own avatar and those of their fellow players have come to seem more real to them than their own family and friends.

Some people get so drawn into this virtual world that they can resent the time they still have to spend in the real world. Instead, they prefer living in their fantasy world, where they always have the power and control.

Problems come when that person spends so much time in their virtual world that they are too tired and distracted to do anything productive in their real world.

Some people say that Christians live in a fantasy world, that our faith has no basis in reality. But faith in God is not a crutch - nor is it a fantasy. Jesus was an historical person who lived and died - and rose again. Those who follow Him as Lord find that knowing Him, and having His Spirit within them, gives them the strength they need to live the right way in the real world, and to reach out to other real people with God's love.



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

[www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk)

### **Appointment Times:**

Clinicians are still available for consultations and medical advice. Please contact the surgery and a GP or Nurse will call you back to discuss your concerns and if necessary arrange to see you in person. Many problems can be dealt with over the telephone.

### **Patient Online:**

Have you registered to use the online service? This allows you to book or cancel appointments on line (during normal service) and order your repeat medications. You can also request access to your Summary Care Record, and Detailed Coded Data contained within your medical records. You can also look at your test results.

### **Telephone Numbers:**

Reception: 01246 582216

District Nursing Team 01332 564 900

Health Visitor: 01629 816633

### **Normal Surgery Opening Times**

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri**  
8am-6.30pm;

(closed Bank Holidays)

*(Phones 8am – 6.30pm Mon - Fri).*

### **Surgery Closure**

The surgery will be closed from 1pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September for staff training.

### **Ordering Repeat Medication**

You can order repeat medications in the following ways:

- In writing or with our on-line access service
- Return your repeat request form to surgery by Post or Fax

Please allow **three** working days before collection and **collect between 8am and 5pm**

**Prescriptions can be collected from reception inside the surgery.**

**Samples** – if you need to leave a sample with us please ensure it is labelled with your name and date of birth and returned in a bag, if provided, either through the letterbox or at reception.

**Test Results** – Please ring for test results after 2.30pm as we do not receive test results back from the hospital until lunchtime.

**For Urgent Calls when we are closed call 111**

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September Sudoku  
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## Portion creep

Bet you didn't notice this, but dinner plates have got bigger. In the 1950s, a dinner plate measured 25cm across; now the usual is 28cm. And take a look at those very old wine glasses in the charity shops: our grandparents served wine in what looks like liqueur glasses to us now. These days, many wineglasses seem to hold nearly half a bottle....

## A grain of sand at a time

This autumn, do you feel overwhelmed with all the things that you need to get done?

Then think of your life as an hourglass. There are thousands of grains of sand in the top of the hourglass; and they all pass slowly and evenly through the narrow neck in the middle.

We are like that hourglass. When we start in the morning, there are

hundreds of tasks which we feel that we must accomplish that day. But if we do not take them one at a time, and let them pass through the day slowly and evenly, as do the grains of sand passing through the narrow neck of the hour glass, then we are bound to break our own fragile physical and mental structure. Do not attempt more than God designed you to do.

It was 70 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1953, that the discovery of rapid eye movement (REM) sleep was published in the journal Science. It had been discovered in 1952 by Eugene Aserinsky and Nathaniel Kleitman at the University of Chicago.

## Feel the tug

Have you ever wondered how you can be certain about who and what God really is? One Christian put it this way: "I'm reminded of the story of the little boy who was out flying a kite. The wind was brisk and large billowing clouds were blowing across the sky. The kite went up and up until it was entirely hidden by the clouds. Then a man came by and asked the little boy what he was doing, staring up at an empty sky. "I'm flying my kite," he replied.

The man replied: "What kite? How can you be sure it is still there? You can't see a thing."

The little boy agreed that he could see nothing, "but every little while I feel a tug, so I know for sure that it is still up there and is connected to me!"

When it comes to God, you don't need to take anyone else's word for it. You can find Him for yourself by inviting Jesus Christ into your life. Then you too will know, by the warm wonderful tug on your heartstrings, that though you can't see Him, He is up there, and that He lives in you. You are connected!

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- New members are welcome. Membership application forms are available at the bar or by email. Members are welcome to bring visitors. A visitor can only be signed in 5 times per membership year before needing to become a member in their own right.
- They serve freshly cooked meals and take away is also available
- To enquire about the opening times, book a table or ask about membership please phone the Cavendish club on 01246 565392 or email [cavendishclub@chatsworth.org](mailto:cavendishclub@chatsworth.org) or find us on Facebook

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READINGS & ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES</u>	
<b>3</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Isaacson	Barbara Hawksworth
<b>10</b>	3pm*	Family Communion	Revd Stephen Monk	Fiona Swain
<b>17</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	David Neale	“ “
<b>24</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Matt Barnes	Fiona Lichfield
*Family Communion 2nd Sunday due to Country Fair				
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
<b>3</b>	10.45am	Holy Communion	Revd Isaacson	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
<b>10</b>	10.45am	Holy Communion	Revd Matt Barnes	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw
<b>17</b>	10.45am	Matins	David Neale	Mr & Mrs Wardle
<b>24</b>	10.45am	Holy Communion	Revd Matt Barnes	Mike Pindar/Gillian Caird
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>
<b>3</b>	Jane Dickson/Kate Green		Mr & Mrs Wardle	Christine Robinson
<b>10</b>	John & Gill Caws		Mr & Mrs Grealey	“ “
<b>17</b>	Mr & Mrs Sherwood		Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	Wilma Day
<b>24</b>	Lesley Butcher/Helen Garvey		Mr & Mrs Jackson	Amanda Neale
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>		<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>
<b>3</b>	<b>Jeremiah 15:15-21</b>		David Jackson	Sarah Porter
	<b>Matthew 16:21-end</b>		<i>Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Ezekiel 33:7-11</b>		John Bowns	TBA
	<b>Matthew 18:15-20</b>		<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	
<b>17</b>	<b>Genesis 50:15-21</b>		Mike Woodcock	Fiona Lichfield
	<b>Matthew 18:21-35</b>		<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	
<b>24</b>	<b>Jonah 3:10 -end of 4</b>		Christine Robinson	Claire Cadogan
	<b>Matthew 20:1-16</b>		<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	

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