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April 2024

*A message from Revd Mark Griffin*

As I write this article looking out towards Canterbury Cathedral, I know that by the time you read it my time as Rector in this parish will have come to an end and by late April, Clare and I will have moved into Edensor and I will have been licensed as your new Priest-in-Charge by Bishop Libby.

It will be a time of transition but one of great excitement and a new beginning for us and for you. I can't wait to hear all the stories of the past and all that God has been doing in the life of the parish, especially during the very successful ministry of Canon Dave. It will be good to be part of the rhythms of the parishes and seeing everything that goes on in the churches and in the wider community. I look forward to meeting each of you and hearing your stories of your own journeys of faith, and in my early months I will be doing lots of visiting and travelling the parishes and all the villages and hamlets that make up my new parishes. I have always enjoyed meeting people and being out and about, getting to know as many people as I can. I always hope I'm approachable and encourage you, that if ever you have any worries or concerns, to come and talk to me. I have broad shoulders and small feet!

Clare and I met in the 1990s when I was a curate, and last November celebrated our Silver Wedding. Clare uses her maiden name "Giles" but most of all we like to be known as Mark and Clare.

We're looking forward to getting stuck into life in the Vicarage and discovering the joys of the beautiful garden. We're keen to explore the wider Peak District and to find out more about an area, which we know a little but are keen to discover.

Our life up until now has been in Kent, although in a variety of settings – a curacy by the seaside, a group of rural parishes, a suburban parish in the commuter belt and now two churches in Canterbury, one of which is the oldest in the English-speaking world. I believe that my differing experiences

has given me the right background to be your Priest-in-Charge and take on the role looking at heritage and tourism strategy for the diocese of Derby. So, it feels very much that God has called us to travel to a new place and become part of a new community on the Chatsworth Estate.

Please pray for us as we move away from Kent and settle into Edensor. It will be great very soon to be able to put names to faces, and faces to names, and to know that as God has called us, I will have your support in my ministry as we discern all that God has in store for the parishes.

Every blessing

Mark

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### **St. Anne's Church, Beeley ~ 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Robert John Damarell 'Bob' aged 70 years  
Funeral Service followed by burial in the churchyard

#### **St. Peter's Church, Edensor**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February** ~ Revd Michael Cragg Gowdey aged 91 years

Funeral Service followed by burial in the churchyard  
also the ashes of his wife, Gillian Eve Gowdey,  
died September 2023 aged 92 years

**21<sup>st</sup> March** ~ Andrea Müller aged 79 years

Funeral Service followed by burial in the churchyard

### **Telephone Numbers**

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- Choose **Saint Peter's Church - Chatsworth Park** as your charity and fill in the rest of the form

### To Shop

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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.



## THE UNITED BENEFICE OF BEELEY & EDENSOR

The Licensing Service of Revd Mark Griffin, as Priest-in-Charge of Beeley and Edensor, will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 3pm in St. Peter's Church, Edensor.

The service will be conducted by The Bishop of Derby, the Right Reverend Libby Lane assisted by The Venerable Nicky Fenton, Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales.



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## Early Notice

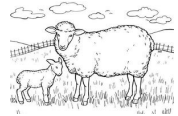
### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, EDENSOR ANNUAL SHEEP SERVICE

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - 10.45am

We invite you to come and share with us in celebrating the birth of the lambs and the care and work of shepherds and farmers.



EVERYONE WELCOME



### St. Peter's Church 100 Club February Draw 2024

1st Prize £25 - no. 61 Jenny Shimwell

2nd prize £15 - no. 54 Peter Davie

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

It was 75 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1949, that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was founded.

Also 75 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1949, that the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical South Pacific was opened in Broadway.

## Dates for your Diary - April 2024

- 9 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall  
AGM. Social evening & fuddle  
Refreshments & raffle: All
- 16 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** -7pm Beeley Village Hall  
Frank Robinson talking about Local Roots
- 17 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Cavendish Hall, Edensor  
Speaker: Philip Evans – 'My Life in Pots' Roundhouse Gallery Pottery  
(Includes free draw for a pot!)  
Competition: a small piece of pottery.
- 25 CHATTY CRAFTS** - 10-12 The Cavendish Chapel, St. Peter's  
Join us for crafting or just a cuppa and a chat. Everyone welcome.

## BAKEWELL AND ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY (BASH)

The Medway Centre, New Street, Bakewell

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

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** **Chevalier** (France 2022)

## Early Notice

### Edensor Village Day & Open Gardens Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 11am - 4pm

All offers of help gratefully received. This year's charities to be confirmed but will be in memory of Jasper Olivier and Dr. Louise Jordan.

## HELP NEEDED!



We are in desperate need of more people to go on the cleaning rota at St. Peter's. Two of our couples have decided it's time to hang up their dusters and we do thank them for their time spent cleaning the church.

However, the rota is now down to just four couples, which really isn't enough to cover holidays/illness etc. and to give people space before they're next on the rota.

If you feel you would like to help please have a word with the Wardens.



# PILSLEY CofE SCHOOL

Congratulations to Pilsley CofE School on their Key Stage 2 results in reading, writing and mathematics.



**Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP**  
Minister for Schools

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tel. 0370 500 2288 [www.education.gov.uk/contactus/df](http://www.education.gov.uk/contactus/df)

Mrs Emma Bond  
Pilsley CofE Primary School  
Pilsley Village  
Derbyshire  
DE45 1UF

5 February 2024

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessment last year.

Your school's results, as published on 14 December, show that 92 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of Key stage 2. This means that for achievement in reading, writing and mathematics, Pilsley CofE Primary School is in the top 1 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in reading, writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

**Damian Hinds**  
Minister for Schools

## The Padley Centre

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Padley Centre. With uncertain weather still with us, bringing cold winds, rain and possibly even some more snow, we should continue to think of those less fortunate people who know what it is like to be hungry, homeless and cold. Nadine Harrington makes regular trips to the Centre to deliver these donations through their booking system for dropping goods off.

Always needed: clothing for adults - waterproofs, warm socks, gloves, hats and scarves, unworn underwear etc. and sleeping bags; toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, shower gel and men's and women's hygiene products. **Food in date and unopened** - tins of meat, fish, soup, vegetables, beans and tomatoes; dried pasta; rice; flour; sauces; long life milk; tea; coffee; fruit squash; biscuits, chocolate and any other 'treats'.

Donations can be brought to a Sunday service, *or you can drop them off in church.* The Padley Centre now accepts: Blankets – any size since if not used in the centre they can sell them in the shop. Bedding – sheets and pillow cases but not **duvets or pillows due to health and safety reasons.**

## CHOIR OF 100

**At the Victoria Methodist Hall,  
Norfolk Street, Sheffield  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April - 7pm**

Baslow Choir, Holymoorside Choral Society and MusicWork Vocal Ensemble are combining to form a choir of 100 voices in a performance of the complete Messiah by G.F. Handel.

The performance will be accompanied by the Allegranza Chamber Orchestra (*leader Lucy Phillips*) and the guest soloists are Rachel Abbott (*Soprano*) Aina Miyagi Magnell (*Alto*)

Bo Wang (*Tenor*) Andrew Sumner (*Bass*)

The Musical Director for the evening is Andrew Marples

Tickets - £15 - are now on sale and can be purchased from choir members, the Spar Shop in Baslow, online from [tickets@baslowchoir.co.uk](mailto:tickets@baslowchoir.co.uk), [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com) or by phone on 0114 2360820

Get your tickets now and don't miss out on what promises to be a wonderful evening of fabulous music.



## **Sarah Dines MP Easter Reflections for the Bridge Parish Magazine**

The Christian message of renewal and hope is particularly poignant at Easter, yet it is often overshadowed in contemporary discourse.

Chocolate eggs and the Easter Rabbit are lovely traditions, which I and my own children have enjoyed, but in this tumultuous time we find ourselves in, the vital message of hope that Easter brings to Christians is something we can all benefit from. I personally find it impossible not to feel hopeful when I look outside and see brand new lambs, the daffodils flowering and everything once again starting to turn that very particular shade of spring green.

This time of year can unfortunately also bring a challenging time for our farmers, who are the custodians of our beautiful countryside. Not only do our sheep farmers have intensive lambing operations to manage, but they also find themselves having to deal with inconsiderate dog owners who do not keep their dogs on a lead.

Livestock worrying has a terrible impact on our farmers and these tragic attacks by dogs are even more upsetting as they are totally preventable. To tackle this, I launched a competition for Derbyshire Dales

schools to design a livestock worrying awareness poster. These posters will be displayed across our area, with the aim that it will encourage dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead and ensure the safety of our cherished Dales livestock. The enthusiasm and creativity displayed by our students so far has been wonderful to see; we have some very talented young artists in the area.

The preservation of Beeley, Edensor, Chatsworth, Calton Lees and Pilsley's local banking services remains a top priority for me. You may have seen my campaign to try and save the Bakewell branch of NatWest from closure. Whilst NatWest did not listen to the thousands of people who signed my petition, my work continues to get a Banking Hub for our area.

I am determined that rural communities like ours are not forced to use online services through an engineered lack of choice by large organisations. Digital discrimination must be prevented so that no corner of our area gets left behind. For me, it is all about the importance of choice for consumers and I do worry that if NHS appointments, parking, Council services and banking all goes online then many people in our community will be left isolated and at a disadvantage.

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Our area has so much to offer, and I am looking forward to hosting an upcoming Taste of Derbyshire Dales event in Parliament on the 16th April. This will be an excellent opportunity to showcase some of our local produce businesses to a wider audience. I am also hosting an Independent Hotels Reception in Westminster to share with my Parliamentary colleagues the pivotal

role that these businesses play in enhancing the visitor experience and our tourism economy here in Derbyshire Dales.

I will continue to stand up and represent your concerns at all levels as your Member of Parliament. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of help, at [sarah.dines.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:sarah.dines.mp@parliament.uk) or 0207 219 1751.

## **Pam Young - Gifts to Ukraine**

*Helen Garvey*

Pam Young has asked me to give you an update on the recent donation of a Fridge Freezer for their new house (thanks to Pam) which they now have, after spending some frightening time hiding in the undergrowth to avoid Russian soldiers.

Village ventures bought this fridge freezer for the new family who have been given a place to stay in Tatas village. Thank you for your contribution to help us.

This family of 5 were sleeping in the bush, sometimes a garage...as their home was destroyed...with no work they were left to roam trying to avoid the Russians as well...hellish, absolutely...

*She also asked me to thank you for the announcement in our prayers on Sunday (18<sup>th</sup> March) which David made and she was very touched.*



It was 90 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1934, that British inventor Percy Shaw patented the Cat's Eye reflective road stud. He set up a

company to manufacture them in 1935 and in 1937 he was awarded a government contract to mass produce them for national use.

## The Easter Glow

*In the aftermath of Easter, we consider the road to Emmaus. Adapted from the LICC website.*

For three years Jesus had held the tiny band together, through journeyings, storms and opposition. And now – following a public trial and execution – He was gone.

Take away the dominant figure, and an organisation can quickly crumble. Take Theudas, an earlier messianic claimant. Once killed, his 400 devotees melted away. Then there was Judas the Galilean. When he, too, was removed, the movement scattered.

Now, it was Easter Day. Here were two disciples walking to Emmaus. As far as they were concerned, their leader was dead. The ‘scattering’ process had already begun. It had started on that fateful Thursday evening of Christ’s arrest, when Jesus had quoted to His disciples from the prophet Zechariah: “It is written ‘I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered’” (Matthew 26:31).

The dream was over. “Let’s go home - back to Emmaus.” Yet Luke

*24 is the glowing account of the entire re-building of a worldview. As the apparent Stranger joins the two, it was like the uncorking of a bottle; the story pours out. Surely crucifixion and the future Redeemer of Israel had nothing to do with each other!*

Then began a fascinating Bible study on the road. Evidently in their studies, the two had skipped the passages that spoke of a suffering Messiah. The Stranger says, “Let me fill in those bits for you.” Now the figures of a Conquering King and a Suffering Servant begin to coalesce into a single photo fit. Then, at supper with the two, comes the familiar action of the breaking of bread, and – *Why... it’s Jesus.*

The disciples rush the seven miles back to Jerusalem. They can’t keep the glowing news of the risen Christ to themselves!

If Jesus had not been bodily raised from the grave, the demoralised movement – like those of Theudas and Judas the Galilean - would have folded within days. And you and I would never have heard of Him!

## **Cathedral attendance has continued its post-pandemic bounce back**

Attendance at Church of England cathedrals has continued to bounce back following the pandemic, according to the latest statistics.

Figures show that adult usual Sunday attendance rose 60% between 2021 and 2022 for the 42 Church of England mainland Cathedrals to 12,300 adults. A total of 28,200

people including children attended services every week, according to [Cathedral Statistics 2022](#).

Over the year there were 584,000 attendances at specially arranged services – not included in average weekly attendance - such as school services. The number of special services stood at 2,100. The total reported attendance at Christmas services stood at 104,000.

## **World Autism Acceptance Week, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Autism is on the rise. Or at least, the recognition of it is. According to the website [psychcentral.com](https://psychcentral.com), there was a 787% exponential increase in the number of people who were diagnosed with autism between 1998 and 2018 in the UK.

The National Autistic Society says that in the UK, more than one in every 100 people are now on the autism spectrum. It reckons that around 700,000 adults and children in the UK suffer with the condition to some degree.

All of which means that you probably know of someone who has autism, to some degree. And

you may know that, as it says on the NHS website:

*Autistic people may act in a different way to other people, ... and find it hard to understand how other people think or feel. They may find things like bright lights or loud noises overwhelming, stressful, or uncomfortable. They may get anxious or upset about unfamiliar situations and social events and take longer to understand information.*

To help people with autism, you may wish to support this 'acceptance week', by going to the National Autistic Society's website, <https://www.autism.org.uk> and taking part in some way in their fundraising campaign.

## **General Synod backs code of conduct for Parochial Church Councils**

General Synod has voted in favour of a motion asking the Archbishops' Council to explore a Code of Conduct for Parochial Church Council (PCC) members and lay volunteers.

The motion, brought by the Diocese of Chelmsford, sought to address an imbalance of accountability in relationships where lay volunteers currently face no significant consequences for persistent departures from acceptable standards of behaviour.

An introductory paper explained that, whereas clergy are subject to the Clergy Discipline Measure (CDM) process, there remains no proportionate and accessible means by which laity can be held to account for their actions.

The paper cited National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)

advice that, while disagreement is a healthy part of decision making, it was recommended that charities should use a code of conduct for their trustees.

It highlighted instances of uncooperative or aggressive behaviour in meetings over a long period, where there was no mechanism to remove a member from the PCC.

Introducing the motion, the Revd Dr Sara Batts-Neale from Chelmsford Diocese said: "When [things] do go wrong, there is currently no way to change the composition of a PCC. There is a lack of clear accountability.

"We seek a review into a code of conduct to encourage healthy cultures, and to give a possible remedy for intransigent behaviours that damage people, the church, and hinder our ability to share the good news of Christ Jesus."

### **Who is he? (Smile...)**

A musical concert was about to be performed in a prison. The Governor was talking to a titled lady guest, explaining that the orchestra was made up of murderers, embezzlers and other hardened criminals. The lady then pointed to a man in the corner, holding a trombone. "He looks a tough customer," she whispered. "Whatever has HE done?" The Governor paused and smiled. "Ah, actually, he is the chaplain."

## 50 years of ABBA!

Fifty years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1974, the Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song Waterloo. It was the first time that Sweden won the contest. ABBA went on to be one of the most successful groups in music history.

The victory, in Brighton, was just the first step on the road to conquering the world, as far as pop music was concerned. The songs, written mainly by Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson, were matched by the passion, exuberance and good looks of singers Agnetha Fältskog and Anni-Frid 'Frida' Lyngstad, who later married them – and even later, divorced them.

The name of the group came from the initials of the four Christian names. Some have suggested a link to the biblical Abba and looked for Jewish themes in their songs, but this is wishful thinking. While Anni-Frid (who was born Norwegian) may be Christian, Björn is definitely an

outspoken atheist. In fact, ABBA is the name of a Swedish canned fish company that had to give permission for the singers to use it – a decision they are unlikely to have regretted.

Both Waterloo and ABBA achieved worldwide superstar status quickly – no small feat for a group performing in a language that is not their own. The film ABBA – the Movie and the musical *Mamma Mia* and its sequel, featuring their compelling songs, were huge successes. It is estimated that the musical has been seen by more than 60 million people worldwide.

ABBA hit the jackpot again when their revolutionary new project, ABBA Voyage, launched in 2022. In it, Agnetha, Björn, Benny and Anni-Frid perform their love-songs digitally with a live 10-piece band, in a purpose-built ABBA arena at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London. Not bad for four divorcees in their 70s.

## Grandparenting for Faith:

sharing God with the children you love the most (*Book Review*)  
By Becky Sedgwick, BRF, £9.99

Grandparenting brings the opportunity to walk spiritually alongside our grandchildren, offering tools and skills for the journey.

Whatever your circumstances, God has positioned you to be a unique voice, speaking into your grandchildren's lives, helping to nurture them into the reality of a relationship with the God who loves them.

This book will help grandparents to encourage and equip their grandchildren to know God better.

## Reflecting Faith: Easter Sepulchres

*The Revd Dr Jo White*

Over the last few months we've been looking at churchyards, grave memorials and the lychgate where the coffin may be rested on its entry.

This month we are going inside the church building to find something different and only really found in older churches that have survived re-ordering and renovations: the Easter Sepulchre.

A sepulchre is essentially a place of burial – a tomb – but in churches it can also be a receptacle for religious relics.

Easter Sepulchres can be very grand affairs. I'm aware that many writers say that they are constructed in wood, but I have only seen stone ones. They can be plain or intricately carved. They can be low to the ground or reaching up to the roof. Each style, of course, reflects both the richness and generosity of the patron, as well as their theology.

Some have 'layers' of carvings, with the angels at the top, then the patriarchs, followed by the Fathers of the Church and so on. Others are very simple and almost plain.

They are normally set into or against the northern side of the sanctuary in

which stands the altar, and which is traditionally considered to be the 'holiest' place in a church building.

Their use is given in their name – on Good Friday some consecrated bread and wine and often a crucifix (rather than an 'empty' cross) is placed inside it and people take it in turns to 'stand watch' until Easter Sunday morning, when it is taken out with great ceremony and often paraded through the building. The reason is to reflect the death of Christ, His being placed in a tomb and His subsequent resurrection.

Today's ceremonies are usually less ostentatious, and whilst folk often take turns keeping watch on the Maundy Thursday, reflecting the disciples being asked to stay awake whilst Jesus went and prayed alone in the Garden of Gethsemane, less is made of the Sepulchre watch.

The items are simply removed before any Easter resurrection service takes place, either on Easter Saturday evening or early Easter Sunday morning.

*This month*

See if you can find an Easter Sepulchre near you. Look at the decoration and consider all the different symbolisms it is trying to convey. If you cannot find one, then think what you would want to convey today?

## Don't be afraid of clouds

Have you ever sat and watched the clouds drift by? Some of them are vast, towering up and up into the sky.

There can be clouds of discouragement and suffering in our lives as well, circumstances that temporarily blot out the sunlight of God's love for us. You may have such a cloud hanging over your life right now. You may be in a hospital bed, or suffering discouragement, fear, despair or bereavement.

Have you ever noticed that sometimes, when you board a plane, the sky is like a thick grey ceiling? It looks impenetrable. But the plane does not hesitate - it climbs steadily onward and upward straight into the cloud. And what happens? Nothing! The cloud cannot block your progress, it must give way before you.

The simple truth is, you may not be able to see through clouds, but you can go through them. The plane uses navigational aids for guidance, and we have the Holy Spirit to guide us through the

darkest times. And finally, we emerge through the cloudbank, and there before us is a sun-drenched sky of blue and golden glory, far above the dismal and disappointing things far below.

Whatever cloud is hanging over you at present, whether suffering, discouragement, fear, there IS something you can do about it NOW. Pray – pour out your heart to the Lord about it. He has promised that His grace will be sufficient for anything that we encounter in this life.

And – look up. Look towards heaven, *think beyond* those clouds, and remember His promise that the sufferings we may be undergoing here are nothing compared to the glory that God has prepared for *us there*.

*The Bible assures us: 'The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man that trusts in you.' Psalm 84: 11-12*



## **9<sup>th</sup> April - Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor and martyr**

Standing up to tyrants, no matter what the cost. That kind of courage has been in the headlines since the war in Ukraine began, as many brave people have defied Putin's oppression.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer did not have Putin to contend with, but Hitler. Bonhoeffer did not back down either, when the time came.

Bonhoeffer grew up with no thought of ever defying the leader of Germany. Nothing could have been further from his mind or background. Born at Breslau in Silesia (now the Polish city of Wroclaw) in 1906, Bonhoeffer was the son of an academic. In 1912, his father was appointed to be Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology at Berlin university, and so the family moved to Berlin.

Bonhoeffer never even considered going into politics. Instead, he studied theology in Tübingen, Berlin and New York, before returning to Berlin as a lecturer in theology in 1931.

But though Bonhoeffer did not chase political trouble, it soon came to him. For on 30th January 1933 Adolf Hitler, leader of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, had come to

power. His totalitarian approach left no room for anyone in public life to disagree with him. Including anyone in the two major churches - Lutheran and Catholic.

But Bonhoeffer refused to be compliant, and joined the Confessing Church, which had formed in opposition to the takeover of the Lutheran Church. The Confessing Church also opposed Hitler's attempts to force antisemitism on the church and society.

Bonhoeffer was in America when war broke out in 1939, but he returned to Germany. He said: "I shall have no right to participate in the reconstruction of Christian life in Germany after the war, if I do not share the trials of this time with my people."

Back in Germany, he joined the underground anti-Nazi opposition and worked hard to oppose Hitler. In 1943 he was arrested and imprisoned at Tegel prison in Berlin. The involvement of many of his contacts in the July 1944 plot to kill Hitler may well have sealed his fate. He was finally moved on to Flossenbürg concentration camp.

In April 1945, as American troops were approaching the camp, Bonhoeffer was hanged. The last words of this brilliant and

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## **Synod affirms work as key to ‘human dignity and purpose’ in the face of AI revolution**

General Synod has affirmed the place of work as a key component in “human flourishing,” in an era when Artificial Intelligence is driving a “new fast moving industrial revolution”.

The debate heard that work has been a vital “God-given” element of human life since the Garden of Eden. But it is currently being transformed by the combined impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, inflation, the rise of the gig economy, and AI.

Synod overwhelmingly approved a motion brought by the Diocese of Oxford which affirmed the “dignity and value of purposeful work – whether paid or unpaid.”

The Bishop of Oxford, Steven Croft, said: “We were placed in a garden and charged with a God-given task

from the very beginning. Work is related intimately to human dignity and purpose.”

But he went on to warn that: “The theological value of work faces new and powerful challenges and needs to be articulated afresh in the public square.

“A new fast moving industrial revolution is gathering pace, without safeguards to protect human purpose and dignity in work, let alone agreement about how to share the inevitable costs alongside the undoubted benefit.”

Archbishop Justin spoke of science and technology as “a lion that can and must be tamed for the common good of the world”.

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courageous 39-year-old opponent of Nazism were: “This is the end - for me, the beginning of life.”

Bonhoeffer left a great legacy behind him. His writings, and especially his *Letters and Papers from Prison*, have

inspired many trying to make sense of persecution and needless suffering. His 1937 book *The Cost of Discipleship* is described as a modern classic.

# 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.*

## Science and Society: How Can We Approach New Ethical Issues?

Science tells us how the world works, and technology offers applications of that knowledge, but neither can tell us what we ought to do. All scientific discoveries or new technologies can be used to either help or harm others. For example, a smartphone can be used to stay in touch but also enables bullying.

It is important to get past our initial reactions: the 'yuk!' or 'wow!' These feelings may well change once we learn more about the science and other factors behind a new development.

Ethical thinking can be divided into three main categories. The consequentialist approach is demonstrated in Proverbs, when Wisdom calls young men to consider the outcome of their actions. Utilitarianism is a form of consequentialist ethic that tries to maximise the greatest good for the largest number of people affected, but unchecked it leaves minorities out in the cold.

**Duty or law-based** ethics start with intrinsic values, asking what is the correct course of action, or our duty? These values might be God-given, such as the Ten Commandments, or worked out by human reason. It is possible, however, to do harm while obeying the law, especially if someone asks 'What can I get away with?' Also, what happens when rules collide? For example, who should be treated first when resources are limited?

**Virtue ethics** are about building character, growing in wisdom and the fruit of the Spirit. There are plenty of biblical principles to guide virtuous living, such as the idea that we are 'made in the image of God' which supports the value of every human life (e.g., Genesis 1:26–27, Genesis 9:6, James 3:9–10), but the right decision can vary depending on circumstances.

So how can we make ethical decisions about new technologies? The five Cs bring together a number of different types of ethical thinking into a helpful framework for decision-making.

**Clarify** the facts and key questions.

**Consider** our choices: what could we achieve?

**Constraints:** External - what must we do? ; Internal - how should we behave?

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**Compare** the pros and cons of each approach.

**Choose** what is best, with all parties in mind.

Finally, we have to recognise that the information available to us will change over time, our knowledge of

God and His Word will keep growing, and we cannot avoid making mistakes - so our ethical decisions will need to be revisited and revised from time to time.

### **Do you remember your own PIN number?**

Nearly one in five of us can't. We are so used to paying by contactless that when we have to withdraw cash or type our PIN into a card reader, our minds go blank.

'Contactless' payments hit a record high last year. A staggering 93.4 per cent of all in-store card transactions up to £100 was made using contactless, rather than cash or PIN and card reader.

According to Barclays, we now depend on contactless payments and smartphone technology so much that more than a fifth of young people now leave their wallets at home when they go shopping.

Contactless technology was first introduced by Barclaycard 17 years ago. It had a spending limit of £10. The limit was increased during the pandemic, to reduce physical contact in shops, rising to its current £100 limit.

175 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1849, American mechanic Walter Hunt was granted a US patent for his invention of the safety pin. He immediately sold the rights for \$400, which is about \$12,000 today. The company he sold it to made millions from it.

It was 10 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014, that the Boko Haram Islamic terrorist group kidnapped 276 female students from the Government Girls Secondary School in Chibok, Nigeria. Some of the girls escaped, some were rescued, or have been reported dead. But over 100 are still missing, fate unknown.

# God in Music

*The Rev Michael Burgess looks at great works of music.*

## **‘Glorious the song when God’s the theme’: Allegri’s Miserere**

In the 1980s, thanks to Godfrey Smith, a columnist for The Sunday Times, there was a series of letters about particular pieces of music that have the TQ – the Tingle Quotient. As we listen, the music sends a shiver of excitement up and down the spine and opens out for us a new world of beauty and wonder.

The letters started with a novelist writing about his travels across the Sahara. In moments of desolation and loneliness he would think of music that meant the most to him and which he thought he might never hear again. Then a schoolmaster in Rochester wrote of a production of ‘Romeo and Juliet’ where the funeral scene virtually brought the house down. Juliet entered a darkened school hall, lit only by glimmering candles with music sung that brought the audience to tears.

For both novelist and schoolmaster, the work that had that TQ factor was Allegri’s *Miserere*. It provided consolation in the cold desert nights, and it created the impact in that production of Shakespeare’s play. Other readers supplied their list of TQ music, and always the *Miserere* was in the top five. I suspect that this

music strikes the TQ for many of you as well.

Why is it, I wonder? We can provide an answer by talking of the contrast between the plainsong sung by the men’s voices and the responses from the choir that lead to that small group of solo voices where the treble or soprano reaches a high C and comes down the scale to the cadence. We can point to the intriguing history of this work for the setting by Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652) was the exclusive possession of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican. To copy the music was a crime punishable by excommunication.

In spite of this, a 14-year-old Mozart heard the piece in 1770 and wrote it down from memory, paying another visit to verify some of the notes he had copied down. The Emperor, Leopold I, the king of Portugal, persuaded the Pope to grant him a copy. When it was performed in his own imperial chapel, he was disappointed. He even thought the Pope had palmed him off with an inferior work. Then he realised that the beauty and magic of the music lay in its being sung in the Sistine Chapel where the plainsong and the high C cadences could ring out among the pillars and arches of that great building.

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The *Miserere*, or Psalm 51 is the heart-felt cry of the Church for mercy. As one of the penitential psalms, it is a very personal expression of sorrow for sin and a moving appeal to God for mercy and restoration.

In Allegri's setting that high C is reached as the individual acknowledges his sin, and again as he cries for mercy and finally as he proclaims that his tongue will sing of God's grace and righteousness. A

single voice in the music scales the heights of heaven to represent all of us as we turn to God with that same awareness of sin, that same plea for mercy, and that same affirmation that we will then turn to God with thanksgiving and the offering of a humble and contrite heart.

And so with the psalmist and with Allegri, we can pray 'Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness.'

## **Church of England awards £2.4 million to boost participation of Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent people**

The Church of England has awarded £2.4 million to fund a series of measures aimed at boosting the participation of Deaf, disabled, and neurodivergent people in parish life.

This ranges from encouraging vocations to the priesthood, to grants for improved access to buildings.

Under plans over the next three years, the funds will back projects including lay and ordained vocations events, leadership programmes, and guidance to churches on more accessible signage.

The schemes will be developed and managed by the Church of England's Disability and Deaf Ministry Task Groups.

A pilot scheme is planned for seven dioceses for café style spaces in churches, in partnership with mental health professionals and the charity Renew Wellbeing, aimed at providing welcoming spaces.

Another pilot will also be developed in the Church of England's Northern Province providing 20 grants of up to £50,000 for projects that include physical changes to buildings that improve access.

## **Living in Love and Faith: 'the work goes on' Bishop Martyn tells General Synod**

Firm proposals for a settlement to enable the C of E to move forward together amid deep differences on questions of sexuality and marriage will be developed over the next few months, General Synod has heard.

The Bishop of Leicester, Martyn Snow - the lead bishop for the 'Living in Love and Faith' process – spoke of the growing desire in parishes for the C of E “to reach agreement and get on with serving our nation.”

This General Synod was the first since the prayers of dedication, thanksgiving and seeking God's blessing for same-sex couples (known as Prayers of Love and Faith) came into use during public worship in the Church of England.

Separate proposals for special standalone services for same-sex couples to be formally authorised under canon law are also under consideration, alongside questions including clergy entering same-sex marriages and whether new structures may be needed to hold the Church together in a new context.

The debate concluded without a vote on the main motion after Synod

members agreed to a procedural motion to move to next business.

Speaking after the debate, Bishop Martyn said: “We've had an opportunity for an open, thoughtful - and gracious - debate about how we might move forward together as a church in the next stage of the implementing our decisions on Living in Love and Faith and the work of reconciliation amid our divisions. However, there is more work to be done to develop concrete proposals on really important questions we face and a number of people thought it would not be helpful to proceed to a vote without those concrete proposals. I can see the logic in that.

“I was struck by the generous and gracious tone of the debate and I'm grateful to Synod members. I believe my brothers and sisters on Synod would not have been here if they did not believe that some degree of communion is still possible. That gives me great hope and great reassurance that we will find a way through this.

“What I'm picking up very clearly though is a growing desire in parishes for the Church of England to reach agreement and get on with serving our nation.

So that will be my priority in the next few months as we seek to develop concrete proposals before the next meeting of Synod this summer.”

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**Strict bedtimes could make children's brains 'bigger and healthier'**

A family routine and a strict bedtime could help your child develop a healthier, bigger brain.

On the other hand, a disruptive family life with poor sleep patterns could mean your child has slower brain development, poorer cognitive function, and below average academic achievement.

Those are the findings of a new study from Colorado State University. It found that children thrive when the family has a weekly 'family time' together, when homework is done at the

same time every day, the family eats dinner together every night, the child is expected to carry out regular household chores, and when bedtime is at a consistent time, accompanied by a bedtime story or similar calming ritual.

The underlying need is for the child to get enough regular and deep sleep. Children with disrupted families get disrupted sleep, and therefore are more likely to have thinner regions of the brain in the amygdala as well as parts of the left and right frontal cortex. These areas control skills related to language, behaviour, sensory perception, and emotional processing.



## **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 for staff training from 1pm on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

### **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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## The pet crisis

More than half of us in the UK own a pet. That is 17 million households.

But we are abandoning them at an alarming rate. The RSPCA warns we are offloading our animals at “unmanageable levels,” and stretching their welfare services to the limit.

The turning point was the pandemic. Stuck at home during lockdown, we went animal-mad, and our pet dogs soared from nine million in 2019 to 13 million in 2022.

But four million puppies purchased during the pandemic was not a good idea. Since then, a fifth of all those puppies have

been reported as having behavioural problems such as clinginess, aggression, or being very hard to train.

On top of that, the cost-of-living crisis has left many people struggling to even feed their pet. According to the Office for National Statistics, the cost of owning a dog is estimated to have jumped by 12.8 per cent – around £256 – over the past year to total around £2,500.

All in all, it is the ‘perfect storm’. The RSPCA received 20,999 reports of abandoned animals last year. That is 5,000 more than in 2020.

READINGS & ROTAS FOR APRIL 2024

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES*</u>			
7	3pm Family Communion	Revd Brenda Jackson	Sarah Porter		
14	9.30am Holy Communion	Revd Matt Barnes	Barbara Hawksworth		
21	<b>Joint Service at St. Peter's for the Licensing of Revd Mark Griffin</b>		“ “		
28	9.30am Holy Communion	Revd Mark Griffin	Fiona Swain		
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>			
7	10.45am Matins	David Neale	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters		
14	10.45am Holy Communion	Revd Matt Barnes	John Bowns/Mike Pindar		
21	<b>3pm Licensing of Revd Mark Griffin as Priest-in-Charge of Beeley &amp; Edensor</b>				
28	10.45am Holy Communion	Revd Mark Griffin	Mr & Mrs Gordon		
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>	
7	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Easter flowers remain		
14	Lesley Butcher/Helen Garvey	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Christine Robinson		
21	Tea & Cakes after Licensing TBA	Mr & Mrs Grealey	“ “		
28	Ann & Tony Hubbuck	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	Diana Walters		
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7	<b>Acts 4: 32-35</b> <b>John 20: 19-end</b>	John Caws	TBA		
		<i>First Sunday after Easter</i>			
14	<b>Acts 3: 12-19</b> <b>Luke 24: 36b-48</b>	Diana Walters	Fiona Swain		
		<i>Second Sunday after Easter</i>			
21	<b>Licensing of Revd Mark Griffin</b>				
		<i>Third Sunday after Easter</i>			
28	<b>Acts 8: 26-end</b> <b>John 15: 1-8</b>	David Jackson	Sarah Porter		
		<i>Fourth Sunday after Easter</i>			
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