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Dear Friends

As I write this, we are currently in General Election territory as the party leaders crisscross the country and appeal to us via our TV screens for our precious vote. We are also just about to start the Euros with the England and Scotland football teams in action, and many people will be watching to see how far our teams proceed in the competition.

Football and politics excite great passions in many people- my hairdresser in Canterbury booked his tickets for the England matches as soon as they were announced and had travelled for many years wherever they played. That is passion and devotion, the same for people who knock on doors in all weathers to solicit our votes, not knowing what the answer may be.

This passion sometimes can become a tribalism. In both football and politics there can be a sense of them and us, launching in to the “other side” mostly in words but occasionally in a physical way. This is a real threat to many who love sport or want to be involved in politics, and which can easily put people off wanting to take part.

As we approach the election it is important to be engaged, to think through all that is being said and to cast our vote in accordance with beliefs about what we believe is the way forward for the country. The passionate nature of politics means that some will be celebrating on July 5th and others will be deeply upset. Our prayer needs to be that whatever the result people will come together after the election to move away from the sense of the tribal and to listen to each other, as we all face up to the issues which will undoubtedly be there however the nation votes.

It is though important to keep the passion going- wanting to make our country a better place and wanting to cheer our sporting teams and individuals on over the summer in the Olympics or at the Euros or the Tests or in many sports and venues.

That is true of us as Christians continuing to be passionate in our beliefs and wanting to do our bit to make the world a better place. Thankfully tribalism in Christianity has diminished but the passion still needs to be within us as we live out what we believe.

So, use your vote, enjoy the summer of sport and keep the flame of faith burning strong.

Every Blessing,

Mark

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, EDENSOR

Wedding 25<sup>th</sup> May ~ Logan Ross Mantle & Sarah Jayne Clark

### RIP

22<sup>nd</sup> May ~ Service of Thanksgiving for the life of  
Margaret Elizabeth Clamp aged 88 years

29<sup>th</sup> May ~ Memorial Service for  
John Oliver aged 77 years

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### To Register

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

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- Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)
- Search for your store in the alphabetical list
- Go ahead and shop

Choose from over 2000 of the UK's best-known retailers including names such as Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis and HMV and when you shop using the links on the easyfundraising site up to 15% from every purchase you make is donated to St. Peter's Church.

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

1st Prize £25 - no. 4 Nancy Park

2nd prize £15 - no. 26 Christine Bemrose

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

### The God of love

The God of love my Shepherd is,  
And He that doth me feed:  
While He is mine, and I am His,  
What can I want or need?

*From a poem by George Herbert*

It was 750 years ago, on 11th July 1272, that Robert I (Robert the Bruce) was born. He was King of Scotland 1306-29.

70 years ago, on 5th July 1954, the BBC launched the first daily television news programme in the UK.

And it was 15 years ago, on 5th July 2009, that the Staffordshire Hoard was discovered by a metal detectorist in Hammerwich, a village in Staffordshire. It is the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver ever found, and consists of around 4,600 items dating from the 7th century.

## Dates for your Diary - July 2024

- 6      Wedding - St. Peter's Edensor 1pm** - Katie Hughes & James Ellis
- 9      BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - Beeley Hilltop Farm visit  
*Refreshments & Raffle: to be provided*
- 16     BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP - 7pm Meeting in Edensor**  
David Spencer leading a walk around the Chatsworth Estate
- 17     CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Cavendish Hall, Edensor  
Speaker: Katrine Scott-Mitchell - 'Willow Weaving Demonstration'  
Competition: An item made of willow.
- 25     CHATTY CRAFTS** - 10-12 The Cavendish Chapel, St. Peter's  
Join us for crafting or just a cuppa and a chat. Everyone welcome.
- 28     Baptism - St. Peter's, Edensor 1pm**

## EDENSOR VILLAGE DAY & OPEN GARDENS 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Despite the unpredictable weather forecast for the day, there was only one heavy shower, which happened during the official opening. Everyone had come prepared for whatever weather, with lots of umbrellas and lots of smiles and the sun even put in an appearance.

We are most grateful to Lord Burlington and his daughter Nell for opening the event and a huge thank you to everyone involved in whatever capacity and for spreading the word to ensure the day was the huge success it was.

The amount raised on the day was an incredible £11,783 with money still coming in from donations etc.



## How did you spell that? (Smile...)

A friend who wished to check some point on aeronautics asked in his library for books on Metropolitan Vickers. He was handed a copy of Crockford's Clerical Directory. - *The Times Diary 7 January 1987*

## ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

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



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## Dementia support

Do you care for someone living with dementia? You might find our dementia support sessions useful.

Our Derbyshire Dementia Information and Advice Service is holding a series of information sessions in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society to support residents who care for someone with dementia.

The sessions are online via Zoom and run from 5.30pm to 7pm and cover topics including:

- **Thursday 4 July:** living well – maintaining health and wellbeing

- **Thursday 18 July:** planning ahead – finances

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- **Thursday 1 August:** planning ahead – legal issues

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- **Thursday 15 August:** planning ahead – arranging care

For more information or to book a place, please email [derbyshire@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:derbyshire@alzheimers.org.uk) or call 01332 208845.

## Eulogy - John Oliver

If Dad was here now we know what he would say first...

Thank you all for coming to my memorial service and can I just say what a good looking group of family and friends I have....

I had time to ask Dad what else he wanted to say in his eulogy and he suggested a few lines he knew a lot of you would have heard him say... when you work with me, I don't employ you, I adopt you.

Another you may recognise is... I wish I had 10 more just like you....Apologies if you thought he only said that to you...

Before he was sick Dad had boundless energy, was always full of love, fun and mischief. He loved his family and adored all his 6 wonderful grandchildren.

It was of course mutual. Grampy was a legend and they have all shared their fond memories of driving in his Mercedes with the roof down singing along to Elton John's Rocket Man and Adele. They've also shared stories of how he let them drive his car around the golf course after hours which is another memory they all treasure and one the mum's didn't know about at the time.

His legacy is immense and varied, he was a craftsman starting his career as an apprentice joiner in the house. There'll be many of you here with coffee tables he gifted you, dining tables he sold you, things that he fixed, if you live on the estate there are fitted kitchens he built, doors he eased, locks he picked.

For Andrew, Jo and myself he was always supporting us when we moved house and across the country there are properties with fitted wardrobes, wooden floors, loft conversions he did for us which new families will be enjoying. There was nothing he couldn't do.

Anywhere you look in Chatsworth house you'll be looking at something he carefully moved, restored, fixed, or a clock he wound during his early career.

He loved painting and many of you here will have his original artwork on your wall. He enjoyed wood carving and gifted beautifully carved walking sticks to friends and family over the years.

During his life time comparisons have been made between Dad and another well-known carpenter. Dad was born at the stable yard, went on to be a carpenter who regularly performed miracles including resurrecting cars

Andrew or I crashed in the 90s. Other miracles included staying trim despite eating a litre of icecream in one sitting and never having a hangover despite epic partying. Three days after brain surgery he joked... and on the third day He rose again!!

His biggest legacy is clear from the stories we've read in the hundreds of cards we've received since his passing. The significant positive impact on the many people he worked with, played golf with, friends and family.

So many of his work colleagues have shared how his enthusiasm changed their perspective, his guidance developed their career and his support changed their lives

Several people have mentioned how when their chips were down he came up trumps and how they will be forever grateful to him for his compassion when they were struggling. To live and work in a community his whole life and on his death be so loved by so many illustrates the man he was.

One of his oldest friends and colleagues who worked with him over 45 years visited the day before he passed away at Ashgate hospice, sharing stories with the nurses of who Dad was and a note thanking dad for showing them respect at work. He was so loved.

A friend shared how Dad's animated stories and passion for Valencia in Spain resulted in them having numerous wonderful holidays there and how grateful he was to him for that.

You'll all know if you spent much time with Dad or any Oliver he didn't escape the family curse of deafness. He had his hearing aids and sometimes they worked and sometimes they didn't. We were never sure of what he could hear and what he chose to ignore. It was a source of frequent misunderstanding, frustration and hilarity.

I was having breakfast with him last year at 9.30am, he answered the phone. It was on loud speaker so I could hear everything as the caller said who he was and asked if it was ok to pop in at 10am. Dad said lovely to hear from you, see you later then looked at me and said 'I've no idea who that was but they'll be here at 3...'

He spent a lot of time nodding and smiling and filling in the gaps with a totally different version of events. He relied entirely on support from Mum to try her best to manage his diary and steer him to the right place at the right time.



He rarely raised his voice but you definitely knew if he wasn't happy and when required he had a look that could stop you in your tracks.

Before Dad retired, he ate, slept and breathed for Chatsworth. His job was all consuming and he loved every second of it, working with many close family members. I remember whenever I asked him how he was, the answer depended entirely on how many cars had parked at Chatsworth that day.

His reply was something like... 'Wonderful we've had 1022 cars...' or 'rubbish we've only had 212 cars today. The weather forecast was wrong.' He was part of Chatsworth and Chatsworth was part of him.

He shared his theories on how he could predict the weather based on what was happening in New York 10 days before us and how that would impact on the number of visitors. He would also count on his way home for lunch, how many cars he passed between the house and bridge and could accurately estimate the day's visitors numbers purely based on that.

He shared with us that he would always intend to put in enough effort to earn his full days pay by lunchtime so any achievements in the afternoon were profit. He explained how he spent his budget as if it were his own money and he always looked for the best value he could find.

For many years he studied after work and despite leaving school at 15 was accepted onto post graduate management courses. He studied leadership with lawyers and medics modestly sharing with us how he had come top in exams and projects.

His most notable college project was the renovation of the water turbine system and getting the House self sufficient in electricity.

Apart from being extremely eco-friendly, it attracted a lot of media interest and there began his multiple TV appearances on the news and behind-the-scenes programs. He was invited to lecture at the British School of Architecture and built his confidence as a public speaker and story teller. His behind the scenes and park tours continued after his retirement for charity and until 15 months ago he was still telling the same stories as if it was the first time they'd ever been told.

He was encouraged many times over his life to write a book and repeatedly asked me to write it with him but we never quite got started. Following his diagnosis he was keen to get on with it and has been working with my friend and writer, Zena Hawley, to record his memories and capture his story. Zena will be at the Club if you would like to talk to her.

Dad was a natural athlete and could play anything he turned his hand to including tennis, cricket and of course golf. His daily yoga and walking kept him agile and strong but golf was his chosen sport and he was mostly found at the weekend on the golf course with his good friends Dennis, Andrew, Roger, Gordon Bowering, Pete, Michael and many more.

Following his retirement he played most days and his golf friends have become more like family with Kevin and Charles supporting us in so many ways through the last few difficult months.

He was also a founder member of the Thursday night Jaipur club with friends Eric, Jerry and Nick, sampling local brews with their regular board meeting at Thornbridge Tap Room.

Throughout my life several people have said your Dad seems to live a charmed life. He always seems to get what he wants and he's always got a big beaming smile on his face.

He was a glass half full type of person always seeing the best in people and ready to support them by sharing his time, energy or wisdom freely. Supporting him behind the scenes there was Mum working flat out to make sure all of our lives were good as they could be. There were always delicious meals on the table, a pantry full of food and booze ready for a party at the drop of the hat, lots of hugs, fun and she's a great listener. The perfect team.

Throughout his illness at times he was unrecognisable, however, she never stopped loving him, being at his side, meeting his every need.

When he was diagnosed with the terminal brain tumour he went into a period of reflection and talked about how he had achieved everything he'd wanted. He'd travelled the world, had a career he loved, owned his own home in Spain, had a go at property development, had a loving family and done it all with great friends and the love of his life, Margaret. A full and happy life, well lived.

Margaret wants to thank everyone for all the cards, letters and flowers, they have made a huge difference in reminding us of who he was before he was ill.

We want to thank all his friends for visiting during the last 14 months even if he didn't wake up, you made a difference, it really kept him and us going.

More recently thanks go to the wonderful staff from EDS home care team, further thanks go to his specialist team at Weston Park and The Royal Hallamshire hospital brain tumour team. Baslow surgery Drs and staff, Helen's Trust, Blythe House and Ashgate Hospice.

Thank you again for coming. You've really done him proud. You are welcome to join us for light refreshments at the Cavendish club following this service.

Thank you for any donations to support the incredible work at Ashgate Hospice who looked after him and provided a perfect environment for his death. They continue to support us as we adapt to life without him.

Helen Williams

## **125 years of Gideons and Bibles**

*by Tim Lenton*

It was 125 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1899, that Gideons International was founded. The evangelical Christian association places free Bibles in hotel rooms, hospitals, schools, military bases and prisons around the world.

It started when two travelling salesmen from Wisconsin in the northern USA – John Nicholson of Janesville and Samuel Hill of Beloit – met in a room at the Central House Hotel in Boscobel, Wisconsin, to talk about forming an association to strengthen the faith of people they came into contact with by distributing free Bibles “through designated traffic lanes of life”.

Most people encounter Gideon Bibles through their placement in hotel rooms, and research by Gideons International shows that about 25 per cent of travellers read a Bible when there is one in their room. The Gideons are exclusively Protestant evangelical businessmen

with a belief in the Bible as the inspired Word of God and Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

In 2018 the UK section of Gideons separated from Gideons International over the issue of women's full membership, which is not allowed by the international organisation, but which received nearly 80 per cent support in a UK members' vote. After losing a dispute about the use of the name Gideons UK, they are now known as Good News for Everyone! They have links with Gideons in Canada and Sweden who have made similar decisions.

A very small number of men in the UK still belong to Gideons International. They are known as The Gideons International in the UK, and still remain a men's ministry.

## The Padley Centre

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Padley Centre. 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: *Bric-a-brac and books, which they sell in their shop.* 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.***

## Demand for foodbanks increases

The demand for emergency food parcels distributed by the Trussell Trust's foodbank network has nearly doubled in five years, with a record amount being handed out over the past 12 months alone.

Between April 2023 and March 2024, 3.1 million food parcels were given out; 65 per cent of which went to families with children.

Now the chief executive of the Trussell Trust, Emma Revie, has called on political leaders to set out policies that ensure that foodbank use will become obsolete in the UK.

She urges: "We must not let foodbanks become the new norm. A supportive social-security system is the bedrock on which we end hunger for good. Building on this, we need much more effective employment and financial support for parents, carers and disabled people. And action to ensure everyone can have the security we all need to access opportunities and have hope for the future."

Families with children and working-age adults are among the most frequent users of foodbanks, but there has been a 27-per cent increase in the number of pensioners needing emergency food in the past year.

## **King Charles accepts the patronage of National Churches Trust and Bible Society**

Queen Elizabeth II was the patron of both charities, but following her passing, her patronages underwent review. Now King Charles has agreed to continue with his mother's legacy, saying he would be "delighted" to accept them both.

King Charles said his faith is "deeply rooted" in the Church of England. On his accession to the throne, he told faith leaders that he was "a committed Anglican Christian" and promised at his Coronation to "maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the gospel."

Chief executive of the National Churches Trust, Claire Walker, said: "We are honoured to welcome King Charles III as Patron. This highlights the significance of UK churches and the important role of the National Church in keeping these wonderful buildings open and in good repair."

Bible Society's chief executive, Paul Williams, said: "We're absolutely delighted with this news, and very thankful. This is an affirmation of the value of Bible Society's work in sharing God's Word at home and abroad."

## **Can you help to 'dry out' Marygate House?**

A retreat house on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne is in big trouble. It is very wet! After years of winter wind, gales, and endless rain, the property is suffering extensive damp.

Many thousands of people will know Marygate House, which has served visitors to the island since 1970. It is now run by a small

Christian trust who wants to repair the building for future visitors, but it needs a final £20,000 to do so.

A crowdfunder has been set up for donations for the repair work. If you love Lindisfarne and would like to help, please visit: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Marygate-House](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Marygate-House).

## **Alcohol harm is costing England billions**

The harm caused by too much alcohol consumption costs the NHS £4.9 billion a year – enough to pay the salaries of almost half the nurses in England.

So warns the Institute of Alcohol Studies (IAS) in a new report. Overall, it says that alcohol harm costs England £27.4 billion a year. This includes the £14.6 billion cost of alcohol-linked crime and disorder, and £5.1 billion costs in employees missing work or being less productive.

The data also found that there has been more than a 40 per cent

increase in the cost of alcohol harm since 2003. Dr Katherine Severi, chief executive of the IAS, says: “As a country we cannot afford to sit back and do nothing. The Government should develop a comprehensive alcohol strategy to tackle this rising harm.”

Since the pandemic, there has been a big escalation in alcohol deaths, with deaths rising by 33 per cent between 2019 and 2022. Dr Severi warns: “These figures show that this is a very wide social issue and we’re all paying the price for it.”

The book of Proverbs observes: “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.” (Prov 20:1)

## **British children rank among the world’s worst for taking exercising and eating properly**

In a recent World Health Organisation (WHO) study covering 44 countries, children in England, Wales and Scotland performed badly when it came to brisk walking and daily consistent exercise. Too many youngsters are also missing breakfast, and not eating enough vegetables.

The survey looked at the exercise levels of children aged 11, 13 and 15 who are living in Europe, Central Asia and Canada. Children in England and Wales are near the bottom of the

global table, below Romania, Poland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Norway and Croatia.

Dr Jo Inchley, from the University of Glasgow, said: “In the UK, we’re consistently low on physical activity. And by age 15, just 35 per cent of girls and 51 per cent of boys eat breakfast daily.

There are also big differences due to affluence. It was found that almost twice as many young people from high socio-economic groups are eating vegetables, for example, compared with lower socio-economic groups.

## When the police will come after your dog

Keep your dogs on a lead around livestock, or it could be seized by the police.

Under laws being drawn up, police will be given more powers to seize and detain dogs who they believe have ‘terrorised livestock’ on farms.

The move follows increasing tensions in rural communities since Covid produced many unsocialised ‘lockdown puppies.’ Farm animals worth an estimated £2.4 million were severely injured or killed by dogs in 2023 alone. That was up nearly 30 per cent from 2022, according to figures from the insurer NFU mutual.

Under current laws, only the owner can be prosecuted when dogs worry

livestock. Police have not been able to deal with dogs who attack farm animals while out roaming on their own. But under the new law, they can be seized.

Former environment secretary Therese Coffey says, “No longer will victims of this crime feel helpless after suffering devastating attacks. Those who carelessly let dogs attack livestock will no longer get off scot-free.”

David Barton, the NFU’s livestock board chair, said livestock worrying can have a significant financial impact on farmers, as well as causing them “stress and anguish” to see their animals suffer.



**Community News**  
Information for local groups, societies, clubs, parish and town councils

### Walk Away from trouble

The Euros have kicked off and lots of us will be watching and supporting.

Watching football should be fun – but sometimes someone can say the wrong thing, spill a drink or knock into someone else.

Things can get heated and that can lead to situations that are unsafe for us or the people around us.

A new campaign – Walk Away – has launched to help us recognise when things might be starting to get out of hand, and help us to understand how best to deal with that.

Let’s make sure that nights out are remembered for the right reasons. We walk away so everyone can.

Find out more information by visiting <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk>

# 1984 - the burning of York Minster

by *Tim Lenton*

Forty years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1984, York Minster was struck by lightning, which set fire to the roof and destroyed the south transept.

It was the most recent of five fires that have occurred there over the years: the causes have ranged from workmen burning coals (1753) through arson using torn-up hymnbooks (1829) to an unattended candle (1840) and a tarpaulin catching fire (1971). Although night lightning was the official explanation in 1984, some suggested that God might have been reacting to the very recent appointment as Bishop of Durham of the Rt Revd David Jenkins, a famously controversial cleric whose comments had seemed to cast doubt on the virgin birth and the Resurrection. He had been consecrated at York Minster three days earlier.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, described that idea as “ridiculous”, though some – including a few members of the fire service – felt that arson by objectors could not be ruled out.

As many as 114 firefighters from over North Yorkshire were involved in tackling the blaze. Insurance cover on the Minster had just been increased by its treasury department: the damage to the south transept, with its wooden vaulted roof, amounted to £2.25 million.

York Minster is a huge landmark and tourist attraction in the city: many consider it to be one of Europe’s most impressive Gothic buildings. The glass in its famous 16th century Rose Window, which had recently been renovated, cracked into 40,000 pieces, but the new lead edges held it all together.

Queen Elizabeth attended the rededication ceremony in October 1988. This year a new exhibition called *Out of the Ashes* tells the story of the blaze and marks its anniversary.



## 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.*

### Exploring the Big Questions: scientists and theologians share their views

It's important to have debates about science and Christian faith and to dig into the hot topics, but we can't exist solely on a diet of controversy. I find it helpful, at times, to simply enjoy the wonders revealed by science and the big questions they raise about meaning and purpose. What's the universe for? What do you do with your feelings of awe and wonder? Where do we get our sense of the value of the living world from? I had the privilege of meeting a group of Christian scientists and theologians who shared thoughts about these big questions, and will share some of their thoughts here.

The Oxford-based theologian Alister McGrath shared that "science is wonderful at asking questions. Some of those questions can be answered, but very often when you do answer them, they simply open up yet more questions. But of course, there are some more fundamental questions I think science simply cannot

answer...questions like, 'Why am I here?'"

Rhoda Hawkins, a physicist at Sheffield University, has had a similar experience. "I never cease to be amazed at quite how impressive the world is, and how impressive the mechanisms are for how things work...It really is beautiful in many ways, and it leads me to think about God. I'm not saying that I have any proof, but I'm saying that by looking at the world around me it tells me more about God and it leads me to worship Him."

Another scientist who appreciates beauty is Jeff Hardin, who explained that "studying the wonders of the living world is an exercise in art appreciation. For me, God is the creator of everything... so the joy of discovery is also the joy of appreciating the world that God has made...and leads me to thank God for the amazing world that we have to enjoy and to explore."

I will close with some words from Jeff Schloss, who – like the others quoted above – finds that Christian faith makes science more satisfying for him. "Once I became a Christian...I had the sense that I was studying the marvels of the natural world, which are marvellous in their own right but become more profoundly engaging and enticing

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when one thinks that you're studying the works of God." Perhaps if we can spend more time listening to people like this, our discussions about

science and faith will also be richer and deeper.

Quotes from videos on [www.wondersofthelivingworld.org](http://www.wondersofthelivingworld.org)

## **Be careful of the sun this summer – melanoma is on the rise**

Skin cancer cases are expected to top 20,000 for the first time this year, according to a recent study by Cancer Research UK.

While the increase in skin cancers has occurred across all the ages, it is highest in the elderly, who enjoyed cheap package holidays to sunny countries during the 60s and 70s. They were exposed to higher ultraviolet radiation without realising the dangers.

The numbers of people aged 80 and over who develop skin cancers has soared by 57 per cent in 10 years. And while younger people are more likely to take precautions against the sun, those aged 25 to 49 are still predicted to see a seven per cent rise in skin cancers this year. Anyone who notices any unusual changes

to their skin should contact their GP.

Cancer Research UK has partnered with Nivea Sun to advise the public to stay in the shade between 11am to 3pm, cover up with clothes, a hat and UV-protected sunglasses, and use sunscreen with protection levels of at least factor 30.

Finding safety in shade goes right back to biblical times. The book of Jonah even tells us that: 'the LORD God prepared a vine, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his discomfort. So, Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the vine.' (Jonah 4:6)

## **Remembering the faith of Eric Liddell – 100 years ago at the Paris Olympics**

The 2024 Paris Olympics (26 July – 11 August) will soon be here. It was 100 years ago this summer, also at the Paris Olympics, that a young science student at Edinburgh University, Eric Liddell, ran an astonishing race that caught the imagination of millions worldwide.

Liddell had been born in China in 1902, to Scottish missionaries there. Early on, he had made a deep commitment to Jesus Christ, and sensed he was being called to spend his life in serving others. But Liddell was also an outstanding sportsman, playing rugby for Scotland before settling on athletics.

When he was chosen for the Paris Olympics, he expected to run his preferred 100m. But then came the news that the race would be run on a Sunday, and Liddell refused. Quickly, he trained for the 200m and

400m. He took bronze at the 200m, but no one expected much from him at the 400m. Instead, he won, and even broke the world record in the process.

After the Olympics, Liddell felt God calling him to his life's work. He went back to China, to teach in a Christian college. As the Second World War loomed, he sent his wife and children home, but stayed on himself. By 1943 Liddell was confined to a brutal prison camp, where he shone among the fellow prisoners – encouraging them, teaching Bible classes, and praying for both his fellow inmates and the prison wardens. Deeply malnourished, his health failed and in 1945, just months before the war ended, he died, aged only 43.

In 1981 his story was made into the Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire*.

## Reflecting Faith: Commissioner Churches

*The Revd Dr Jo White considers the history of our churches*

When you look carefully at churches in towns, you may notice there are many similarities in their designs.

That's because Parliament in 1818 and later in 1824 brought about an Act to enable new churches to be built particularly in towns where the population had grown exponentially due to the industrial revolution and general movement away from the countryside and into town-based work and homes.

These are known as Commissioners, Waterloo or even Million Act churches. The body overseeing the work was the Church Building Commission; the Act followed the end of the Battle of Waterloo and guess how much money was voted to be used by the first Act? A million pounds! The second amount in 1824 was only half a million. All the money was to be used for the Church of England as the 'established' church in Great Britain.

In some cases the Commissioners provided the full cost of the new church; in other cases they provided a partial grant and the balance was raised locally. In total 612 new churches were provided.

One can imagine the significance in those days for country folk to find a local church when they moved away from everything they had known. Not only would it have been spiritually uplifting but they would have been social hubs where connections and friendships were made as well as points of support and practical help; especially for those away from their extended families.

*This month:*

Have a look at your own church and consider what it stands for in your community. What is it that those attending most seek and appreciate? Perhaps ask someone who does not regularly attend church services what they think.

## The Lord of the Rings turns 70

by Tim Lenton

Seventy years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1954, the first part of J R R Tolkien's epic fantasy novel *The Lord of the Rings* was published.

*The Fellowship of the Ring*, the first volume of a trilogy later published together, was a much more adult-oriented sequel to *The Hobbit*, published in 1937. It occupied the same ground – the fictional Middle Earth – and followed the quest of a hobbit, Frodo Baggins, to Mount Doom to destroy a powerful ring that symbolised evil in quite a subtle way.

The fantasy world was peopled not only by hobbits but by such creatures as wizards, elves and the malevolent orcs, among others.

Tolkien, who was born in Bloemfontein in 1892 but moved to England with his English parents at the age of three, became a professor of Anglo Saxon at Oxford, where he met and

befriended C S Lewis. Tolkien was a convinced Roman Catholic, and it was partly as a result of this friendship that the sceptic Lewis became a Christian. They had a strong common interest in myths and ancient stories, which of course came out in their writing – though in different ways.

Tolkien, who wrote much of *The Lord of the Rings* during the Second World War, saw his book as fundamentally Christian – Catholic, in fact – but in no way an allegory (an idea he revolted strongly against). He saw myths as “splintered fragments” of a greater story and his own creative work as a kind of worship. The parallels between Christ and Frodo are obvious to many, but not explicit, and the book stands without that interpretation as a masterpiece.

It was filmed in 2001-2003 in three parts by Peter Jackson and enjoyed great success.

It was 30 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1994, that the Rwandan genocide ended. Up to 1.1 million people were killed by the Hutu-led government and other militias between April and July.

## God in Music

*The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series looking at great works of music.*

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

#### **J S Bach’s joy and dance**

In 1956 a small novel by a German writer, Johannes Rüber, appeared in an English translation. It was called ‘Bach and the Heavenly Choir’ and tells of Pope Gregory XIX’s desire to elevate Bach to the ranks of the saints. To bring together the Lutheran bishop and his own cardinals, he organises a great Bach festival in Rome. At the festival he announces his plan and the reasoning behind it: that in J S Bach ‘faith has become music.’

In that realisation lies the grace and glory of Bach’s achievement, and why we treasure his works today. The irony is that the bulk of his music was never published in his lifetime. The six Brandenburg Concerti, beautifully copied out and offered, were never performed and the music put in a cupboard. His music in all probability would have been lost for ever had it not been for a young Mendelssohn, who just happened to find a manuscript of the St Matthew Passion in his music teacher’s house. He recognised it for its brilliancy and beauty and ordered a massive search to unearth the decaying manuscripts.

So much of Bach’s music was inspired by his joy in believing. Just consider one of the six motets, ‘Jesu, meine Freude’ (Jesus, my joy). It was

probably written for a memorial service in July 1723. In his other works, *freude*, or ‘joy’, releases new movement. In this motet, the word is kept within the constraints of the chorale melody that acts as a framework for the motet. The word that brings a joyous release is *Geist*, Spirit – when it appears, then each voice joins in the chase as notes spill over the page and into our ears, proclaiming the inspiration of God’s Spirit in human life.

This spirit of joy helps us realise that what makes Bach’s music so vital and rewarding is that total sense of movement and dance. Wilfred Mellers wrote a book ‘Bach and the Dance of God,’ showing how so much of Bach’s music is dance-inspired from lively gavottes to more stately sarabandes that can be heard in both the instrumental and choral music. Widor, like Bach a great organist, wrote that ‘For me Bach is the greatest of preachers.’

And what does he preach? That in the end, all is dance and life in the power of God’s Spirit. In ‘Jesu, meine Freude’ as in all his music we hear and relish the movement and pulse of his compositions that open up for us a world where all is joy and dance. That is how Dante ended his vision of Paradise, where everything is movement and dance, and what moves the sun and the other stars is love.

## **Christians Against Poverty calls for more funding for free debt advice**

The free UK debt advice charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), has called for more funding for free debt advice, as demand is expected to rise further.

CAP's recently published annual report highlights how two years of high living costs have been crumbling the financial security of millions of households, and leading them into debt.

It reports that almost three in five of its new clients in debt had income below the poverty line; that 60% of survey respondents had to borrow money to pay household bills; that one in seven skipped meals and two in ten went without heating their home on a daily basis; and that almost three in five borrowed money to pay for food, clothing & other living costs.

CAP's Chief Executive Officer, Stewart McCulloch, says: "Imagine yourself struggling to find enough cash to buy a carton of milk. Shivering in an icy cold house. Your lights are off, curtains closed

because you fear people knocking on your door demanding money you don't have. You're stuck in an endless cycle of borrowing to pay off another debt.

"This is what living in poverty looks like and this is the reality for many people living in your local community.

"Many charities and hundreds of local churches, supported by thousands of kind individuals, are going above and beyond to clear the wreckage of debt and poverty.

"Free debt advice is a vital service that millions of people need right now. At Christians Against Poverty, we helped 18% more people go debt free in 2023. We are aiming to scale up and double the amount of clients we help each month, but we can only achieve that with more donations and funding.

"We need you to join us in this fight against UK poverty so that millions can look forward to a full and fulfilled life, rather than just scraping by." If you would like to donate, please go to: [capuk.org/urgent](https://capuk.org/urgent)

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## Evaluation of independent survivor support service reports ‘positive impact’

A support service for survivors of church-related abuse has published its 2024 Evaluation report.

Safe Spaces, which launched in September 2020, is an independent advocacy and support service for victims and survivors of church-related abuse in the Catholic Church of England and Wales, the Church of England, and the Church in Wales.

The report notes that based on the views of survivors engaged in the evaluation, consultations with staff, as well as the monitoring

reports, Safe Spaces has had a positive impact on the wellbeing and resilience of survivors.

Safe Spaces is operated by the charity First Light, with a dedicated team of six highly trained professionals in place supported by robust systems and processes to manage risks.

The service is available to adults aged 18 or over who have experienced any kind of Church related abuse. The service can be accessed online at <https://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk> or by calling 0300 303 1056.



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

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

### **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> July**

## **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.

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**Church of England  
welcomes opportunities  
to open Special Schools  
following Government  
announcement**

The Church of England has welcomed a government announcement of proposals which would allow for the opening of special faith-based academies.

Special schools are those designed specifically to cater to the needs of children with special educational needs or disabilities. These schools provide tailored support and

interventions that may not be available in mainstream schools.

The Church of England's Chief Education Officer, Nigel Genders, said: "This broad package will mean more people can benefit from the education provided by Church of England Schools which is so highly valued by parents and children and young people."

The announcement also details plans to lift the existing 50 per cent cap on faith-based admissions in new free schools.

It was 65 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1959, that the first hovercraft crossed the English Channel. The SRN-1 had been designed by British inventor Christopher Cockerell.

And it was 60 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1964, that NASA launched its Ranger 7 space probe on a mission to the Moon. On 31<sup>st</sup> July it sent back the first close-up images of the lunar surface.

If you would like to place an advert for your business in our parish magazine, then please contact Liz Bradshaw for more information on prices etc. - [liz.bradshaw@w3z.co.uk](mailto:liz.bradshaw@w3z.co.uk)

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## Prime Ministers

*Dr Peter Brierley reflects on Britain's Prime Ministers*

Britain had its first Prime Minister (PM) in 1721 when Sir Robert Walpole took the job; he was a Whig. In total thus far we have had 81 Prime Ministers; this excludes First Ministers and doesn't count separately an existing PM who wins the election and continues in office. If s/he loses but subsequently wins another term, each term is counted separately.

We have had 56 different people as Prime Ministers.

The longest serving one was Sir Robert Walpole, who was PM for 21 years. In length he was followed by the Tory William Pitt the Younger in 1783, then by Robert Jenkinson, the Earl of Liverpool in 1812, also a Tory. These are the first three of PMs who have served over 7 years.

There were 16 PMs in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, 33 in the 19<sup>th</sup>, 25 in the 20<sup>th</sup> and so far seven in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Labour and the early Tories had slightly more time in office than the number of Prime Ministers *pro rata*. Rishi Sunak is the first British Asian Prime Minister.

# READINGS & ROTAS FOR JULY 2024

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES</u>
7	3pm	Family Communion	Fiona Swain
14	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “
21	9.30am	Holy Communion	Fiona Lichfield
28	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>
7	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon
14	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw
21	10.45am	Matins	Mr & Mrs Wardle
28	10.45am	Holy Communion	John Bowns/Mike Pindar
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
7	Mr & Mrs /Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Wedding flowers
14	Lesley Butcher/Helen Garvey	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Christine Robinson
21	Mr & Mrs Hubbuck	Mr & Mrs Grealey	“ “
28	Clive & Joy Thrower	Wilma Day	Wilma Day
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>
7	<b>2 Corinthians 12: 2-10</b> <b>Mark 6:1-13</b>	John Bowns <i>Trinity Six</i>	TBA
14	<b>Ephesians 1:3-14</b> <b>Mark 6:14-29</b>	Mike Woodcock <i>Trinity Seven</i>	Fiona Swain
21	<b>Jeremiah 23:1-6</b> <b>Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end</b>	Christine Robinson <i>Trinity Eight</i>	Sarah Porter
28	<b>Ephesians 3:14-end</b> <b>John 6:1-21</b>	Roger Wardle <i>Trinity Nine</i>	Rupert Turner
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