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Dear friends,

A few months ago I was walking along the river in the park by the old mill one evening planning the prayer walk for Bishop Libby. I walked past a family who were enjoying a picnic in the sunshine. The father asked what I was up to walking about and timing myself, so I explained about the walk, about Bishop Libby and my being the priest of the benefice. He was interested and then told me about his own Muslim faith and place of worship. We shared our stories and offered to remember each other in our prayers. It was a rather special encounter, the more so because it was so unexpected.

Throughout history, one of the common themes has been fear of the “other”, those who are not like “us”, who are different in appearance or belief or geography. The New Testament sees the stand offs between Jew and Samaritan, the tensions between the different religious groups in Judaism and the presence of the Romans.

Such tensions are between nations and within societies, mostly unnoticed but history is full of examples of wars, civil wars and unrest where the fear of the other is a clear motivation. We’ve seen it more recently in the terrible events in the Middle East and across the summer in violent riots in town and cities in this country, often fanned by thuggery, social media and disinformation.

I suspect in one way or another, all of us at some level can be uncomfortable with “the other”, but once we acknowledge that, then often we can move on. While some rioted, others cleared up and others reached out to those who were targeted - the emergency services, people going about their daily lives at work or at prayer and those in hotel accommodation.

St Paul talks in his letter to the Galatians about divisions being ended. Perhaps that is an ideal view of the world but as we try to heal the fractures in our society, it is increasingly important to listen and to understand each

other, to work together and to be curious about the lives and experiences of others, as they are curious about us. For the more we understand and know, the closer we become, and the less things are about “the other” or “them and us”, the more they are about “us”.

Every blessing

Mark

Revd Mark has received a letter from David Neale thanking the PCC for the book token he was presented with at the beginning of August. This was in appreciation of David's help during the vacancy and to Revd Mark since his Licensing.

Liz Bradshaw and Lynne Clark were presented with bouquets of flowers in July in appreciation of their work during the vacancy and support of Revd Mark before and since his Licensing. They were both delighted and surprised by this gesture. Thank you.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, EDENSOR

### Baptisms ~ 28<sup>th</sup> July

Beau Cathryn Bradshaw & Jesse Joseph Sean Bradshaw

### Wedding ~10<sup>th</sup> August

Joseph Shafai & Alice Elsey

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## Easy Fundraising

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



### To Register

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

### To Shop

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

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

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

1st Prize £25 - no. 71 Jean Sutton

2nd prize £15 - no. 28 Jackie Grimshaw

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

### "Blessing of the bags

At the Family Communion on September 8<sup>th</sup> at Beeley, there will be the opportunity to have your school bag blessed ready for the new school year - it is always a good thing to do and an opportunity to mark the start of a new academic year."

## St. Peter's Edensor

### Why Your Support Really Matters

Regular giving from worshippers, visitors and the community is the primary way that St. Peter's Church in Edensor resources itself.

By scanning this QR code and making an online donation, you will be enabling regular worship together with weddings, baptisms & funerals, Christmas and Easter celebrations, together with all of the activities the church undertakes in Edensor for future generations.

**Scan this QR code with your phone camera to donate now!**



## ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

TheGivingMachine is a unique registered charity that enables you to generate sales commissions with every online purchase. They convert these commissions into free donations for the schools, charities and other community



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.

Please sign up at <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk>

### **Edensor Village Day & Open Gardens Presentation of Cheques Evening Sept 5<sup>th</sup> - 6.30pm in St. Peter's Church**

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

*Charities chosen this year are* - Helen's Trust and MND in memory of Louise Jordan, and Air Ambulance in memory of Jasper Olivier.

### **"The Therapy of Flowers!"**

If you like handling flowers and would enjoy putting together two simple vases of flowers in St Peter's Church, please consider joining the flower rota. Arrangements are usually simple, and flowers are just placed in supplied vases, as flower arrangers' foam like 'Oasis' is no longer used for environmental reasons as it takes 400 years to break down!

We currently have 7 people on the rota and they volunteer to do the flowers for either one week, or two consecutive weeks, so the more people we have on the rota, the less often your turn comes around.

If you would like to know more, or would like to put your name forward, please have a word with Christine Robinson on 01246 582938, email [chris.robinson.edensor@gmail.com](mailto:chris.robinson.edensor@gmail.com), or have a chat with me after the service one Sunday.

## Dates for your Diary - September 2024

- 7 **Wedding - St. Peter's Edensor 2.30pm** Chelsea Potts & Ryan Johnstone
- 10 **BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm** Beeley Village Hall  
**Wine tasting** (tbc) *Refreshments & Raffle: Jude Shore*
- 13 **Potty Plotters - 7pm St. Peter's Church.** Tickets £12.50 (see page 6)
- 17 **BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP - 7pm** Beeley Village Hall  
Ian Else talking about "Edensor but not necessarily as we know it".
- 18 **CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting - 7pm** Cavendish Hall, Edensor  
*Speaker: Brian Shaw – 'Setting up a Nature Reserve'*  
*Competition: Small homemade bird feeder or bug hotel.*
- 26 **Chatty Crafts - 10am-12noon** in the Cavendish Chapel, St. Peter's Church  
Join us for crafting or just a cuppa and a chat. Everyone welcome.

## Chatsworth Horticultural Show

**Cavendish Hall, Edensor**

**September 8th**

The Chatsworth Horticultural and Produce Society show is set for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm in the Cavendish Hall. We hope you will come and support us in raising money for this year's chosen charity – Macmillan Cancer Support.

We have changed the day to a Sunday, meaning the drop off times for your entries will now be on the Saturday, or the Sunday morning. Please do let me know via email, or paper copy, which classes you would like to enter. The odd last minute entry is of course welcome and you can settle entry fees when you drop off your produce.

For more information and schedules contact Iona Garstang :  
[iona.Garstang@chatsworth.org](mailto:iona.Garstang@chatsworth.org)

## New rules on keeping birds

Do you keep poultry? New rules are being introduced to help protect the poultry industry from bird flu.

Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) has confirmed that the threshold for mandatory registration on the GB Poultry Register will be reduced from 50 birds to one, and all poultry keepers will need to review their entry every year. The deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2024.

# COME AND MEET THE POTTY PLOTTERS!

Are you a keen gardener?...a fair weather potterer?...in need of a really good laugh?

Come and meet Elaine and Julia! This knowledgeable and highly entertaining duo 'reside' in 'The Naughty Corner' of their Derby allotment, have a regular slot on Radio Derby and have commentated on The Chelsea Flower Show.

Firmly committed to recycling and repurposing, they are constantly trying out new ways and varieties of seeds and plants. Brimming with ideas and infectiously comical, Elaine and Julia will ensure a memorable fun evening.

Here's what others think:

*"A huge thank you for such a lively and entertaining evening. I can honestly say that it was the best evening I've had in the 2 years that I've been a member. I will advocate that we have you both back for another tremendous evening of entertainment."*

*"Thank you so much for giving us such a giggle as well as passing on some useful gardening hints and tips. You did us all a power of good - nothing like a good laugh and chuckle to send us on our way."*

*"Everyone was so interested in your "doings" and we all thoroughly enjoyed the morning. It's always good to have tips about gardening etc. but much better with a lot of laughs on the way, which we certainly had. So thank you both for your great presentation."*

Elaine and Julia will also be bringing some produce from their allotment for raffle prizes. You really do not want to miss this event!

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 7:00pm, St Peter's Church. Tickets: £12:50 available from church members, on the door or phone 07767 652624.**



## 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. The centre

**URGENTLY NEEDS 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'.

**Toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, shower gel and men's and women's hygiene products are always needed.**

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.**

*Thank you for your continuing generosity.*

### Fewer priests ahead?

The number of people offering themselves for ordination to the Church of England has fallen by 38 per cent since 2020.

In the autumn of 2020, there were 591 men and women beginning ordination training. This autumn it will be about 370.

The Ministry Council has said the goal is to secure a “stable” number of 7600 full-time clergy, factoring in their projected retirements. To achieve this, the Church needs about 630 newly ordained ministers a year. The Bishop of Chester, who chairs the Ministry Council, recently told

General Synod that some of the factors affecting people's decision have been identified. These include: local clergy wellbeing (or lack of it), demographic changes in society, lack of diocesan resources for vocations outreach work, suspicion of the CofE as an institution, concern over the Living in Love and Faith initiative, and the size of the clergy stipend package (there is considerable financial anxiety among existing clergy).

But, as one Diocesan Director of Ordinands said recently on social media, “We can't really ask the missing candidates why they didn't come forward. We can only speculate...”



## **Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in the Cavendish chapel**

*8 members of the PCC were present with apologies from Mike Pindar, Nadine Harrington and Paul Thompson*

Rev'd Mark opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes from the previous meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising: A new cooker had been installed in the Vicarage;

Susie Grottick was approved as a new governor for Pilsley CofE School. There is still one place to be filled.

David Hartington had emailed a copy of the Fire Risk Assessment to the PCC earlier in the evening and he went through the procedures we need to fulfill;

Vicar's Report: Mark's first Sheep Service had been well attended and very enjoyable; Edensor Day had been a huge success; Mark had made some home visits, getting to know his parishioners; the service booklets to be reprinted and streamlined to reflect our current use - this is something that had been proposed before Canon Dave's retirement and put on hold until the new Vicar was in post (*they will still be BCP*);

Rev'd Mark announced that he has been made Assistant Area Dean of Peak Deanery.

Finance: The accounts had been sent out prior to the meeting. The Treasurer said that there was nothing we should be worried about and the finances were positive but we shouldn't be complacent.

Due to high energy bills it was suggested that the heating is only put on the evening before needed.

Common Fund: This was discussed and a decision will be made in the Autumn.

MAP Updates: Lynne had sent the updates to the PCC prior to the meeting.

Safeguarding: Nothing to report. All PCC members are up to date with their training.

Website update: Jemima had sent a 'draft' of the new website to the Vicar and wardens. After a few adjustments she will email it to the rest of the PCC for comments and to check how user friendly it is. The Vicar thanked her for her hard work on this. The Chatsworth website now has information on Edensor Church.

Church cleaning: Cynthia had sent round quotes from two cleaning companies. These were discussed and one was decided upon - Fabulous Cleaners. This will be subject to a review after 6 months. They will clean once a month beginning on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Cynthia will contact Debbie Castleton to confirm this.

Fabric: Roof works - The scaffolding went up on 8<sup>th</sup> July and MSM began work to locate the leaks on the roof.

Swift box - Alex Cooke (Natural Capital Manager) had contacted the Vicar to suggest placing a swift box in the tower. A survey will be undertaken to ascertain if it is a suitable place.

Matt Barnes and Katt Aldred had met up with the Vicar and wardens to discuss future projects and improvements in the church.

Fundraising: Potty Plotter talk Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, tickets £12.50;

Future fundraising ideas and events were discussed. Clare Giles has agreed to take on the stocking of the book stall.

Re-think the 'Friends' initiative.

MQS plaque As Martin Stuchfield's schedule didn't allow him time to come himself, he had contacted a colleague in Grantham, Simon Nadin. David Carrington, another colleague, had called in at St. Peter's on 12<sup>th</sup> June to have an initial look and take details and images of the plaque. The project is not as straight forward as first thought so this will be discussed with Martin on the best way to progress the enquiry.

Deanery Synod Report: Mike Pindar had sent his report to the PCC. Revd. Mark had also attended the meeting.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 7pm in the Cavendish Chapel. The meeting closed at 9.15 with the Grace.

## **Sailing with the Spirit**

*Lester Amann considers what it means to wait for God*

On a calm, windless day, it can be frustrating to be in a sailboat. Your sails are ready to go, but with no wind and only calm waters, you aren't going anywhere!

Some sailors try to propel their little boat forward by paddling with their hands. Others fret over the lack of wind. But others simply stay on land, and patiently wait. For it isn't until a breeze blows up, and the sails fill out, that a sailboat can skim out towards the open sea.

This scene is similar as to how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. The Bible describes the Spirit as wind and sometimes, like the sailors, we may have to wait for His energising power to guide and move us onwards. There are occasions, from a

spiritual standpoint, nothing seems to be happening – for weeks and months on end. During these waiting times we may wonder what purpose God has for us.

But while some of the people in the sailing club might have left their boats to do other things, they were also watching for signs of the coming wind. No one was packing up and going home! They were waiting with a purpose.

In our times of stillness and waiting, we can also wait with a purpose. We can pray for the Church, our community and the world. We can pray that we will be ready for God to move us into the next course He has planned for us. And we can keep our sails ready, for the Spirit to blow afresh into our lives!

## **Embracing Generosity: Exploring Giving Mechanisms, Impact, and the Need for Trust**

In the spirit of fostering a culture of generosity, communities around the world celebrate Generosity Week in September. This annual event serves as a poignant reminder of the transformative power of giving and its profound impact on individuals, communities, and society at large. As we delve into the essence of Generosity Week, it's essential to explore the various mechanisms of giving, reflect on its far-reaching impact, acknowledge the pressing need for giving, and recognize the crucial role trust plays in cultivating a thriving culture of generosity.

### **Giving Mechanisms:**

Generosity manifests in myriad forms, ranging from financial contributions and volunteerism to acts of kindness and compassion. In today's interconnected world, technological advancements have revolutionized giving, offering a multitude of mechanisms for individuals to support causes they care about. From online donation platforms and crowdfunding campaigns to employer matching programs and community foundations, the avenues for giving are vast and diverse. Embracing these innovative giving mechanisms

empowers individuals to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others, regardless of their financial means or geographical location.

### **Impact of Giving:**

The impact of giving extends far beyond the immediate beneficiaries, reverberating throughout society and shaping the fabric of our communities.

Whether it's providing essential resources to those in need, supporting the arts and culture, or funding scientific research and innovation, giving has the power to drive positive change and create lasting legacies. Moreover, studies have shown that generosity is intrinsically linked to increased happiness, improved well-being, and enhanced social connections. By fostering a spirit of generosity, we not only uplift those in need but also enrich our own lives and strengthen the bonds that unite us as a global community.

### **Need for Giving:**

Despite advancements in technology and improvements in living standards, the need for giving remains as pressing as ever. From addressing systemic inequalities and combating poverty to tackling environmental challenges and promoting social justice, there are countless issues that require collective action and support. Additionally, unforeseen crises such,

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as natural disasters, pandemics, and humanitarian emergencies highlight the importance of having robust giving mechanisms in place to respond swiftly and effectively to urgent needs. By recognizing and responding to these pressing challenges, we can harness the power of generosity to create a more equitable compassionate, and sustainable world for future generations.

### **Growing Trust:**

Central to the success of any giving initiative is the cultivation of trust – trust between donors and recipients, trust in the integrity of charitable organizations, and trust in the transparency and accountability of giving mechanisms. Building and maintaining trust requires a commitment to ethical practices, financial stewardship, and open communication. By demonstrating transparency in how donations are used, providing regular updates on the impact of giving, and fostering meaningful relationships with donors, organizations can instil confidence and inspire continued

support. Ultimately, trust serves as the cornerstone of a thriving culture of generosity, empowering individuals to give with confidence and conviction, knowing that their contributions will make a meaningful difference in the world.

In conclusion, Generosity Week in September serves as a timely reminder of the power of giving to transform lives and communities. By embracing innovative giving mechanisms, recognizing the profound impact of generosity, responding to pressing needs, and nurturing trust, we can collectively cultivate a culture of generosity that transcends boundaries and enriches the human experience. As we celebrate Generosity Week and beyond, let us reaffirm our commitment to giving and work together to create a brighter, more compassionate world for all.

*Steve Johnson*

*Living Generously Advisor*

*Diocese of Derby - Discipleship, Mission & Ministry*

40 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1984, British geneticist Alec Jeffreys discovered genetic fingerprinting, also known as DNA profiling. It allowed criminals to be identified from hair, blood, or sweat left at crime scenes. It also allowed families to trace their lineages or determine the paternity of children.

70 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 1954, the iconic photograph of Marilyn Monroe's billowing skirt as she stood over a New York subway grate was taken during filming for *The Seven-Year Itch*. The event was staged as a publicity stunt.



## **Dales residents invited to have their say on review of car parking**

Derbyshire Dales District Council is asking local people for their views on possible changes to its car parking policy.

In Spring 2023 the District Council conducted a resident survey on the free resident concession permit and whether any changes could be considered. Using the feedback from this survey the hours of the free resident concession permit have been extended from free after 4pm and before 11am to free after 3pm and before 11am.

The Council is now seeking residents' views on other aspects of their parking policy to help influence possible changes to the way the council car parks are managed.

The review will consider varying parking tariffs in both underused and

busy tourist hotspot car parks. It will also consider the provision of disabled parking bays and those for motorhomes and bicycles. Additionally, it will seek to identify under-utilised car parks which can be better used to meet the Council's objectives, such as land for housing.

An online questionnaire can be completed now at [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/parkingreview](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/parkingreview).

A District Council spokesperson said: "It's important to stress that no decisions have yet been made. Feedback from this survey will go to a future meeting of the Community & Environment Committee when councillors will consider whether to make further changes to the parking policy.

*The deadline for submissions is 18<sup>th</sup> September.*

### **The Derbyshire Dales District Council & Baslow WI**

are hosting a Women's Wellbeing Festival on **Wednesday**

**11<sup>th</sup> September 1.30pm – 4pm at Baslow Village Hall.** If you provide a service for women to improve their physical or mental health and wellbeing and would be interested in having a stall or delivering a taster activity please contact [katie.burns@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:katie.burns@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) for more information.

The event is free to attend for both providers and participants. Free parking will be available for the event and free refreshments.

## How are you? I hope you are well?

*David Pickup, a solicitor, considers all those messages we get...*

*Everyone with me sends you greetings.  
Greet those who love us in the faith.  
Grace be with you all. Titus 3:15*

I sometimes receive emails from complete strangers who ask me how I am, and sometimes they add that they hope I am well. The person adds a '?' although it is not a question (and I suspect they are not at all interested in my well-being, but in my money!)

'How are you?' is normally just a way of saying 'hello'. No-one really wants an answer and definitely not a long, detailed answer! It is curious that we sometimes start a conversation with a question we do not want answered, and other times when we do want to know how a person is, we never quite get through to them.

It is easier to say, "Yes, fine thanks, how are you?" - when we are not

fine. Or we can throw the question straight back: "I am ok, what about you?" But sometimes we all need to be able to say, "I am not doing ok. I need to talk," when we need to have someone to talk to.

I like it that nowadays you can say a key phrase that sounds out a distress call. For example, victims of abuse can ask "Is so and so in?", in a pub or café and the staff will immediately know that that person needs help. There is also a silent hand signal that people in trouble can give, to alert others that they are in danger. This is also excellent, and may have saved many lives.

Perhaps in church we also need a way of being honest in our replies, whether it is: "I am not doing well and I want to have a rant" or "I am worried but I am not ready to chat now".

Anyway, how are you? Do tell.

## Come back to our church on 29<sup>th</sup> September!

Have you ever been to our church before? Perhaps for a wedding, a baptism, or funeral? Or how about if you visited us even longer ago – when you were a child?

Whoever you are, and whenever you came to us, we would love to see you back again on 29<sup>th</sup> September, which is Back to Church Sunday!

Our services are held at 9.30am St. Anne's, Beeley and 10.45am St. Peter's, Edensor. You will be given a warm welcome, and coffee and biscuits after the service at St. Peter's.

## Synod signals support for 'Anglican way forward' on same-sex relationships

The Church of England's General Synod has supported a motion signalling approval for a broad package of proposals designed to help hold the Church together amid deep disagreements over questions of sexuality.

A selection of readings and prayers of thanksgiving, dedication and asking for God's blessing for same-sex couples – known as Prayers of Love and Faith, are already in use as part of regular services in some churches such as a Sunday eucharist or evensong.

The package of proposals includes possible arrangements for the use of the Prayers of Love and Faith in special – or standalone - services alongside delegated episcopal ministry and work to provide a timetable towards a decision on clergy in same-sex civil marriages.

Speaking in the debate, the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, acknowledged there are deep disagreements within the Church on questions of sexuality and that the proposals would not fully satisfy any group – but represented an “Anglican way forward”.

“What's before us is a compromise,” he said.

“No parish, no priest has to offer these prayers but once the detail has been worked out – not yet done, we're still on a journey – standalone service can take place and [for] those who for reasons of conscience and theological conviction cannot support this, delegated and extended episcopal ministry for pastoral care, sacramental care and teaching ministry will be put in place.

“What's before us isn't what everyone wants .... but it is an Anglican way forward.”

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said he owes much in his own journey of faith to people from different traditions who take opposing views on questions of sexuality.

He singled out both the Alliance network of church leaders, which takes a conservative stance, and the Together network, which takes a progressive position, and said he could not imagine the Church without either of them.

“They all deepened my love for God,” he said. “That they flourish is indispensable to the gospel in this land.”

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He continued: "I cannot imagine the Church of England without any particular group within it, and without her reaching effectively to anyone outside it through inclusion and justice, lived in holy imitation of Christ."

Opening the debate the Bishop of Leicester, Martyn Snow, the lead bishop for the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith process, recognised that people on opposing sides of the argument about moves to recognise same-sex couples "want the best for the Church".

"We all want the best – and yet we profoundly disagree, he said. "So what now?"

"Well maybe, just maybe, for a short period, we all have to settle for second best, and trust that, though this might grieve God, God still delights in us God's Church. Just maybe we have to accept that there are different degrees of communion, and God doesn't force anyone to sit at the same table.

He continued: "Brothers and sisters we all want the best for this beautiful Church of England, yet we are going to have to settle for second best, knowing that, this side of heaven, the Church will never be perfect, but one

day, one day we will sit at the table in heaven."

He added: "We've not yet worked out all the detail of what that will mean in terms of vocations, training, licensing, finance and all the many other practicalities of ministry – but we will return to Synod in February next year with those details.

"So nothing changes this autumn. The earliest any of this starts is next February."

Speaking after the debate Archbishop Justin said: "The only way forward is a watertight and enduring protection of conscience.

"We are now at the point of seeking to work out how that works; it must give those of all views a place as treasured and flourishing parts of the Church of England, and the protection must have teeth to protect against harassment and bullying."



## Reflecting Faith:

*The Revd Dr Jo White considers the highest part of our churches*

### Arts and Crafts Churches

Originally, the theology behind church building was to build church buildings on higher land, so that people would have to lift their heads to look upon them; with the tower or spire giving it extra height.

This was reflecting the faith of lifting our eyes to God and recognising our place in His Creation – and yet He still came to earth for us.

Often a clock would have been placed on the tower or spire for the local people who would not have had personal time-pieces, and again they would have lifted their eyes heavenward to see it. The clock might have chimed, or would have been connected with the church bells to enable illiterate people to know the time.

There were 612 Commissioner churches built in the early 1800's, when society was becoming industrialised, and folk were moving away from rural life and into towns.

By the middle of that century the Arts and Crafts Movement was well under way, and church buildings were being 'targeted'.

Between 1884 and 1918 there were about 5000 churches built in the UK, of which around 350 can be identified as Arts and Crafts churches. Much depended on the Patron of the church and their generosity.

In East and North Yorkshire there are a set of 17 churches which were restored or built by the local patron(s) – father and son of the Sykes Family of Sledmere House – between 1866 and 1913. They say they are unparalleled elsewhere in Britain.

#### ***This month:***

Have a look at a church near you and see if you can see the influence in it of this Arts and Crafts Movement. It was intended to make buildings less austere, more decorative, more 'emotive'. Do you think it does?

## **Synod backs increase in statutory minimum rest time for clergy**

The General Synod has backed moves to introduce a statutory entitlement to 36 hours rest a week for clergy office holders, in an effort to encourage Church of England priests to take sufficient time off work.

Members of the Synod meeting in York voted in favour of plans to amend church regulations to introduce a statutory right to a minimum of 36 hours rest - a day and a half a week – for clergy office holders, covering most clergy.

The new right would include an uninterrupted rest period of 24 hours.

The Synod heard that as office holders, rather than employees, clergy already have the right to arrange their work to take time off to rest without seeking permission. In addition, the current regulations for most clergy specify a minimum of 24 hours uninterrupted rest a week.

But in practice they are not taking enough rest, Canon Alison Coulter, from the Diocese of Winchester, told the Synod. She called clergy “a precious resource” who “have given up much to serve us, so our priority needs to be to care for you.”

Under the plans backed by the Synod, draft regulations to enact the changes will be brought before the General Synod for approval at a later date.

## **Church concern at the UK housing crisis**

The ‘deep roots’ of the UK housing crisis requires a long-term strategy, as well as immediate solutions for homeless people and for those living in rural areas.

So said the Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, in a recent debate in the House of Lords. As the CofE’s lead bishop on housing, she asserts: “Too often housing has been viewed as a financial asset,

rather than a fundamental human need.”

She went on: “The housing crisis has been escalating for decades, so we should not under-estimate just how long it will take to fix. I cannot overstate the need for long-term thinking in tackling the housing crisis.”

In the meantime, rough sleeping continues to rise, and thousands of children remain in temporary accommodation.

## 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.*

### **Faithful to Scripture, Faithful to Science: Alister McGrath on science and Christian faith**

Alister McGrath is well-known as a theologian, but he started out as a scientist. After becoming a Christian as a student, he wanted to learn about his new faith, so he studied theology at the same time as completing his PhD in molecular biophysics. He has not lost touch with science, but has continued to write and speak about how science and Christian faith work together. In this extract from a recently released interview, he shares his experience of being a scientist and a Christian.

“I think my most vivid experience of wonder took place in the 1970s when I was on vacation in Iran. We were travelling on a bus in the middle of the night because it wasn't hot then, and the bus broke down. We found ourselves in the middle of this solemn black desert, and the night sky shone with a brilliance like I had never seen before. That just overwhelmed me, it made me think there is something really wonderful here.

“Now, I was a Christian by that time and I knew how Christianity could answer that but it just struck me, that sense of wonder has two possible outcomes. One is science - this universe is wonderful, what's it all about? But of course, it is also about religion, the deeper levels of things that science can't really engage. I think one of the things I have discovered over time is that maybe this sense of wonder both opens the gateway to science and to faith, and that those two together are able to answer questions which on their own they simply couldn't.

“I think 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 - they transcend its capacities to answer, and you might think of non-empirical questions like, ‘Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? What is good and how do I live a good life?’

“These are real questions and they're good questions but they're not scientific questions. And the psychologists tell us that we really need answers to those questions if we are to lead a fulfilled human

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existence. You find some scientists who say, 'Well because science can't answer them there are no answers to be given', but actually most realise that there are answers waiting to be discovered - it's just that science can't deliver them.

"Science fills in part of a big picture but there are parts of the picture you have to fill in from somewhere else.

Science is part of the answer but only part, and faith supplements it, giving us a vision of life that is exciting and reliable, and also something that we can inhabit meaningfully."

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## **Public will be able to feel the tree rings of Sycamore Gap**

Members of the public are now able to feel the rings of the felled Sycamore Gap tree, thanks to a new art exhibition.

The 200-year-old sycamore was cut down last year in a "malicious act of vandalism". But it has now been 'brought to life' through a series of five prints, created from a disc of the trunk.

The prints are on display at four locations along Hadrian's Wall. One of them, named Access, has been hand pressed, so that the 3D shape

of the wood and tree rings became embossed on the paper. Visitors can touch the print and feel the rings.

The National Trust explains that the art exhibition is only part of an attempt to "ensure there is an enduring legacy of the tree informed by the huge public response to its loss."

The five bespoke prints have been named 'Heartwood'. They were taken from a 90cm disc of the original tree. They show every tree ring, groove and detail from the cross-section of the almost heart-shaped trunk.

### **Bible sense (Smile...)**

Being married to a woman who reads her Bible can have its drawbacks.

When a man protested to his wife that wiping dishes was not a man's job, his wife replied simply: "2 Kings 21:13", and handed him a tea towel. Later he looked it up: "And I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down."

## Bridge over the Firth of Forth

By Tim Lenton

Sixty years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1964, the Forth Road Bridge opened in Scotland. It links Edinburgh to Fife across the Firth of Forth. (A second bridge, the Queensferry Crossing, opened in 2017 and largely replaced it.)

The crossing of the Firth of Forth has a long history. In the 11<sup>th</sup> century Margaret, Queen Consort of King Malcolm III, founded a ferry service there to transport pilgrims from Edinburgh to Dunfermline Abbey and St Andrews. It continued for over 800 years, although there were suggestions as early as the 1740s for a road crossing.

The Forth Road Bridge has a main span of 1100 yards between the two towers and was the fourth-longest long-span suspension bridge in the world when it opened. In total, the structure is over one and a half miles long.

It is now inaccessible to vehicles other than buses and taxis, but it is

open to pedestrians and cyclists – and to the first driverless bus service to carry passengers in the UK. Railway crossings are made by the original Forth Bridge, opened in 1890.

There were worries in the early years of the 21<sup>st</sup> century about the number of vehicles using the Forth Road Bridge – about twice as many as had been planned – and the consequent wear and tear on a feature whose lifespan had originally been estimated at 120 years. In December 2010 heavy snow and several accidents brought the first closure.

Five years later structural problems meant it would have to close to normal road traffic. The new 1.7-mile Queensferry Bridge – a spectacular motorway with no pedestrian access – was opened in August 2017. It carries about 80,000 vehicles a day. Its formal opening by Queen Elizabeth II occurred 53 years to the day after she had opened the Forth Road Bridge.

*Miscellaneous observations on our Christian pilgrimage*

Holy means set apart. Not like a set of cutlery, that comes out only on Sundays. More like a Swiss army knife – remove a splinter, cut a rope, open a bottle, anytime, anywhere. Whatever the boss needs. - Milton Jones

## **Walking is a great way to exercise**

You may be young or old, working endless hours, or retired. But there is one exercise you can still undertake almost anywhere, for however long or short a time: walking.

According to health specialists, the simple act of walking “ticks so many boxes – improving our brain, mental and musculoskeletal fitness, as well as our physical fitness.”

Here are five reasons why:

### **Walking raises your heart rate and makes you breathe faster.**

It gives you the benefit of a moderate aerobic workout – without the stress on your joints. As for your blood sugar levels, consider this: after a meal your blood sugar level rises and your pancreas releases insulin to bring it down. But even a five-minute walk can help by blunting the spike in blood sugar. Try and keep your pace brisk – aim for 100 to 130 steps a minute.

### **Walking improves your bone density**

Walking briskly engages the muscles along the back side of your body – the glutes, hamstrings and calves. They in turn put a bit of pull on your bones, which stimulates your bones to produce osteoblasts, which

improves your bone density and reduces your risk of osteoporosis.

### **Walking improves your mood**

It stimulates your parasympathetic nervous system (nerves that relax the body during stress) and stimulates your amygdala (that part of you which controls your emotions). And if you can walk near water (rivers, coast, in the rain) you get exposed to negative ions in the air. These electrically charged molecules are excellent for your mental health.

### **Walking helps your brain**

You will sleep better, and your brain will be in better shape for memory and cognition. Walking also stimulates creative thinking – studies have found walking is a great time for problem-solving.

### **Walking helps your body shape**

An instant way to look younger is to stand tall. So walk with your head up, shoulders back, and lengthen your back, to stand up straighter. And with firmer muscles, your overall body shape will improve, which in turn will boost your confidence!

## **End the ‘scandal’ of the need for food banks, General Synod hears**

Public policy needs to address the ‘root causes’ of rising levels of poverty, the General Synod was recently told, in a debate where members voted to express concern over increasing levels of dependence on food banks.

Synod members noted the ‘major contribution’ to social welfare being made by churches and others in the provision of food banks, but said that some organisations providing emergency food aid were being driven to ‘breaking point’ by demand.

Members welcomed the help provided under the previous Government to less well-off households, but noted that this had not solved dependence which is being driven by ‘serious inadequacies’ in the social security system.

The Synod voted to back a call for the Church of England bishops to press the Government for a review of the adequacy of social security provision, and to consider the feasibility of introducing an ‘Essentials Guarantee.’

The Guarantee would tie the rate of benefits to the cost of essentials, measured annually through an independent process.

The Synod voted further to urge the bishops and in particular those in the House of Lords to engage with the Government and “strongly encourage” the Government to do “everything possible” to bring about an immediate end to the two-child benefit limit.

Introducing the debate, on the Sheffield Diocesan Synod motion, Ven Malcolm Chamberlain, from the Diocese of Sheffield, told the Synod that the need for food banks was “nothing short of a scandal”.

He quoted figures from the Trussell Trust charity that their food banks had distributed more than 3.1 million emergency food parcels during the year ending in March.

This was the biggest number of parcels ever distributed in a single year, he said, and nearly double the number distributed five years ago. More than a million of these were to households with children, he added.

He said The Children’s Society expects the number of children living in poverty in the UK to reach five million this year.

“Foodbanks are an essential provision, but the Trussell Trust and others agree that they and other social initiatives are not a satisfactory

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## England's largest festival of history and culture – 6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September

Heritage Open Days is England's largest community-led festival of history and culture, involving thousands of local volunteers and organisations.

Every year in September (6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>) it brings people together to celebrate their heritage, community

and history. Stories are told, traditions explored, and histories brought to life. It's your chance to see unexpected places and try out new experiences – and it's all FREE!

For more details on what's on offer this year, go to: <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk>

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way of tackling the underlying problem of poverty in our society," he said.

"Public policy needs to go further upstream to address the root causes."

He added: "Poverty is causing too much suffering and damage for us to simply accept it as an unavoidable

inevitability. Despite the financial challenges, we are not a poor nation incapable of caring for our most vulnerable citizens."

The debate heard several speakers from across the country giving examples of churches providing help to people struggling to cover basic costs.



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

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

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Health Visitor: 01629 816633

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**11<sup>th</sup> September from 1pm for  
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**Reading is 'invisible privilege', says new Children's Laureate**

Reading is an "invisible privilege," according to Frank Cottrell-Boyce, the new Children's Laureate. He was responding to studies which found that children who have not been read to when they were young face "massive barriers" as they go through life.

Cottrell-Boyce stresses: "For too long, the life-changing benefits of children's reading have not been taken seriously. And now we risk losing a generation unless we act." This is because there is an "epidemic of childhood unhappiness" post-pandemic.

Cottrell-Boyce says: "Reading is an invisible privilege that those who

have it don't think about. It's harder to see than other outward signs of poverty, but it's just as real."

He believes that having access to books as a young child offers that child "the keys to the kingdom."

He went on: "Reading isn't a silver bullet... but it is a major way to improve equality and bring fairness. To dramatically improve the quality of family life and open up possibilities, opportunities."

And, referring to the pandemic, Cottrell-Boyce said that "the last time children faced disruption on this scale was during the mass evacuation of World War Two".

# READINGS & ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES</u>
1	9.30am	Holy Communion	Barbara Hawksworth
8	3pm	Family Communion & Blessing of the bags	“ “
15	9.30am	Holy Communion	Fiona Swain
22	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “
29	9.30am	Holy Communion	Fiona Lichfield
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>
1	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon
8	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw
15	10.45am	Matins	Mr & Mrs Wardle
22	10.45am	Holy Communion	Diana Walters/John Caws
29	10.45am	Holy Communion	JohnBowns/Mike Pindar
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
1	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mrs Day	Christine Robinson
8	Jane Dickson/Kate Green	Fabulous Cleaners (3rd)	Wedding Flowers
15	John & Gill Caws	(TBA)	Christine Robinson
22	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Gloria Sherwood
29	Ann & Tony Hubbuck	Nadine Harrington/Kate Green	Olivia Moore
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>
1	<b>James 1:17 - end</b> <b>Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</b>	David Jackson <i>Trinity 14</i>	Rupert Turner
8	<b>James 2: 1- 17</b> <b>Mark 7: 24 - end</b>	John Bowns <i>Trinity 15</i>	TBA
15	<b>Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a,</b> <b>Mark 8: 27 - end</b>	Duke of Devonshire <i>Trinity 16</i>	Sarah Porter
22	<b>James 3:13 - 4:3, 7 - 8a</b> <b>Mark 9: 30 - 37</b>	Mike Woodcock <i>Trinity 17</i>	Fiona Lichfield
29	<b>Revelation 12: 7 - 12</b> <b>John 1: 47 - end</b>	Christine Robinson <i>St Michael and All Angels (Michelmas)</i>	Claire Cadogan
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