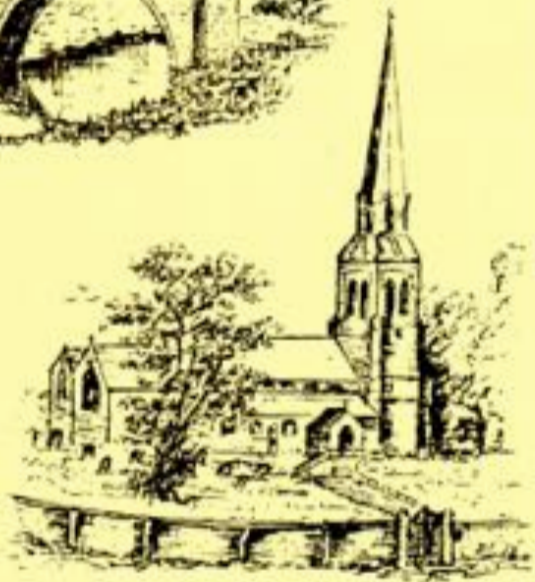


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February 2024

Archdeacon Nicky writes...

February begins with Candlemas, remembering the presentation of Jesus in the temple. Traditionally, church candles for the coming year are blessed, Christmas decorations left up after twelfth night taken down and candles lit in the windows of people's homes.

Midway between the winter and spring solstice, we long for the coming of the light, looking for signs of new life. Green shoots begin to emerge from the barren earth. Buds sprout on bare tree branches. Gradually beautiful landscapes of snow drops, crocuses and blossom form once more.

And just when we think Spring is finally coming, our Bible readings take us into the wilderness remembering Jesus's temptation in the desert. We will eat Shrove Tuesday pancakes before embarking on a Lenten season of self-discipline, denial, prayer and study aiming to deepen our relationship with God.

This year Ash Wednesday coincides with Valentine's Day when people across our diocese will think about love in all its different shapes and forms. Cards will be written, gifts exchanged, chocolates eaten, flowers bought, romantic surprises planned, commitments remembered, renewed and begun as people hope and dream and long for a fairy tale happy ever after.

And what can we as Christians offer to those we accompany on their journey through this spiritually significant month?

We have the light of Christ shining in the darkness and the promise that the darkness will never overcome it.

We have the gift of hope and new possibilities - life in all its fullness freely available to all who will receive it.

We have opportunities to wipe the slate clean, start afresh and know in the depths of our being what it is to be forgiven, accepted and loved by God.

We have communities of believers across the whole of the diocese. Fellow travellers who can strengthen our resolve to grow in discipline and self-denial and help us draw closer to God.

We have the best news and greatest gift to share with all who will receive it. The gift of God's friendship and covenantal love revealed in Jesus.

So, as we move through these Christian and secular celebrations, may we make the most of the opportunities they bring to deepen our relationship with God and make new Christians as we serve our local communities and journey together through winter into the newness of Spring.

Nicky

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Lent Meetings 2024

During Lent we have weekly meetings in the Chapel of St Peter's. These are very informal and are led by a guest speaker who speaks to us about some aspect of their spiritual life for about 30 mins, followed by questions.



You are very welcome to join us in any or all of these talks, with refreshments on arrival from 10:15, talk 10:30 to 11:00 (approx), questions afterwards. All over by 11:30am.

February talks will be on:
Wednesdays 21st February & 28th February
Do come and join us - we aren't at all scary!

FROM THE REGISTERS

St. Peter's Church, Edensor ~ 19th January

Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of

Dr. Louise Jordan

5th September 1961 - 23rd December 2023

Easy Fundraising

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



To Register

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

To Shop

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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.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club

December Draw 2023

1st Prize £30 - no. 55 Liz Bradshaw

2nd prize £20 - no. 16 David Jackson

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

St. Peter's Church 100 Club

Subscriptions for 2024 are now due

Subscriptions are £12 per number held.

Cash or cheque please. Cheques payable to St. Peter's Church 100 club.

Thank you all for your support.

New members are welcome for 2024

Ann Hall

HELP NEEDED!

We are in 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.

Losing these people means that the rota is down to just four couples, which really isn't enough to cover holidays/illness etc.

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

Many hands etc.....(and thank you).

Dates for your Diary - February 2024

- 13 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall
History of Chatsworth Garden - Steve Porter
Refreshments & raffle: Sarah Porter and Chris Miley
- 20 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP** - 7pm Beeley Village Hall
Siobhan Spencer talking about The Slave Trade Part II
- 21 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Cavendish Hall, Edensor
Speaker: Debbie Mills – ‘Wooden flower painting’ Paint a flower to make our own Chatsworth WI flower arrangement!
Competition: Painting or photograph of flowers.
- 22 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)

February 11th - Another Round (*Denmark 2020*)

‘THE BRIDGE’

The magazine subscription for 2024 is now due - £1 per copy - £12 per year.

Please give the money to the person who delivers your magazine. Cheques should be made payable to **Edensor PCC**. **If you would prefer to make your payment by bank transfer the account is:**

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Account Number: 6541 4327

Please use the reference ‘parish magazine’ and let me know if you have made a payment this way so that I can mark you down as ‘paid’.

If I post the magazine to you please enclose a book of 12 stamps (12x 2nd class stamps = £9) with your cheque and send it to me, Liz Bradshaw.



Thank you for subscribing to ‘The Bridge’.

MORE GOOD NEWS

The churches of St Peter's, Edensor and St Anne's, Beeley are delighted to announce the appointment of Reverend Mark Griffin as Priest-in-charge. Mark will be licensed as Priest-in-charge by the Bishop of Derby at St Peter's Church on **21st April 2024 at 3pm.**

Mark is coming to us from being the Rector of St Martin and St Paul, Canterbury, having previously served as Vicar of St Luke's, Sevenoaks.

He was ordained in Canterbury Cathedral in 1996 serving his curacy in Walmer on the Kent coast and his first incumbency as Vicar of Wingham, Elmstone, Preston and Stourmouth near Canterbury.

His ministry has included work as a Vocation Advisor in both diocese, a role which is very close to his heart and spells as an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral and Rural Dean of Sevenoaks and until last year Area Dean of Canterbury. He has been involved in chaplaincy for St John Ambulance most recently as County Chaplain for Kent and has held a number of other chaplaincy roles over the years, currently as Chaplain to Diocesan House in Canterbury.

Reverend Mark is a Kentish man by birth and is married to Clare. He has a great love of cricket, theatre and travelling.

We look forward to welcoming Mark and Clare to our community.

Don't forget those nestboxes!

On 14th February our annual National Nestbox Week begins.

Now an established part of the ornithological calendar, it aims to encourage people to help out the birds in their gardens each Spring. Everyone is invited to put up more nestboxes in their local area, and a very helpful website gives full instructions on how to do this. More details at: <https://www.nestboxweek.com>



EASTER LILIES AT ST. ANNE'S



If you would like to make a contribution towards Easter Lilies at St. Annes's Church, Beeley, please give your donation to Fiona Swain or Rupert Turner, by Palm Sunday, 24th March.

EASTER LILIES AT ST. PETER'S

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



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

Cards need to be filled in and returned with your donation by Palm Sunday, 24th March.

The Padley Centre

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Padley Centre. With winter now officially here and the weather bringing cold winds, rain and almost certainly some 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.**

Why tea is “the drink of getting things done”

The drinking of tea has found an unexpected new champion: James May, the former Top Gear presenter.

Speaking recently on Radio 4, James May said: “I’m just worried that the cult of coffee is going to destroy tea. And I don’t like coffee, it is just rubbish. I like tea.” He added: “Tea is the drink of getting things done.”

How did tea get so embedded in UK culture? Food historian Polly Russell says the answer lies in the Industrial Revolution of the mid-18th century. “Tea became less expensive and at the same time you had agricultural wages slumping, and agricultural workers literally not able to buy food, to buy fuel, or to afford a hot meal. So, tea became a way of having something hot and restorative –

often with sugar – and that habit then also translated into the urban, as the industrial revolution expanded into our cities.”

And so it was that “tea became absolutely central to the diet of the working poor.” And this provided the basis for the idea “that tea and sugar were fuelling the industrial nation.”

James May argues that tea drinking is still fundamental to “bringing everyone together and ensuring happiness as well as productivity.”

He believes: “Tea in the British workplace is more than a drink, it’s a social glue. Britain is falling apart because we don’t drink enough tea.”



District Council staff support charities

Derbyshire Dales District Council staff raised cash for charities in the run up to Christmas.

The local Jigsaw Foodbank was boosted by more than £513 through a Matlock Town Hall ‘Gorgeous, Glamorous, Glitzy’ Christmas grotto.

The foodbank, run by the Matlock-based Church in the Peak, responded to the donation with: “We are anticipating that the need will continue to rise and are planning accordingly so thank you so much for your support.”

Additionally, council staff raised £175 for Ashgate Hospice through a Christmas quiz and £130 for Save

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1st February – Seiriol, saint of Puffin Island

You can find traces of old saints in most corners of the British Isles, but Seiriol is one of the only two saints connected to Anglesey, and certainly the ONLY saint connected to Puffin Island.

It was back in the 6th century that this gentle abbot first settled in Penmon, and built a little church. His ruined beehive cell still survives there today, as does the well from which he drew water, both for his own use, and also for baptising local people.

Like many other Celtic saints, Seiriol would have travelled by sea. So he felt comfortable near the coast on Anglesey, on low-lying land. Although he lived as a simple hermit, Seiriol soon attracted followers, and eventually he decided to establish a

small monastery. He chose to build it on nearby Ynys Seiriol, now called Puffin Island.

That little monastery on Puffin Island saw some scary action in 632, when Edwin of Northumbria was chasing the Welsh king, Cadwallon, and ended up besieging him on the island. Cadwallon was finally conquered, and history moved on, but the monastic ruins of Seiriol's little monastery are still there today.

Seiriol seems to have been a purely local saint who never attracted a very great number of followers. The only known dedications to him are at Penmon and Puffin Island. But Seiriol's life and work are still a testimony today. He is a gentle and encouraging reminder of what an impact even a simple local Christian can achieve, by simply being faithful to Jesus Christ in the place where he is.

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the Children on Christmas jumper day.

District Council Chief Executive Paul Wilson said: "Our teams always go the extra mile every Christmas to support worthy causes and I am

proud of everyone who organised and supported fund raising events."

Staff leading the series of Christmas fund raising events were Robert Kay, Rebecca Campbell, Susan Devaney, Lis Hudson and Jo Pummell.

The Day the Music Died

by *Tim Lenton*

It was 65 years ago, on 3rd February 1959, that American rock-and-roll performers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper were killed in a plane crash in Iowa. Thanks to Don McLean and his eight-minute hit song American Pie, it became known as “the day the music died”.

Buddy Holly was a rock ‘n’ roll pioneer who is widely regarded as having sparked a ‘quantum leap’ in popular musical output in the post-war years, being admired by such stars as Elvis Presley and John Lennon. He was born in Lubbock, Texas, to a Christian family and attended a Baptist church where he made a commitment and was baptised.

At the time of the plane crash – attributed to their young pilot’s inexperience in appalling weather conditions – Holly, 22, Valens, 17, and the 28-year-old Big Bopper (J P Richardson), together with other musicians, were on what they described as “the tour from hell”, travelling hundreds of miles

each day by bus in temperatures as low as minus 35F.

After a concert in Clear Lake, Iowa, Holly decided to rent a private plane to get to Fargo, North Dakota, for the next concert. He planned to take his band members, Waylon Jennings and Tommy Allsup, with him, but Valens tossed a coin for Allsup’s seat and won. Jennings then gave his seat to the Big Bopper, who was unwell.

Holly’s young wife Maria learned about his death on television and suffered a miscarriage. His mother heard the news of his death on radio. Since then, news media have introduced rules to prevent the names of people who die in accidents being revealed before the family itself is informed.

Maria did not attend his funeral and has reportedly never been to his grave, but she preserved and promoted his music after his death.

Torvill and Dean - and the Bolero that made Olympic history

by *Tim Lenton*

Forty years ago, on 14th February 1984, figure skaters Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean won the gold medal in ice dancing at the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo. They scored the first perfect 6.0 in Olympic history.

Both are from Nottingham and, despite the obvious chemistry between them, they have never been romantically involved with each other. Jayne is married, and Christopher is in a long-term relationship. Jayne was originally an insurance clerk and Christopher a policeman, and they built up their ice partnership while working full-time – though they eventually received a grant from Nottingham City Council that enabled them to concentrate on their skating.

This was much like a full-time job. Christopher later described it as “obsessive...almost like being in a monastery. It was a religion in its own way”.

At Sarajevo they became the highest scoring figure skaters of all time for a single programme,

which they skated to Ravel’s *Bolero* (it came in just within the time limit) and were awarded 12 perfect 6.0s – including a 6.0 from every judge for artistic impression – and six 5.9s. In 2002 this performance was voted into eighth place in a Channel 4 poll of the 100 Greatest Sporting Moments.

The pair turned professional after Sarajevo and won the world professional championships five times. Their innovations had a lasting impact on the sport, and in 2000 they were made OBEs for their outstanding contributions to skating and to British sport.

The National Ice Centre in Nottingham is now accessed through Bolero Square; a housing estate in the Wollaton area of the city contains a street named Torvill Drive and an adjoining one called Dean Close.

Supporting those in need on Church Action on Poverty Sunday

This year Church Action on Poverty Sunday is on 11th February, when Christians around the country are urged to remember those in real need.

Perhaps one of the most serious impacts of poverty is the dire state of homelessness. The numbers are staggering. More than 300,000 people are homeless in the UK; 119 families in England are made homeless every single day; and 140,000 children are currently without a home. The figures are the highest on record.

When you picture a homeless person, he or she will probably be a rough sleeper; but rough sleeping is only one manifestation of homelessness, and not the most frequent one.

Homelessness ranges from living on the streets, to living in emergency accommodation, in women's shelters, and in other temporary accommodation.

Homelessness is not always a visible problem. But the cost-of-living crisis, record rents hikes, stretched local services and withdrawal of emergency Covid measures have led to more people falling into desperate positions than ever before this past year.

Green Pastures is one organisation who is working to enable Christians to make a difference. It has been housing the homeless for 25 years, and it exists to help Christians do their bit to tackle the growing homelessness crisis.

Green Pastures has grown to now house more than 1500 formerly homeless people across the UK, in more than 100 towns and cities. To fund property purchases, Green Pastures has raised more than £47 million in funding, through everyday people who lend them some of their savings and receive interest in return. This model enables the organisation to buy property and work in partnership with local ministries to directly impact the lives of people in need.

For those facing homelessness, it starts with the life change of a safe and secure home. Tenants are also offered compassionate wraparound support, pathways towards recovery and independence, and the opportunity to know Christ for themselves.

With many more people in need waiting for help, this month is a great time to consider how the Church can make a significant impact. You can find out more about Green Pastures' work, and how you might get involved, at <https://www.greenpastures.co.uk>.

Food shortages are ‘likely’ this year

You might find some supermarket shelves empty in the coming months.

A combination of global conflicts, climate change and transportation issues are making it harder for food producers to get their products out of the field and onto your plate. And as at the end of last month (January), it got even more complicated, with the introduction of new checks on the goods coming from the EU into the UK.

Professor Chris Elliott of Queen’s University Belfast is a food security expert. He explains: “It’ll be about affordability but also

availability, and the likelihood of empty shelves, particularly fresh produce shelves, in 2024 is alarmingly high.”

Professor Elliott said: “We are virtually totally dependent on other countries for most of our fresh produce, our fruit and our vegetables. We were reasonably self-sufficient in dairy, we were reasonably self-sufficient in poultry and eggs. But that’s also on the decline now, as a result of the collapse of some sectors of the food industry in the UK.”

According to the gov.uk website, just under half of the actual food on our plates is produced within the UK.

Why buying your lunch at the train station is not a good idea

When commuting to work, it is easy to grab a sandwich and drink at the station before catching your train.

It may be easy, but it comes at a price. Commuters buying their lunch at a train station pay around

10 per cent more for food and drink than they would on the high street.

The Office of Road and Rail (ORR) has found that on average food retailers are charging premiums of up to 34 per cent for goods in stations, when compared with the same outlet elsewhere.

Reflecting Faith: God's Acre

The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series on the Christian symbols in our churches.

Memorial Stones

Last month we began to look at the outside of the church building. When you last visited a churchyard with very old memorials, what did you notice?

The oldest stones probably just had the name of the person, date of death and perhaps their age.

But the slightly more recent stones may well have included where the person had been born, lived, and who they had married. These stones probably belonged to the wealthier people, as they needed to be large, to include all this information!

As for the poorer folk, as cheaper stone became available, they also wanted to mark their loved one's place of rest, even with just the bare details.

With the advent of the railways, a firm in Scotland started a business for shaping the stone with recessing, into which a local stone mason would be able to carve the words. This is why you will see many similar shaped stones in every churchyard in England, Wales and Scotland for that period.

In different areas of the country, both locally sourced stones and the availability of the stonemason create very different looks – whilst within that area are many reproductions.

Also, the 'floweriness' of the inscriptions grew over the years. What started with just the name of the person later had added before the name, 'With affection', then 'With great affection', then, 'Greatly loved' and so on. It was almost as if people were trying to outdo each other on who loves who most.

Meanwhile, by the early 20th century many churchyards were 'full', and if adjoining land was available this was consecrated, but otherwise separate land was purchased – which became a 'cemetery' and was usually not the responsibility of the church.

A churchyard, on the other hand, is by definition under the auspices of 'the church', whether open or closed.

Because people continued to want to be interred in 'holy land', eventually all cemeteries were set aside and consecrated by and for the different religions and denominations, reflecting the needs of the local communities.

This month

Think about where you'd like to have as your final resting place. Whether you choose cremation or burial, is being in a set-aside 'holy place' important to you and to those who will visit?

Prayers of Love and Faith made available for use

A selection of readings and prayers of thanksgiving, dedication and asking for God's blessing for same-sex couples can be used in Church of England services, following recent approval by the House of Bishops.

The final texts of *Prayers of Love and Faith*, commended for use in regular public worship or private prayer, can be used in regular scheduled services, such as a Sunday Eucharist or Evensong.

The Prayers of Love and Faith were developed as part of the outcome of

a seven-year period of what was described as “listening, learning and discernment”, known as Living in Love and Faith. (<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>)

The House of Bishops has said it will consider pastoral provision to protect the conscience of those who wish to use the *Prayers* and of those who do not. It is intended that there will be wide process of consultation regarding the provision, to ensure that whatever is agreed serves to promote unity and has broad support across the Church.

Archbishop urges Government to scrap two-child benefit cap

The Archbishop of Canterbury used his recent House of Lords debate on families and households to urge the Government to scrap the two-child benefit cap.

The two-child benefit cap means that parents can only get child tax credit or universal credit for their first two children. The cap is for the third child and subsequent children born after April 2017.

Archbishop Justin highlighted research from the End Child

Poverty Coalition which stated that, “removing the two-child limit would lift a quarter of a million children out of poverty.”

The Archbishop went on: “The unfair penalty applied to additional children affects their educational outcomes, their mental and physical health, and their likelihood to require public support from public services later on. It is not a good policy.”

Life on a spin

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness considers the aim of Lent.

Many years ago, at the Pleasure Beach at Blackpool, there was a certain 'ride' or amusement that was strictly for the physically fit. It consisted of a flat wooden disc about 20 feet in diameter and set at an angle of 45 degrees in the floor. When it began to rotate, the aim was to get to the centre where there was a pole. As the disc rotated faster and faster, everyone who failed to get to the pole got flung off. Nowadays there's probably a European Community regulation banning it as far too dangerous!

The principle of the game was a basic law of physics. When any wheel rotates, the outer rim moves fastest of all. Half way to the centre and you are moving a lot more slowly. And, at least theoretically, at the absolute centre will be a point which is totally still. That's why anyone who reached that pole could stand there quite comfortably.

We have just started the Church's season of Lent. It's generally thought of as being a time for giving up chocolate, wine, whatever. But it's really a time to remind us that in our own rapidly spinning world, God is the still centre.

All around God is motion, sound, change and decay – galaxies circling, seasons and years rotating, life developing and decaying. And at the still centre, where there is no variableness, is God, the same yesterday, today and forever.

Only about seven weeks ago Christians worldwide were thinking of God getting involved in a special way in the ever moving and changing life of the world. And one great characteristic of Jesus was His stillness. Busy, harassed, injured people found someone with neither clever chat nor idle gossip, neither vulgar boasting nor loud opinion. His life always seemed to rotate round a still central point, which gave Him balance and authority.

"Be still then and know that I am God" wrote the Psalmist. Lent is a time for us to try and do just that – to find the still centre of God in our own individual lives.

Of course, we're all of us very much in the world, and must live our lives in all of its busyness. But it may do none of us any harm to be a little more silent than we often are – quick to listen and slow to speak. And the more silent spaces we give ourselves, the more we'll give that still, small voice within each one of us the chance to be heard.

Remembering those who live in Care Homes

Dr Peter Brierley considers some statistics on care homes...

Care Homes are one type of communal establishments measured by the Office for National Statistics in the 2021 Census. In 2022, there were 408,371 people living in care homes across the United Kingdom.

Some residents enjoy regular visits from family or friends, while others lead a very lonely life. Some will 'pass on' relatively quickly, while others may live in the same room for several years.

Some residents are collected for church, and some join church services in their Home, while others have to resort to radio or television for spiritual encouragement. Only a relative few will have the technical competence and equipment to live-stream.

What does this mean for church leaders? It is likely they will have some church members or ex-members living in Care Homes. While for some, live-streaming of

services will be a huge blessing, they do not replace regular visiting, if possible.

Giving elderly people the opportunity to go outside (in their wheelchair) will normally be enthusiastically welcomed, and, for some, especially the opportunity to attend Sunday service in their wheelchair. Pastoral work, gifts of flowers from the church, and personal prayer are hugely important, in the context of end-of-life spiritual care.

A visiting team from the Church to take a regular Sunday service is not only an encouragement to believers, but can also be a gentle encouragement to those without faith, particularly if accompanied by a regular opportunity for Communion (for believers) and hymn singing (favourites) for those with Sunday School and Church memories.



The countryside charity
Peak District and
South Yorkshire

Regional Countryside Charity Celebrates Centenary Milestone

As CPRE Peak District and South Yorkshire (CPRE PDSY) embarks on its Centenary year, the countryside charity renews its commitment to protect and enhance the countryside for all to enjoy.

The charity was founded by Ethel Haythornthwaite in May 1924 when she established the Sheffield Association for the Protection of Rural Scenery, also known as the Sheffield Association for the Protection of Local Countryside. This went on to become the local branch of CPRE in 1927.

Ethel was instrumental in developing the Green Belt around Sheffield in 1938 and designating the Peak District as the first national park in 1951. The pioneering environmentalist also led a public appeal to buy the Longshaw Estate, which was threatened with development, so that it could be preserved and enjoyed by everyone.

As a leading environmental charity, CPRE PDSY continues to play an essential role in safeguarding the environment and the landscapes of the Peak District and South Yorkshire

countryside. The charity's network of volunteers, staff, trustees and partner organisations are dedicated to promoting, enhancing and protecting countryside and greenspaces so that everyone can enjoy them, both now and in the future.

CEO of CPRE PDSY, Tomo Thompson comments: 'We know that a thriving countryside enriches all of our lives and it is our mission to ensure that the countryside and greenspaces are protected and cared for so that they can be enjoyed by everyone. As we reflect on the charity's Centenary milestone, we celebrate our founder, the pioneering environmentalist Ethel Haythornthwaite and all those who have championed her incredible legacy and continued her work over the last 100 years.

Today, as we face increasing challenges from climate change our work is more important than ever. We are proud to renew our commitment to promote, enhance and protect the countryside and greenspaces so that they can be enjoyed by everyone for generations to come.'

CPRE Peak District and South Yorkshire has a range of events planned to celebrate the Centenary and welcomes anyone who shares their love of the countryside and greenspaces of the Peak District and

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When bigger is not better

Women have added almost three inches to their waists over the last three decades.

A recent mass survey across England has found that the average woman now has a waist span of 35 inches. That is up from an average of just over 32 inches in the 1990s. A 'very high waist circumference' is defined as being 34.6in or above.

Male waistlines have also continued to grow, but at a slower rate. 36 per cent of men are now classed as having a 'very high waist circumference' – which is 40in (102cm) or above. In the Nineties, just 20 per cent of men were this big.

The data comes from the Health Survey of England carried out in 2019, when waistlines were last measured. Tam Fry, from the National Obesity Forum, said: "The figures are alarming – too many of us are eating as though it is Christmas every day."

Draft guidance from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) urges everyone to regularly measure their waistline. It should be less than half their height.

A recent study by the University of Oxford has found that every extra inch on the waistline increases the risk of heart failure by 11 per cent.



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South Yorkshire to join them. Visit www.cprepsdy.org.uk to find out more about the Charity's work and how to support them and get involved in the Centenary year.

About Ethel

Ethel was born Ethel Mary Bassett Ward on 18th January 1894, in

Endcliffe Vale House, which stood in the grounds of what is now the student village.

She and her husband Lieutenant Colonel Gerald Haythornthwaite ran the Charity for many years from their family home with Ethel acting as the group's honorary secretary from 1924 until 1980.

20 years of Facebook

by *Tim Lenton*

Twenty years ago, on 4th February 2004, Facebook, the social media networking platform, was launched.

Originally known as thefacebook.com, it was intended by Mark Zuckerberg and four other Harvard students – Eduardo Saverin, Andrew McCollum, Dustin Moskovitz and Chris Hughes – to create “a directory of information for college students”, but it soon expanded, and each of the five co-founders developed different roles. All except Moskowitz are now not part of the Facebook empire, but all are extremely rich.

A year after it was launched, Facebook lost the “the” from its name, and the following year it got rid of its students-only restriction. In its new form Zuckerberg, from an early stage the main man of Facebook, said the original aim was for Facebook users to take their online identities with them around the internet without having to register individual accounts for each website or app.

The swift development of Facebook, which went public in 2012, has involved Zuckerberg in many lawsuits, and he has demonstrated a wide-ranging ability to win people over. He is also extremely clever. He has never revealed his own political affiliation or voting history, and is hard to pin down. He was raised as a Reform Jew, went through a period when he espoused atheism, but more recently has said he “believes religion is very important”.

In September last year his net worth was estimated at not far short of £50 billion, but he receives a one-dollar salary as CEO of Facebook, and he and his wife Priscilla Chan give away huge amounts of money, some of which goes to fighting antisemitism and backing educational and community initiatives. Facebook is banned in China.

As of late September 2023, Forbes estimated Zuckerberg's net worth at about \$64.4 billion, making him the 16th-richest person in the world.

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.

Celebrating the now and future Creation

I find that watching buds swelling on trees and plants during the winter months gives me a tremendous sense of hope. After creation's winter shutdown, the sight of tiny flowers poking out of brown earth may be more important than ever.

Getting outdoors during daylight hours, enjoying green spaces and getting some fresh air and exercise are great ways to keep ourselves healthy at any time of year. A psychologist colleague wrote, "Attending to the details of nature can also inspire awe, which has been linked to positive mood and increased life satisfaction." I expect it is this sense of awe that makes it easier for many of us to connect with God outdoors.

Helping ourselves and others to thrive is a good start to 2024, but it is also vital to have hope for the future. In the face of climate change, we urgently need to care for all of Creation, both human and everything else, with God's help.

Our ultimate hope is in God's promise that He will bring about a new heaven and a new earth. We can look forward to the day when Creation will be fully redeemed and liberated from evil. The Greek word used to describe the new creation is the same as that used to describe someone who becomes a Christian, whose humanity is restored and renewed. There will be continuity between the old and new earth as it is cleansed and purified, surpassing and perfecting what has gone before. There will also be some discontinuity, as there will be no more suffering or death.

So, one source of hope for 2024 is that we can enjoy both caring for and meeting God in Creation. But the parts of Creation that we find most beautiful, giving us a sense of awe and helping us to worship, are also a reminder that there is something much better to come.

By Ruth Bancewicz, Church Engagement Director, The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, Cambridge

Abandoned and helpless

If February is the month of love, shouldn't that include some compassion for animals?

The RSPCA reports that animal abandonment incidents have reached a three-year high.

Latest figures for 2023 reveal more than 20,000 reports of animals being simply dumped by their owners.

Dermot Murphy, RSPCA inspectorate commissioner, says: "Behind these shocking statistics are thousands of vulnerable animals.

Each one is a valuable life in urgent need of our help."

He goes on: "The combined effects of the pandemic and the ongoing cost-of-living crisis has created a perfect storm, and means we expect more animals than ever will need our help this year."

Yet many rescue centres are already full to bursting, "so we are facing an unprecedented winter crisis. Our rescue teams are busier than ever. We need animal lovers to donate to help us be there for animals in desperate need."

Who is hiding in your car?

You may not be the only one enjoying the comfort of your car this winter.

According to recent figures from the RAC, if you have left your car standing alone for even a week, then anything from rats, squirrels, mice, foxes and even snakes may have moved in.

A squirrel stockpiling nuts in a car air filter, ten mice nesting under a windscreen, rats living in engine bays, and foxes chewing brake hoses, are only some of many culprits listed this year as having

caused a breakdown. There was also the baby python found behind a wheel trim.

In all, last year the RAC responded to over 300 incidents of vehicle damage caused by animals. That's a 55 per cent increase from the 196 recorded in 2018. Alice Simpson, spokesman for the RAC, said: "Finding a rat or mouse in your car is not only a nasty shock, but often the cause of very expensive damage.

"Our best advice is to make sure no food is left inside. Also, check for unusual smells in the vehicle, and be mindful of any dashboard warning lights that don't disappear after a minute or two."

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Nigel Beeton writes: *I must be careful! You know that you can now call up 'Chat GPT' and say 'Give me a poem about February!' and it will push out dozens of suggestions for you to choose from, having soaked up the best work from the best poets all through the ages?*

I've been replaced by a Robot!

I've been replaced by a robot -
His name is 'Chat GPT.'
He is a poet of a robot -
And that's what troubles me.

He can read in a moment
Shakespeare, Keats, and Lear -
More in that one single moment
Than I can read in a year!

He has an acceptable metre;
His work runs quite nicely to time,
His work gets neater and neater,
And he is quite good with a rhyme!

In fact, so good is his manner
The robot is quite hard to see:
So, I'll have to dumb down my
grammar:

"This poem, it woz writ by me!"

By Nigel Beeton

Did you know that it was 100 years ago, on 5th February 1924, that BBC Radio broadcast the 'six-pips' Greenwich Time Signal for the first time?

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

Appointment Times:

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

Patient Online:

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

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- Return your repeat request form to surgery by Post or Fax

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Prescriptions can be collected from reception inside the surgery.

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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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February Sudoku ☞

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The cost of parking at your local hospital

Have you been a patient or visitor to a hospital this past year? If so, you are not imagining it: the cost of parking there has skyrocketed. In fact, parking charges for hospital patients and visitors have leapt by £50 million in a year.

Recent NHS accounts show that hospital trusts made nearly £146 million in income from patients and visitors in 2022-3. That is a

whopping 50 per cent increase from the £97 million received the year before.

There has also been a major jump in the amount hospital staff have to pay to park. In 2021-22 the staff members paid just £5.6 million, which increased to £46.7 million in 2022-23. These latest figures have been met with criticism from Royal College of Nursing, which has slammed the growing cost of parking for staff.

Do what we can to help...*(Smile... and pause to reflect!)*

Several women in the church prayer group were visiting an elderly friend who was ill. After a while, they rose to leave and told her: "We'll do what we can to help. We promise to keep you in our prayers."

"Thank you," she said. "But really, I can do my own praying. The thing I can't do is the dishes in the sink in the kitchen..."

READINGS & ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>				
4	3pm Family Communion	Revd Hilda Isaacson	Barbara Hawksworth			
11	9.30am Holy Communion	Revd Matt Barnes	“ “			
18	9.30am Matins	David Neale	Fiona Swain			
25	9.30am Holy Communion	Revd Matt Barnes	“ “			
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>				
4	10.45am Holy Communion	Revd Alan Isaacson	Mike Pindar/John Bowns			
11	10.45am Holy Communion	Revd Matt Barnes	Mr & Mrs Gordon			
14	9.30am Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday - Revd Clive Thrower					
18	10.45am Matins	David Neale	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw			
25	10.45am Holy Communion	Revd Matt Barnes	Mr & Mrs Wardle			
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>		
4	Clive & Joy Thrower		Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Amanda Neale		
11	Jane Dickson/Kate Green		Kate Green/Christine Goldsack	Diana Walters		
18	John & Gill Caws		Mr & Mrs Wardle	Lent - no flowers		
25	Mr & Mrs Sherwood		Mr & Mrs Grealey	“ “		
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>		<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>		
4	Proverbs 8: 1,22-31 John 1: 1-14		Gloria Sherwood <i>Second Sunday before Lent</i>		TBA	
11	2 Kings 2: 1-12 Mark 9: 2-9		John Caws <i>Sunday next before Lent</i>		Fiona Lichfield	
18	Genesis 9: 8-17 Mark 1: 9-15		Diana Walters <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>		Claire Cadogan	
25	Genesis 17: 1-7; 15-16 Mark 8: 31-end		John Bowns <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>		Fiona Swain	

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