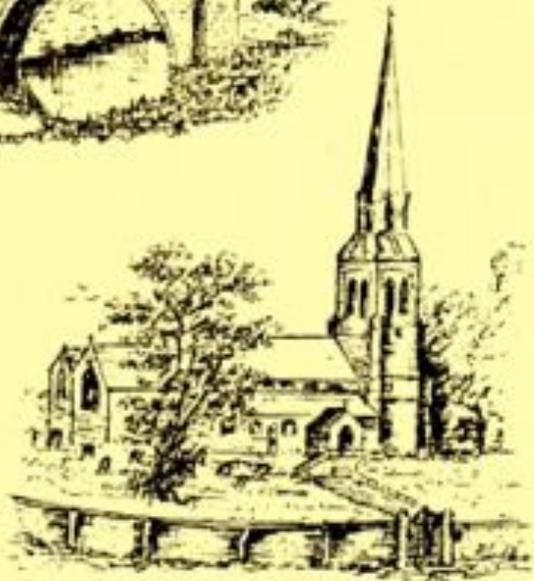


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March 2024

We began Lent hearing the words of the Ash Wednesday Liturgy:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

That reminder, as we embarked on the journey through Lent, can sound doom laden but for me, though, the season of Lent is one of hope. The reminder that I cannot be (and should not want or try to be) invincible, that I am limited, flawed, fallen - but that there is remedy in Christ - is a gift of reassurance.

For me the season of Lent allows an annual return to the heart of our faith. There is a joy and freedom in letting go of the things we accumulate materially and spiritually that leads to selfishness and self-reliance, in the chance to turn away from misplaced trust in anything but the death and resurrection of Jesus.

My motto this Lent has been to 'keep it simple'. I am trying to live more simply, to take pleasure in simple things and to return to the simple things at the heart of our faith.

I am gently seeking to live out through Lent the aims we have named for our diocese:

to **'deepening relationship with God'**, for example, by reading my way through John's Gospel, through Lent Reflections online, through the Bishops' Leadership Team Lent book group;

to **'making new disciples'**, for example, by sharing more of my experience of faith with my family and friends, by speaking of Jesus in meetings I attend, and by inviting people to make a choice to follow Jesus in every service I lead;

to **'serving our local contexts'** by joining volunteers somewhere across the diocese every week and learning something both of the needs of our

County and City and the ways churches are responding;

to **'challenging injustice'** by cutting down on my environmental impact and encouraging biodiversity in my own garden and across our churches, and by being bolder in public to speak of those issues which face the most vulnerable and at risk, such as refugees and asylum seekers, and the homeless.

These simple ways of repentance – that is, of choosing to turn towards those things that are pleasing to God (which usually also means turning away from those things that separate us from God and neighbour) – are life-giving preparation for entering once again into the story of Holy Week and so being ready to receive the extraordinary promise fulfilled at Easter.

I pray you too are discovering the hope of this Lenten season. And that you know the joy of Easter when it comes.

+ Libby Derby

The Rt Revd Libby Lane
Lord Bishop of Derby

FROM THE REGISTERS

St. Peter's Church, Edensor ~ 30th January

Funeral Service followed by Cremation

Kevan Ronald Slack aged 64 years (*died 28.12.23*)

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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 talks to us about some aspect of their spiritual life for about 30 mins, followed by questions.



You are very welcome to join us at 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.

March talks:

Tuesday 5th March - Revd Canon Matt Barnes
Mission and Ministry

Wednesday 13th March - Archdeacon Nicky Fenton
So what does an Archdeacon do?

Wednesday 20th March - Siobhan Spencer
The Diocese and the Travelling Community

Do come and join us - we aren't at all scary!

Easy Fundraising

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



To Register

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

To Shop

- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Search for your store in the alphabetical list
- Go ahead and shop

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

St. Peter's Church 100 Club January Draw 2024

1st Prize £25 - no. 39 Duncan Gordon

2nd prize £15 - no. 91 Barbara Hawksworth

Funds to church this month - £50

From January 2024

1st prize £25; 2nd prize £15

**In 2023 we raised £705 for the
Restoration Fund.**

The running total raised since we began the 100 Club in 2008 is **£12,019.69!**

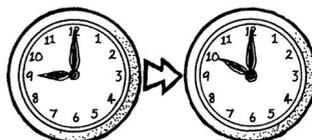
Thank you everyone for your support.

**However, we are short of 8
numbers for 2024. New members
welcome.**

Ann Hall

DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD

The clocks will go forward for the start of British Summer Time on Sunday, March 31st, 2024. The clock will jump from 11.59pm to 1am, which might be a surreal experience for anybody closely watching their digital device. Of course, manual clocks will have to be wound forward.



St. Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect two churchwardens and an assistant churchwarden will be held on Sunday 10th March, in Church after the morning service. All residents of the ecclesiastical parish of Edensor and on the local government electoral roll, or those on the church electoral roll, are entitled to vote.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow this meeting and only those on the church electoral roll may vote at this meeting. However, it is open for anyone to attend.

Please supply Gillian Davie with your email address if you would like to receive the Annual Meeting documents via email. Her email address is:

gillian_davie@hotmail.co.uk

<i>Documents will include:</i>	Minutes of the 2023 APCM	Deanery Synod Report
	2023 Accounts and Examiner's Report	Nomination forms for Churchwardens & Deanery Synod membership
	Steeple Keeper's Report	List of current PCC members
	Electoral Roll	
	Annual Church Report	



SPECIAL SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 24th March

St. Anne's 9.30am ~ Holy Communion

St. Peter's 10.45 ~ Holy Communion

Join us in the procession from the Green with Revd Canon Matt Barnes and meet the two delightful donkeys Puck and Treacle

Compline Service at St. Peter's 7pm

Monday 25th; Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March

Maundy Thursday 28th March

Holy Communion 7pm ~ St. Anne's, Beeley

Easter Day Sunday 31st March

10.45am Joint Service with St. Anne's at St. Peter's

Dates for your Diary - March 2024

- 2 Sheffield Society Orchid Show 10am-4pm**
St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, sheffield S17 3LE
Entry Tickets £5 (*buy tickets at Evenbrite*)
Children & Over 65s free entry on door
- 12 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting - 7.3pm** Beeley Village Hall
History of Beeley Part 3 *Chris Boyce*
Refreshments & raffle: Laura Boyce and Jude Shore
- 19 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP - 7pm** Beeley Village Hall
David Spencer talking about Peak District Rural Life in the 18th Century
Part III
- 20 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting - 7pm** Cavendish Hall, Edensor
Speaker: Rashelle Maltz-Jones- 'Freshwater Pearls'
Competition: a small pearl ornament or piece of jewellery.
- 28 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)

March 10th - **Witness** USA 1985

Early Notice

Edensor Village Day & Open Gardens Saturday 15th June 11am - 4pm

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

HELP NEEDED!

We are in need of more people to go on the cleaning rota at St. Peter's. Two of our couples have decided it's time to hang up their dusters and we do thank them for their time spent cleaning the church. However, the rota is now down to just four couples, which really isn't enough to cover holidays/illness etc. and to give people space before they're next on the rota.

If you feel you would like to help please have a word with the Wardens. Many hands etc.....(and thank you).

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 FLOWERS AT ST. PETER'S

There has been a change of plan to the Easter Lilies. We have just found out that Canon Andie Brown, who is taking the service on Easter Sunday, is very allergic to Lilies and daffodils, to the point where he had to be hospitalised on one occasion. We will still have beautiful flowers in the church over Easter, just not lilies. We hope you will still feel able to make a donation towards the flowers and if you wish sign 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 uncertain weather still with us, bringing cold winds, rain and possibly even some more snow, we should continue to think of those less fortunate people who know what it is like to be hungry, homeless and cold. Nadine Harrington makes regular trips to the Centre to deliver these donations through their booking system for dropping goods off.

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

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

Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on Wednesday 31st January 2024 in the Cavendish Chapel

Eight members of the PCC were present with apologies received from Cynthia Gordon and David Hartington.

Canon Mark Titterton opened the Meeting with a reading.

Minutes from the previous meeting held on Wednesday 11th October 2023 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising not on the Agenda There were no matters arising

Report from the Chair The PCC were informed of the death of Revd Michael Gowdey on 22nd January. Michael was Vicar of Beeley and Edensor from 1997-2003. RIP

Vacancy update The Licensing of Rev. Mark Griffin will be held on Sunday April 21st at 3.00pm. This will be the only service of the day. The Cathedral Choristers (boys) will be singing at the service. The offering of the symbols during the service will be shared by representatives from St. Anne's and St. Peter's. Tea and cakes will be served at the back of church after the service and the PCC were asked to bake some cakes for the event.

Finance Canon Mark Titterton had brought copies of the draft accounts to the meeting and went through them thoroughly with the PCC. Canon Mark noted that to maintain this level of income during the Vacancy period was an amazing achievement.

The biggest fundraising activity is Edensor Day.

The PCC thanked Mark for all his hard work.

Churchyard Mike Pindar was thanked for cutting back the epicormic growth on the lime trees. It was noted that the holly hedge at the bottom of the church boundary was in need of cutting back and Mike would take a look at this. He would also have a look at the North steps to see if they required cleaning.

MAP Updates Lynne had sent round the update to the PCC prior to the meeting. The main problem at the moment is draughts from windows inside the church. The solution may need to be an on-going project, and there is a query as to what would be allowed to be done due to the listed status of the church. Lynne proposed asking the architect about the windows, seconded by Mike Pindar. All in favour.

Website Jemima had sent the PCC a 'draft' of the proposed new website and asked for comments. She said that she should have a working re-draft by the end of the month. Jemima is wanting to include an interactive map and Nadine suggested that could be linked to What3Words. All agreed. Any final decision about design etc. will be in consultation with the new Vicar.

Schedule of Works Windows (discussed earlier) and the leaks found during the storms before Christmas, Liz will contact Richard Brook, the architect about these items.

Safeguarding Nothing to report. Lynne will check with Sarah that all PCC members are now up to date with their training.

Fundraising Lynne will contact Helen Marchant about Lord Burlington's talk on 11th April. Liz has booked Partita for a concert on 1st June at 6pm.

Edensor Day will be 15th June and other fundraising events are being investigated.

Conservation of Brass Monument Liz had contacted Martin Stuchfield again to find out where we are on his waiting list.

AOB Sheep Service 28th April (**Note this has now been changed to 5th May**)

Date of APCM This will be held on Sunday 10th March after the morning service followed by a short PCC meeting

Date of next PCC meeting to be arranged.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8.05pm

The story of aspirin

You will probably have taken aspirin, in one form or other, many times. But how much do you know of its history?

It was 125 years ago this month, on 6th March 1899, that the German pharmaceutical company Bayer first patented aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid).

But this is based on salicylic acid, which was used in herbal medicines as far back as Sumerian times, in 2500 BC. It was then that the Assyrians used willow leaves for rheumatic disease. The Egyptians also used willow leaves, as well as myrtle, to ease joint pain or inflammation.

In Greece, Hippocrates (460-377 BC) recommended an extract of willow bark for fever, pain and childbirth. And even the peoples of ancient China, Rome, and Native America all discovered and used plants containing salicylic acid.

Fast forward to Chaucer's 14th century, and the Knight's Tale recommends the use of meadow

sweet for pain, another source of acetylsalicylic acid.

In 1763, some science was introduced, when an English clergyman, the Revd Edward Stone, used willow bark to successfully treat fever 'ague' in 50 of his parishioners. He carefully documented it all for the President of the Royal Society.

In 1828, Johann Andreas Buchner, a Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Munich, purified salicin from willow bark.

In 1859, Professor Hermann Kolbe, at Marburg University worked out the chemical structure of salicylic acid and made it synthetically.

In 1897, Dr Felix Hoffman, a German chemist at Friedrich Bayer and Co, managed to produce pure stable acetylsalicylic acid (ASA). His discovery was the first time that a drug had been made synthetically, and so it was the birth of both

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Church of England welcomes Listed Places of Worship funding

Church of England Cathedrals and churches were among nearly 5,000 religious buildings to recently receive a share of up to £42 million in Government funding aimed at helping with the conservation of listed places of worship.

The Listed Places of Worship (LPW) Grant Scheme gives grants covering the VAT on repairs to listed buildings used as places of worship.

Beneficiaries of the scheme over the last year included Leicester Cathedral, which received more than £600,000 for restoration work; Chichester Cathedral, dating from the 11th century, received more than £195,000 for its roof and lighting projects; and the 12th-century Collegiate Church of St Mary in Warwick, which was granted more than £141,500 to repair its ancient tower.

Emily Gee, Director for Cathedral and Church Buildings for the Church of England said: "Our churches and cathedrals provide spiritual, pastoral and practical support to their communities, and are key to the cultural heritage of the country.

"Their presence boosts local economies and provides jobs and volunteer roles, and in many cases, they are the only publicly open building in their local place, where other amenities have closed.

"More than three quarters of our nearly 16,000 church buildings are listed, meaning they are of great significance to our nation's heritage.

"We are enormously grateful for the Government's Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme and the support that it provides in helping our church buildings remain central to the life of this country."

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aspirin and the pharmaceutical industry.

Finally, in early 1899 the new compound was named and registered Aspirin. The 'A' comes from acetyl and 'spir' from the first

part of *Spirea ulmaria* (Meadowsweet) a botanical source of salicylic acid.

So next time you take an aspirin, think of the Assyrians chewing willow leaves, 4,000 years ago.

30 years since the ordination of women

It was 30 years ago this month, on 12th March 1994, that the first 32 women were ordained as priests in the Church of England. The service was officiated by Bishop Barry Rogerson at Bristol Cathedral.

Bishop Rogerson ordained the women in alphabetical order, so Angela Berners-Wilson was the very first woman to be ordained. She was a university chaplain.

The youngest woman to be ordained that day was aged 30. The oldest was 69. By 2004, ten years on, one of the women priests had died, and 14 had retired.

Bishop Rogerson reckoned it would take 10 years before the first woman would be ordained as a bishop. In the end, it took 21 years.

Then Libby Lane was ordained the first female bishop in the Church of England. She became Bishop of Stockport, a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Chester.

The first woman to be ordained a diocesan bishop was the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester, appointed on 26th March 2015

There are currently 25 women bishops in the Church of England.

Time for the Great Daffodil Appeal

The month of March brings us the Great Daffodil Appeal. This annual campaign is a fundraising initiative by the Marie Curie charity, which provides care and support to people living with terminal illnesses and their families.

The Great Daffodil Appeal says: "Right now one in four people don't get the care they need at the end of life. With your support, we can help bring end of life care and support to everyone who needs it, in their homes and in our hospices."

Here are some ways to participate:

- Purchase a Daffodil Pin: And wear it as a symbol of support.
- Organise or Attend Fundraising Events.
- Volunteer Your Time: to help with various activities during the appeal.

The Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal was established to honour the memory of Marie Curie, a pioneering scientist known for her work on radioactivity, as well as her dedication to providing care to those with cancer. The daffodil, a symbol of renewal and hope, was chosen to represent the campaign's message of support and care for individuals with terminal illnesses.

<https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil>

Dramatic decline of religion on TV

There is less television being devoted to religion and ethics than there used to be. A *lot* less.

The latest statistics from Ofcom, the industry regulator, reveal a dramatic reduction in television programmes about ‘religion and ethics’ broadcast by the public-service broadcasting networks (PSBs): BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5.

Comparing 2022 with 2011, peak time hours of ‘first-run’ UK origination output fell by 85 per cent; while peak-time hours of ‘all origin’ output (that is, including bought-in material) fell by 76 per cent. Channel 4 dropped from being the most prolific network to providing no output at all; and the BBC output fell by 65 per cent.

Roger Bolton, a former BBC and ITV executive and independent producer, wrote recently in the Church Times:

“All this has happened without a peep from Ofcom or the boards of the PSBs, who are supposed to protect the public interest. There have been no peeps, either, from religious leaders. They seem to be asleep, or preoccupied with their own internal issues, unaware of this wanton destruction.”

“In my opinion, television commissioners ... underestimate the power of religion and the continuing interest in it. They also seem to forget that people are moral creatures, often keen to do the right thing, but wishing to discuss and debate what that is.”

(From Church Times, 19th Jan 2024, p14)

CAP responds to Ofgem's call for input on standing charges

CAP has written a letter responding to Ofgem’s call for input on standing charges.

For people on prepayment meters especially, standing charges can be problematic. Over summer, when people may not be using their gas for heating yet, they are still required to pay a daily standing charge. This can mean that when temperatures

drop and people want to heat their home, they are faced with a high debt to repay before they can do so.

CAP would like Ofgem to note that the levels of most standing charges are currently too high, and can lead to longer periods of self-disconnection. More needs to be done by suppliers, Ofgem and the Government to support low-income households afford their energy use.

Ministry Experience Scheme 'key' to C of E goal of reaching more young people

The Ministry Experience Scheme (MES) could play a key role in helping the Church of England achieve its goals of recruiting more people to work in ministry to children, youth and families by 2030, a conference has heard.

The Revd Helen Fraser, Head of Vocations for the Church of England, spoke of her hope that the MES Future Youth programme - training in children and youth work for young adults as part of a year-long ministry placement, will grow following its pilot launch in six dioceses this year.

The Revd Helen Fraser said: "We often think vocation just means ordination but vocation actually is all that God calls us to - it just means

'call' and that can be as simple as Jesus saying to His disciples 'come follow me' – that is a vocation, all the way through to something very much more specific," she said.

She went on: "For some people that will be the really clear and right outcome. But please keep an open mind and a broad mind if that is not clear to you yet because there are lots of different expressions of ministerial vocation that will all, over time, help us to be the Church that God is calling us together to be."

MES Chair and Chair of the Future Youth Steering Group, the Bishop of Jarrow, Sarah Clark said: "It is always a great joy for me to hear the stories of so many young adults utterly alive in their faith in Jesus Christ, actively exploring their vocation while serving their local church and community with love."

Our young people are just so unhappy

Young people in the UK are feeling more lonely, and yet are less likely to have a stable relationship or friendship than they did, even a decade ago.

So finds the Boys Brigade, which carried out an extensive study as part of its recent 140th anniversary events.

Almost half of the young people questioned admitted that they were in

regular mental distress, and yet had had no medical diagnosis or treatment.

Rates of self-harm, disability, and obesity have also gone up. One in every seven young people is even unhappy with their appearance.

The study, Youth Culture and Trends, also found that the shift to spending more time online with others, rather than in face-to-face relationships, mirrors a reported decline in the satisfaction with friendships and rise in loneliness.

Reflecting Faith: Lychgates

The Revd Dr Jo White considers church gates this month

On the moors near to where I used to live in West Yorkshire, there were a couple of large stones with crosses marked on them. Many people thought that they were boundary or marker stones, and in so far as they marked the way towards the oldest church in that area they were. To be more exact, they were on the route towards the oldest churchyard.

In ages past bodies were carried by hand, sometimes over long distances, and there were restrictions placed on where they could be laid to allow the bearers to rest. These two stones were 'resting' stones.

When a body arrived at the church for burial, it would again be put down while the administrative formalities were carried out, and again the bearers could rest. So, a resting stone was placed at the edge or start of the consecrated land around the church. The priest conducting the funeral would meet the cortege here, not originally out of respect, but rather to receive the required legal certificate for burial before he allowed them to enter the church grounds.

Because of typical English weather - rain and wind - it was usually

sheltered, and benches were built for the bearers. There would also be a cross within the construction to signify the start of holy land. This is what today we call the 'lych-gate'; lych coming from the anglo-saxon word lich or lic, related to the modern German word leiche, all meaning corpse.

Few old lychgates remain today, as many were destroyed or damaged after the Reformation, and most of those that survived were constructed of timber and have since decayed. In the eighteenth century, when the use for the resting stones and thus lychgates declined, many were removed and replaced with gates, often retaining the shelter as it continues to be a meeting place for the priest to receive funeral parties.

This month

Try and visit a lychgate this month and actually spend a few moments under its shelter. Have a think about what burdens you want to lay down. What do you need to be sheltered from?

Why we should be like donkeys

Lester Amann considers the little donkey...

Are you a pet-lover? Many people own a dog, a cat or a budgie, but most of us don't own a donkey! Yet in Bible times, donkeys were essential to daily life. They did everything from helping to grind corn, to ploughing, to carrying people, to transporting their belongings. Despite their small frame, donkeys are surprisingly tough. They can survive on poor fodder and can travel an average of 20 miles a day.

There are two occasions in the Christian calendar where donkeys walk into the picture. At Christmas, Mary travelled the 100 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem on a donkey. And although a donkey doesn't get a specific mention in the manger story, that same one that transported her was probably there; where else would it have been?

On Palm Sunday Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Jesus

deliberately chose this animal rather than a horse. Why? In Bible times, the horse was associated with war, conquest and worldly might. But the donkey was a symbol of peace and humility. So, Jesus used this animal to show that He had come with the dignity of the king of peace. His entry into the Holy City also fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy concerning the Messiah.

Donkeys are hardworking and undemanding. They wait for their master to put them to the work He has chosen for them. And, remarkably, each one bears the mark of the Cross on their backs!

Perhaps that is something we should learn—to wait for Jesus our Master, to be always obedient to Him, to serve Him with all our hearts, and to bear the mark of His grace in our lives.



It was 50 years ago, on 29th March 1974, that the Terracotta Army was discovered in Shaanxi, China, by a group of farmers who were digging a well. The 8,000 life-sized warriors, plus chariots

and horses were buried with the first Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang (247 BC - 210 BC) to protect him in the afterlife.

The Coventry Passion Cross

Norma Murrain designs Christian jewellery and has produced a version of the Coventry Passion Cross. (www.silverfishjewellery.co.uk). As Easter approaches, she contemplates the Coventry Passion Cross...

“He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement that bought us peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:4-6

Coventry Cathedral uses as its emblem the Coventry Passion Cross – three nails together forming the Cross of Christ. Here is my reflection on the Coventry Passion Cross; what does this design mean to you?

The first nail is the carpenter’s nail and focuses us on the purpose of the nail. We are reminded that Jesus worked as a carpenter before entering His ministry. As He sat there in His carpenter’s workshop, smoothing and working the wood with love, did He contemplate the rugged cross on which He would one day be crucified? As He hammered nails into wood, did He ever accidentally hammer one into His finger, and as He felt that pain, did He foresee the nails of His crucifixion? As He carried large logs to His

workshop to make tables, chairs, and doors, did He contemplate the cross he would one day carry to Calvary?

The second nail is the nail of **Passion**, it represents the nails in Jesus’ hands and feet that He accepted because of His passionate love for us.

The third nail is the nail of Promise, like the promise He made to the dying thief on the cross. It was that if we believe in Him, then we will reign with Him in paradise. This is the nail that Christ offers to you and to me. Will you accept this nail as a sign of His passionate love, His forgiveness of your sin and promise of eternal life for all who will come to Him? If so, why not pray the following prayer this Eastertide?

Pray

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You that You have a plan and a purpose for my life, thank You for Your passionate love for me, thank You that Your blood was shed for my sins, thank You for Your promise of eternal life. As I think about that nail of promise, I receive Your passion, Your grace and Your forgiveness, may I fulfil Your plan and purpose for my life, In Jesus name, Amen.

Why saying hello is important

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

What lessons can Christians learn from a London rail worker who was recently honoured by King Charles, for talking 29 people out of taking their own lives?

Maybe something about the power of conversation and being willing to 'stop for a chat.'

Rizwan Javed helped to save each life over a period of eight years, by being alert and approaching vulnerable individuals in difficult situations. He was awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours earlier this year.

Rizwan was alert, and willing to engage people in conversation.

Anglican priest Jemima Prasadam's style of talking with people has been described as 'bus stop theology.' She puts it into action on the half-mile walk from her home to the church in Lozells, an inner-city area of West Birmingham, with high unemployment and poverty. Her engaging approach is featured in *Stick with Love*, a recent book by Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall in northern England.

She explained: "I don't go out looking to talk to people, but I am ready to

do it. I don't pass anybody without saying 'Hello' and when I leave, I always say 'God bless you.' Meetings happen on a daily basis, but often only last as long as it takes for the bus to arrive.

"People often say they are not religious, but I say we are all spiritual beings, and they agree. So, I simply tell them that weak and simple people like me call that God."

Sadly, we are living in a society where conversations are being closed down. People who might have chatted on the bus or train, are now deeply involved with their mobile phones.

Supermarkets are phasing out staffed checkout points, so that elderly people and others who live alone are deprived of those conversations that can make a difference to their day. Jesus asked questions as a vital component of His earthly ministry. His deep conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4 begins with Him asking for a drink.

Maybe we, as Christians and churches, need to be looking out for more chances to start conversations, to give people the opportunity to open up about their lives. In our busy, rushing-around world, there are many people out there who are just longing for a chat...

What do you think of the weather forecasts?

It seems there is some turbulence between the Met Office and the Royal Meteorological Society.

The Royal Meteorological Society has objected to the recent “deluge” of cautionary statements that the Met Office put out concerning the recent storms. It says that “probably not a day went by” during one week of bad weather; “without a weather warning.” It fears that too many warnings will risk making people “complacent”.

The Met Office, backed by a Cabinet Officer minister, Alex Burghart, disagreed. Responding to an urgent question in the House of Commons, he said:

“The forecasting capabilities of our experts in the Met Office and the accuracy and speed at which they can warn and inform the public of incoming severe weather events does, with no doubt, save lives and protect our homes and businesses.”

What do you think? Is the Met Office playing Nanny, or getting it right?

Happy Birthday Barbie!

It was 65 years ago, on 9th March 1959, that the Barbie doll was first launched at the International Toy Fair in New York City. So, 9th March is Barbie’s official birthday.

Here are some things you may not know about the doll:

- Barbie is arguably the world’s most popular doll. In fact, more than 100 are sold every minute.
- Barbie is 11-inches (29cm) tall and made of plastic. She has dubious origins, for she was modelled on a curvaceous doll in Germany called Lilli, who had originated as a highly risqué cartoon character in the West German newspaper Bild Zeitung.
- Barbie was designed by Jack Ryan, an engineer who worked on guided missile systems used by the US

military. He developed her iconic twisting waist and bendable knee joints that clicked.

In 1959 Barbie was ‘born’ in Southern California, the brainchild of Ruth Handler, who had co-founded the Mattel toy company with her husband in 1945. She wanted an adult doll that would inspire girls in the same way action figures of firefighters and soldiers encourage boys.

In 1961 Mattel launched Barbie’s boyfriend, Ken. (The Handler’s children were named Barbara and Ken.) In 1980, Barbie was given an African American incarnation and a Latino incarnation.

The original Barbie had impossible body proportions. If she had been

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Where is the most generous place in the UK?

The fundraising website GoFundMe has praised the British public, as recent figures show that it receives a donation every second of every day.

The generosity of the British can even be broken down into regions. Last year Manchester was the most generous place in the UK, with 43,135 donations, while Liverpool (36,739), Brighton (19,641), Lisburn (11,122) and Saint Albans (10,474) came in second, third, fourth and fifth respectively.

This past year, many British donors have given to the victims of conflicts and natural disasters, from Ukraine to Syria, Turkey to Morocco, not forgetting those impacted by the various storms that battered the UK itself.

One notable success was for victims of Storm Babet, whose homes were flooded in Chesterfield. The fundraiser, organised by a team at Lifehouse Church in the town, raised more than £92,000, from a total of 1,600 donations.

All in all, the UK was ranked as the third most generous country in the world per capita, with more than four million donations made last year.

Tim Cadogan, chief executive of GoFundMe, said the organisation has now celebrated its “billion-pound milestone” of donations raised from the UK since its inception in 2017, and he estimates a quarter of a billion pounds was raised on the platform in 2023 alone – which he said were “incredible numbers”.

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human, she would have been 5 feet 9 inches tall and weigh 110 pounds. Her bust, waist, and hip measurements would be 36, 18, and 38 inches respectively. Her neck wouldn't be able to support her head, and her tiny ankles and feet would make walking impossible.

Barbie's first 'job' was as a fashion model. Since then, the doll has had more than 250 careers. These include being a surgeon, serving in the military, and even being an astronaut.

Barbie has been positioned as the 'ultimate American girl', but she has never been manufactured in the United States, to avoid higher labour costs. More than a billion Barbie dolls have been sold since 1959.

To celebrate, the Design Museum in London is holding an exhibition this summer, to tell the story of “one of the most recognisable brands on the planet.”

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.

What will March bring? Mental health ideas for uncertain times

We may all have rather mixed feelings on reaching March this year. On the one hand, it is lovely to see the onset of Spring, but the wars in Ukraine and Israel-Gaza grind on, as does the cost-of-living crisis. We may need to find new ways to keep going, so here are some suggestions that draw on both science and Christian theology.

Getting outside

Time outdoors in a natural environment is very good for you – and you can't argue with the happy hormones produced by exercise. Attending to the details of nature can also inspire awe, which has been linked to positive mood, and increased life satisfaction. Enjoying Creation can also help us connect with God.

Looking outside

If you are truly stuck indoors, try putting bird feeders outside your window so creation comes to you. This is also an act of kindness (see below)!

Lament and praise

The Psalms are a rich resource to help us express both our grief and

our thanks to God. Try reading one or two each day.

Journaling

Keep a journal of thoughts, experiences or practices you have engaged with during the day. Constructing a personal narrative or story is now recognised as a very powerful psychological and spiritual tool for building resilience. It is also a vital learning tool that we can go back to when tough times return in the future.

Acts of kindness

Helping or encouraging someone else is obviously a good thing to do in itself, but it also has a very positive effect on the giver - spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and even physically. Whichever way you look at it, finding new ways to show kindness to others can be a very effective way to help ourselves feel better too.

Gratitude

Gratitude is another natural drug – in a sense – that can help us feel better. Try keeping a grateful diary, adding a few things each day.

Laugh, sing, make music, dance
All of these activities are deeply rooted in our physical and mental makeup. You may have forgotten how great they feel, especially in times of sadness, but we can learn from children who do them very naturally.

I hope these ideas may help bring us closer to God, each other, and His creation.

God in Music

The Rev Michael Burgess looks at great works of music.

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

Hildegard of Bingen

In 1980 Ted Perry decided to found a new independent record company, Hyperion. If that was not financial risk enough, in the following year Hyperion issued a CD of a composer virtually unknown in the 1980s – *Hildegard of Bingen*. The risk paid off, and Gothic Voices’ recording of the music of this remarkable medieval nun became a best seller. The CD sold in its thousands and received awards from the gramophone industry.

‘A feather on the breath of God’, the title of the CD, is how Hildegard described herself. ‘Listen, there was a king sitting on his throne. Around him stood great and wonderfully beautiful columns ornamented with ivory, bearing the banners of the king with great honour. Then it pleased the king to raise a small feather from the ground and he commanded it to fly. The feather flew, not because of anything in itself, but because the air bore it along. Thus am I a feather on the breath of God.’

Hildegard was born in 1098, the tenth child of noble parents who lived in western Germany. Aged only eight, she was given into the care of

Jutta, abbess of a monastery in the Rhineland, near Bingen. There she lived the life of an enclosed nun, her only contact with the world outside via a grille through which food was passed.

After 30 years, Hildegard left that cell and was assigned a scribe, who wrote down her visions and meditations in two volumes. She founded two monasteries, wrote books on medicine and natural healing and the first morality play, and composed a great range of songs. She corresponded with the great and the good, and as the ‘Sybil of the Rhine,’ her advice was sought by popes and emperors, by kings and bishops. A truly creative life of prayer and service until her death in 1179.

The starting point for her own compositions was the plainsong of that time. Modern techniques of singing and performing often make plainsong slow and heavy. The secret to bringing plainchant alive is to sing it with relaxed attention. In many ways that is the secret of the life of prayer: that paradox of resting in the Lord while being alert to the promptings of his spirit. Hildegard realised that secret as she brought to her music, as she did to everything, an intensity of emotion and faith, developing the medieval plainchant into melodies that flowed off the page and soared into the skies.

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Looking for the Resurrection

Paul Hardingham considers that first Easter morning...

An old couple are driving down the motorway when the wife gets a call from their daughter. *'Mum, there's a car driving the wrong way down the motorway!'* The wife warns her husband that there is a lunatic on the motorway. Her husband, clutching the wheel in terror, replies: *'One lunatic? There are dozens of them, all headed straight for us!'* What we see is determined by our perspective on life.

In the Nicene Creed we say: *'We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.'* In the gospel accounts of the Resurrection, there is a lot of looking and seeing. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome went early to the tomb. They saw the stone rolled aside and inside the tomb a young man dressed in white said to them: *'Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has*

risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him...He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him' (Mark 16: 6,7).

Like the women we would probably have been left *'trembling and bewildered'* by what we saw that morning. Had the body been taken? Was the young man an angel or deceiver? Was Jesus raised to life again, or was this an elaborate hoax?

Easter gives us a choice. We can approach life looking for disappointment, fear and despair. Or we can look for resurrection and find not just an empty tomb, but encounter the living Christ. He continues to meet us in our daily lives bringing new hope, forgiveness of sin, healing and wholeness and the assurance of His presence through the darkest of times. God invites us to see our lives differently and look for Christ's resurrection life at work in our lives and the people around us.

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It is all there in the chant 'O ignis spiritus' on the CD – an ecstatic song, praising the life of God's Spirit as breath and spark of flame, as a power within and armour without. As Hildegard contemplates this gift,

her music moves and grows, reaching upwards to God's throne of glory in praise and adoration and outwards to those who listen.

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The consequences of turning down a social invitation

77 per cent of us have accepted an invitation to an activity that we did not want to attend.

But according to recent research at West Virginia University, we may be over-estimating the anger and disappointment we will cause if we say no.

As one researcher confessed: "I was once invited to an event that I absolutely did not want to attend, but I attended anyway because I was nervous that the person who invited me would be upset if I did not, and that appears to be a common experience. Our research shows,

however, that the [negative ramifications](#) of saying no are much less severe than we expect."

The recent study found that, as long as the person who refuses the invitation provides a reasonable explanation, then any anger or disappointment is greatly reduced. That is good news to those of us who are struggling to cope with the commitments and events we already have at present.

As one doctor said, "Burnout is a real thing... don't be afraid to turn down invitations here and there. But keep in mind that spending time with others is how relationships develop, so don't decline every invitation."

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

Appointment Times:

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

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

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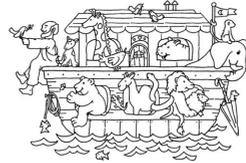
Destination? (smile...)

Lenora, 95 years old and in excellent health, confided that she was terribly worried: "Every

one of my friends has already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went!"

Noah had problems, too

When Noah sailed the waters blue, he had his troubles same as you. For 40 days he drove the Ark before he found a place to park.



World Water Day, 22nd March

World Water Day became a UN observance day in 1993.

It wants to focus attention on the global water crisis, and raise awareness of the 2.2 billion people still living without access to safe

water. It hopes to inspire action to tackle the water and sanitation crisis. This year, World Water Day 2024 will focus on the theme, 'Leveraging Water for Peace'.



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READINGS & ROTAS FOR MARCH 2024

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES*</u>	
3	9.30am	Holy Communion	<i>Father Bob Boyle</i>	Fiona Lichfield
10	3pm	Family Communion	<i>Revd Brenda Jackson</i>	“ “
17	9.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>David Neale</i>	Liz Turner
24	9.30am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Matt Barnes</i>	“ “
28	7pm	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Matt Barnes (Maundy Thursday)</i>	
31	Joint service at St. Peter's			Sarah Porter
* Brasses only during Lent				
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
3	10.45am	Holy Communion	<i>Father Bob Boyle</i>	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
10	10.45am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Clive Thrower</i>	John Bowns/Mike Pindar
17	10.45am	Matins	<i>David Neale</i>	Mr & Mrs Gordon
24	10.45am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Matt Barnes</i>	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw
25/26/27 7pm Compline				
31	10.45am	Holy Communion	<i>Canon Andie Brown</i>	Mr & Mrs Wardle
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>
3	Lesley Butcher/Helen Garvey		Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	<i>Lent - no flowers</i>
10	Mr & Mrs Hubbuck		Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	“ “
17	Clive & Joy Thrower		Mr & Mrs Wardle	“ “
24	Jane Dickson/Kate Green		Mr & Mrs Grealey	“ “
31	John & Gill Caws		Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	<i>Easter flowers</i>
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>		<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>
3	Exodus 20:1-17 John 2: 13-22		Mike Woodcock <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	Sarah Porter
10	Numbers 21: 4-9 John 3: 14-21		Christine Robinson <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	TBA
17	Jeremiah 31: 31-34 John 12: 20-33		Roger Wardle <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Rupert Turner
24	Phillippians 2: 5-11 Mark 11: 1-11		Trevor Grimshaw <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Claire Cadogan
31	Acts 10: 34-43 Mark 16: 1-8		Gloria Sherwood Easter Day	<i>(Joint Service)</i>