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Dear Friends,

One of the questions that is often asked is why Easter isn't at the same time each year, like Christmas, moving as it does from late March to late April, catching us all out as people ask when is Easter this year?

The answer is that it is tied to the full moon - specifically the Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, although in the Eastern Orthodox church the date is often different. Readers of a certain age will remember that there is a page in the Book of Common Prayer where you can work out the date of Easter until 4999, and it has been said that that page enlivened many a dull sermon!

The changing date of Easter means that we get different perspectives on the world around us - it is always spring but a slightly different spring depending on the date - some years daffodils, other years not.

For many people, whether churchgoers or not, Easter is linked with new life - the blossom on the trees, the lambs in the field and everything starting again after the long winter is over are signs of the fresh beginnings. For us in our part of the world it is hard to miss and hard not to be inspired by the beautiful scenery and the coming of spring. The trees in our garden are testament to what appears to the casual eye to be dead, contains life and will soon display abundant new growth and new life. It is a miracle but one which is part of our everyday experience, although still incredibly special.

As the world around us bursts with life, so does the church as it moves from Holy Week to Easter, from the bareness and austerity of Lent to the decorations and colour of Easter morning. We journey through the depths of the crucifixion on Good Friday to the heights of the resurrection on Easter Day, as we follow Jesus on his journey from death to life.

As we journeyed through winter, and as the church journeys through Lent

and Holy Week, so spring is all the more special and the resurrection is all the more life changing. We see resurrection all around us in the natural world, and the church proclaims Jesus rising from the tomb as being the moment everything changed. Like the coming of spring, the resurrection is hard to explain, but like the spring, Easter is a moment to celebrate new life and the new life promised to us as Jesus rose from the dead.

Happy Easter

Mark



SPECIAL SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 13th April

St. Anne's 9.30am ~ Holy Communion

St. Peter's 10.45am ~ Holy Communion

Join us in the procession from the Green with Rev'd Mark Griffin and meet the two delightful donkeys, Puck and Treacle

Compline Service at St. Peter's 7pm

Monday 14th; Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th April

Maundy Thursday 17th April

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

Good Friday - 18th April

The last hour at the Cross 2pm at St. Peter's

Easter Eve 19th April at St. Peter's

7.30pm The lighting of the Paschal Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Easter Day Sunday 20th April

St. Anne's 9.30am ~ Holy Communion

St. Peter's 10.45am ~ Holy Communion

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday when at Beeley we will start our 9.30 service with the blessing of the palms, and at Edensor we meet on the Green at 10.45 with the donkeys to hear the Palm gospel and then to process up to St Peter's singing 'All Glory, Laud and Honour'. During the service we will hear a dramatic reading of the passion gospel reminding us of the journey Jesus took from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the desolation of the cross.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, we have compline at 7pm at Edensor. Compline is a short service and we'll also have extracts from a book by Richard Holloway, as these three evenings give us a chance to prepare our hearts and minds for cross and resurrection.

On Maundy Thursday at 7pm at Beeley, our communion service looks back to the Last Supper and to Jesus breaking bread with his disciples before he is arrested and they are scattered. The service follows that pattern, as after communion, the altar is stripped and the congregation leave the church without any ceremony.

On Good Friday at 2pm at Edensor, we will have the last hour at the cross, when in hymns, reflections and prayers we think on the events of the crucifixion.

Easter Eve is a quiet day but at 7.30pm at Edensor, as we feel the first glimmers of the resurrection, we will be having a service where the Pascal Candle is lit and brought into church, the stories of the Passover and resurrection intermingle as a reminder of the move from death to life, before at the end of the service we renew our baptismal promises ready to celebrate Easter.

On Easter morning our 9.30 and 10.45 services will celebrate the resurrection in song, word and in our wonderfully decorated churches.

Everyone is welcome to all our services - one of the great delights of the week is to follow the story and the changes in mood, so why not come along during the week as our services reflect the story and the moods of Holy Week and Easter.



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, 13th April.

EASTER LILIES AT ST. PETER'S

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



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

Cards need to be filled in and returned with your donation by Palm Sunday, 13th April.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club February Draw 2025

1st Prize £25 - no. 28 Jackie
Grimshaw

2nd prize £15 - no. 52 Paul Tooley

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

In 2024 we raised £704 for the Restoration Fund.

The running total since we started is now £12,723.69.

Thank you everyone for your support.

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- Click on **Register**
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- 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.

The Padley Centre

Until further notice the Padley Centre will not be accepting any clothing or bric-a-brac.

However, they will still be accepting donations of food and hygiene products which Nadine will take down to Derby on a monthly basis.

In view of this, dried and tinned products only please, especially tins of meat, fish, soups, tomatoes, fruit etc. and packets of rice, pasta, cereal, tea and coffee and long life milk as well as toiletries and sanitary products.

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

Why your Support Really Matters

Your support is very important to St. Anne's.

If you would like to make a gift, please scan this QR code with your phone camera. Your gift helps to keep St. Anne's open every day for visitors and the local community, and available for weddings, baptisms and funerals, together with services throughout the year.

St. Anne's church has a long story of faith; your gift enables this beautiful church to be enjoyed and treasured by future generations.

Thank you for your gift.

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



The Beeley organ

The organ at St Anne's, Beeley, was installed c1870, and has therefore served the village for weddings, funerals and Sunday worship for 155 years.

Although the instrument has only one manual (keyboard) and just eight stops, it is an organ of high quality, offering a wide range of colours. It is good for accompanying but can also provide a powerful presence when needed.

It was built by the well-known company of Bevington & Sons, who built over 2,000 organs, and were based in Soho, London. They won many international awards in the mid 19th century, a testament to quality of the voicing (or

sound), of their organs. Their instruments are to be found in many churches, including St Martin's in the Fields, London, and St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin; and as far afield as St George's Cathedral, Cape Town, All Saints' Church, Dunedin, and the English College, Rome. The great organist and teacher David Sanger, who taught many of the current generation of cathedral organists, chose a Bevington organ for installation in his own home.

The Beeley organ underwent an overhaul a few years ago, and has very recently had an upgrade to the keyboard action, along with high quality tuning work, so it is now sounding at its absolute best, and will continue to serve the village for many decades to come.

Renewal of Church Electoral Roll

A reminder that this year all Church Electoral Rolls are being completely renewed. The revision started in March and closes at Beeley on April 20th and on May 1st at Edensor.

Everyone needs to fill in a form to be on the new roll, even if you are currently on the roll. You qualify by living in our parishes or by regularly attending worship (or by being prevented from doing so by incapacity or ill health).

Forms are available at Beeley from Fiona Swain or in church and at Edensor from Christine Robinson or in church.

The forms are also available online at - <https://derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/governance/electoral-roll.html>

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Our APCMs will be happening this spring. The Beeley APCM will be on Thursday May 8th at 7pm in church and the Edensor APCM will be on Sunday 18th May after our 10.45 service in church. The first part of the meeting is the annual election of churchwardens, the second elections to PCCs, receiving of the accounts and annual report, and other business matters.

I always give the Vicar's report instead of a sermon near to the APCM - at Beeley that will be at the 9.30 service on the 27th April and at Edensor at the 10.45 service on May 18th. There will be printed copies of the Vicar's Report available after the services and it will be on the websites as well.

The formal notices will appear as normal before the meetings as will details of obtaining copies of accounts etc.

Please come along to the meetings, they are an important part of being the body of Christ and of our accountability to God and each other in all that we do in the life of our parishes.



EASTER FAMILY QUIZ

Beeley

featuring

John 'Quizmaster' Miley

Saturday 26th April 2025

7.30pm – 9.30pm

Cavendish Village Hall, Beeley

Snacks Provided

Bring Your Own Drinks

Ticket Admission

Adult £5 Under-16 Free

For Tickets

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Raising Funds for St. Anne's Church, Beeley
& Cavendish Village Hall, Beeley (Charity #506300)



Dates for your Diary - April 2025

- 3 CHATSWORTH WI! 7pm Cavendish Hall, Edensor**
Additional 'open' meeting & celebration of 90 years as Chatsworth WI.
Non-members - £4. Any ladies are welcome to the 'open' meeting
Speaker: 'An Evening with Edwina Currie'
- 8 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall**
AGM. Social evening & fuddle Refreshments & raffle: All
- 15 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP - 7pm Beeley Village Hall**
Chris Boyce giving a presentation of Beeley Carnivals and their Queens.
- 16 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting 7pm Cavendish Hall, Edensor**
Speaker: Sophie – Arbutus & Ivy Florists –
'Easter Flower Workshop' (*Bring own small container for your display, e.g. teacup, small plant pot, jam jar - small bowl size*)
Competition :A decorated Easter egg (not chocolate).
- 24 CHATTY CRAFTS - 10-12 in the Cavendish Chapel, St. Peter's Church**
Please do join us for crafting or chatting - everyone welcome!



Church of England launches National Survivor Participation Framework

The Church of England has launched the National Survivor Participation Framework. It is a guide for all Church bodies and any victim or survivor who currently participates – or wants to participate – in the safeguarding work of the Church.

The development of the Framework started with a survey which heard from 171 victims

and survivors. It went on to include safeguarding professionals in dioceses and cathedrals, the National Safeguarding Team, subject experts in the NCIs, and external experts.

Deputy Lead Bishop for Safeguarding Julie Conalty thanked all who were involved, “particularly victims and survivors. This framework brings much needed clarity and helps us to create safe spaces.”

Where did your Easter egg come from?

Your Easter egg can be traced back to the early Church in Mesopotamia.

Since ancient times, people had been giving each other eggs at pagan Spring festivals, as eggs were a symbol of the new life and rebirth in nature all around them. Then came Jesus and His death and resurrection, which made Easter the ultimate time for Christians to celebrate new life and rebirth. After that, it was only a matter of time before eggs found their way into commemorating Easter.

This seems to have first happened with the very early church in Mesopotamia, where those early Christians began dyeing their eggs after Easter, to celebrate the new birth that Jesus had given to them. The practise of using eggs in Easter celebrations then spread to the Orthodox Churches, and from there to the Western Churches across Europe.



Guarding the Easter chocolate

Was there a security tag on your Easter egg this year? If so, it wasn't because high street bosses feared the Easter Bunny might take it.

It's that shoplifting has soared to an unprecedented amount. There were more than 20 million shoplifting incidents last year - an average of about 50,000 cases a day, according

to the British Retail Consortium (BRC). In all, retailers lost £2.2 billion.

And it seems that shoplifters also like chocolate. Which is why some WH Smith shops have been tagging the Cadbury Mini Eggs, and why some Tesco stores have put Quality Street chocolates under a wire net, to name but a couple of examples.

Did you know that it was 250 years ago, on 18th April 1775, that American silversmith and folk hero Paul Revere made his famous midnight ride on horseback from Charleston to Lexington to warn residents that the British were about to attack.

And 150 years ago, on 17th April 1875, that the game of snooker was invented by Neville Chamberlain, a British army officer stationed in India.

Chocolate – food of the gods!

Did you know that the botanical name for the cocoa bean is *Theobroma* – which means ‘food of the gods’?

Millions of us obviously think chocolate is special – on average, each of us consumes 8.1 kilograms of it a year!

Certainly, chocolate makes us feel better. Some scientists believe that this is due to the chemicals it contains. These trigger the release of endorphins, similar to those we naturally produce when we fall in love.

But nutritionists warn against using chocolate as a pick-me-up, especially in the evening. Chocolate eaten before bedtime can cause your blood glucose levels to plummet during the night, which will disrupt

your sleep. Chocolate eaten in quantity every day can lead to mood and energy swings, weight gain and poor immunity. If you have mad cravings for it, you could have a problem with blood sugar, or a deficiency in magnesium, copper, zinc or iron.

But occasional consumption of cocoa can provide medical benefits. Chocolate containing 60 per cent or more cocoa solids is rich in essential trace elements and nutrients such as iron, calcium and potassium, and many vitamins. Cocoa is also the highest natural source of magnesium.

Good as all this may be – most of us enjoy chocolate because of its high sugar and caffeine content. Chocolate simply gives you an instant sugar hit, providing a sudden burst in energy, unfortunately followed by a slump and then the desire for another sugar-fix.

Lemon juice, anyone?

In the morning, do you drink coffee, tea or freshly squeezed lemon juice mixed with warm water?

Lemon juice has recently become a fashionably healthy lifestyle choice, according to nutritionist and autoimmunity specialist V J Hamilton. She explains that, as well as being high in Vitamin C, lemon juice helps

with hydration and digestion, and can help reduce bloating, constipation and free radicals.

Lemon juice is full of goodies: vitamin C, vitamin B6, folate, magnesium and potassium, and antioxidants and flavonoids. These all help to keep your skin, liver, kidney and heart healthy.



*Message Sent By
Hayley Errington-Radcliffe
(Police, PCSO, Derbyshire Dales)*

We've recently had a few enquiries in relation to where e-scooters can be ridden.

The simple answer is private land, with permission of the land owner.

Here's everything you need to know.

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

However the current law is clear You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle path or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

Why is this? E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as: MOT, Licensing, Tax and Insurance.

What happens if I am stopped by Police? Section 165A of the Road Traffic Act 1988, allows

the Police to seize any motor vehicle being used on a road which does not have the required documentation, which includes a driving licence for that class of vehicle. Once seized by the Police it can be disposed of in accordance with force policy. The rider of the E-Scooter will also be liable for prosecution which can result in a fine, points on a driving licence or both.

Section 59 of the police reform act allows police to issue a warning if a vehicle is being used in a manner which may cause alarm, distress or annoyance. Being issued with this warning does not stop the e-scooter being seized.

Police can seize any private scooter with the likelihood the E-scooter will be disposed of accordingly if they are being used on a public road or footpath and the rider may also be liable for prosecution for traffic offences.

For more information please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team or visit: www.derbyshire.police.uk

Five-minute parking rule is scrapped

Have you ever pulled into a private car park, and then had trouble paying because of a poor internet signal, or other problem beyond your control?

Last year a motorist in Derby was taken to court by a private parking company which demanded a £1,906 fine from her, because she had not paid within five minutes of arrival.

The publicity that her case generated led to the industry's two trade associations deciding to update their code of conduct, to provide a 'safeguard'.

The British Parking Association (BPA) and the International Parking Community (IPC) have now stated

that in privately owned car parks, which have fixed camera monitors, no driver should be issued a ticket for a delay in paying, so long as they pay before they leave.

However, the AA and RAC are sceptical. They want more - a government-backed code of practice. The RAC points out that: "As there's no information on how the change will work in practice, we fear it will make little difference to drivers."

In the meantime, private car park companies across the UK are giving drivers more than 41,000 parking tickets a day. Be careful out there!

No, we're not banning 'gluten-free' bread or 'non-alcoholic' Communion wine

Contrary to recent reports following a question asked by a General Synod member, the Church of England is *not* banning 'gluten-free' wafers nor 'non-alcoholic' wine at Holy Communion.

A spokesman for the C of E said that Anglican churches across the

country "routinely offer 'gluten-free' bread or 'non-alcoholic' wine at Holy Communion."

He said: "Many professional ecclesiastical suppliers have long provided wine or bread which may contain tiny traces of alcohol or gluten which can legitimately be considered non-alcoholic or gluten free."

Reflecting Faith: Baptisms and Easter

The Revd Dr Jo White considers the time of year you were baptised.

What time of year were you baptised? For the first few centuries of the Early Church, baptisms were only held at Easter, with the preparation being taught in the few weeks beforehand.

Leo I, Bishop of Rome from 440 to 461 AD, was a strong advocate of holding baptisms solely at Easter.

He wrote: "... for in the baptismal office death ensues through the slaying of sin, and threefold immersion imitates the lying in the tomb three days, and the raising out of the water is like Him that rose again from the tomb."

But, as the years went by and more adults began seeking baptism for their children, the practise changed. The Church was keen to not put any obstacles in the way, and so baptisms became a sacrament to be freely given at any time of the year.

This was especially important because for many years it was mistakenly thought that

unbaptised babies should not be buried in a churchyard, and, even more importantly, would not get into heaven.

Thankfully the Church moved away from those wrong positions long ago. Now most of us were baptised when we were very young, often in our first few months of life, at any time of the year.

One thing is certain: baptising a child is not so that God will love them more. It is instead to say that the parents believe in God, and therefore intend to raise the child as part of the family of God.

This month:

Have a think about your own Baptism. How old were you? Do you know – if you were a child at the time – why your parents chose that age?



Easter Thoughts in a Churchyard

Canon David Winter considers graveyards – and the Resurrection

It's a yearly paradox. You've brought some flowers to the churchyard to lay on the grave of a loved one. All around you are graves and headstones, reminders of the inevitable end of life's earthly journey. But it's Easter Day, and from within the church you can hear the singing: 'Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!' Perhaps then you notice a few other things. You're standing among the fresh daffodils and the grass that's suddenly green and growing again. For a moment you pause and reflect on the reverse of an old saying. In the midst of death - we are in life!

That essentially is what Easter is about - an annual reminder that death is not the end of the story. Cookham, in Berkshire, was once the home of the great 20th century painter, Stanley Spencer. Perhaps his most famous painting is 'Resurrection in Cookham Churchyard', which depicts local residents - many of them recognisable village characters - rising up out of their graves to be greeted by the risen Jesus, standing in the church porch. It's a glorious, vivid, shocking reminder of a great assertion. The graveyard is not a terminus, but a junction.

The resurrection of Jesus (and hence our resurrections, too) is the defining claim of Christianity. Christians don't follow the teaching of a prophet who died many centuries ago, or of a holy man whose life is an example to follow, excellent as that may be. They put their trust in a Saviour whom they believe is alive and with them now, and they also believe that through Him they too will move through the junction of death to the journey that lies beyond - a journey he talked about to His followers.

The annual paradox lies in the inescapable fact of death, indelibly represented by those graves and headstones, and in the equally inescapable fact that - in apparent defiance of all logic - human beings down the ages have clung to the belief that death is not the end.

Every culture has its story of the life beyond - the Elysian fields, Valhalla, Nirvana, Abraham's bosom. But only with the coming of Jesus, and the witnessed events of that first Easter morning, has our instinctive belief been given wings. The paradox is the heart of everything. Death is a fact, but life is greater than death. 'Because I live', said Jesus, 'you will also live'.

19th April – Easter Eve or Holy Saturday

Easter Eve is the last day of Lent. It is the day between Good Friday and Easter Day, and represents the one full day that Jesus was dead. It is a day of quiet reflection and anticipation for Christians worldwide.

In various church traditions it is known as Easter Eve, Holy Saturday, the Great Sabbath, Hallelujah Saturday, Saturday of the Glory, and Black Saturday.

Easter Eve is sometimes incorrectly called Easter Saturday. But Easter Saturday is the Saturday *following* Easter Sunday.

Most churches do not have any services on Easter Eve. In the Catholic Church, the altar remains stripped completely bare. Many Lutheran, Anglican, Methodist, and other churches observe many of the same customs as the Catholic Church; however, their altars may be covered in black instead of being stripped.

In the Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, and Methodist traditions, Easter Eve lasts until nightfall, after which the Easter

Vigil is celebrated, marking the official start of the Easter season.

What did Jesus do on that one full day in the grave? Christian understanding varies on this.

The Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and most mainline Protestant churches teach that Jesus descended to the realm of the dead on Holy Saturday, to save the righteous souls who died before His crucifixion.

The catechism of the Catholic church calls the descent "the last phase of Jesus' messianic mission," during which He "opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before Him."

Often called "the Harrowing of Hell," the dramatic image of Jesus breaking down the doors of Hades has proved almost irresistible to artists, from the painter Hieronymus Bosch to the poet Dante to countless Eastern Orthodox iconographers.

But some Protestants say there is little scriptural evidence for the detour to hell, and that even Jesus' own words contradict it. For on

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Good Friday, Jesus told the Good Thief crucified alongside Him that "today you will be with Me in Paradise," according to Luke's Gospel."

"That's the only clue we have as to what Jesus was doing between death and resurrection," John Piper, a prominent evangelical author and pastor from Minnesota, has said. "I don't think the thief went to hell and that hell is called paradise."

The Bible says little about the interlude between Jesus' death and resurrection. Churches that

teach He descended to the realm of the dead usually quote 1 Peter 3:18-20. "Christ was put to death as a human, but made alive by the Spirit," Peter writes. "And it was by the Spirit that He went to preach to the spirits in prison."

The descent might not have become a doctrine if not for a fourth-century bishop named Rufinus, who added that Jesus went *ad inferna* - to hell - in his commentary on the Apostles' Creed. The phrase stuck, but it was officially added to the influential creed only centuries later.

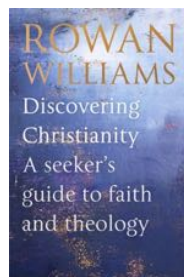
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(Book Review)

In this thought-provoking but highly readable book, Rowan Williams explores the vital questions that go right to the heart of Christianity.

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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.

The Wonder and the Sorrow of those PCR Tests

PCR tests were a fact of life for most of us three years ago this month. As a biologist who was doing this procedure long before most people had heard of it, I take secret delight in people's use of the acronym. Let me open the laboratory door and share the wonders it conceals.

That swab that you, or someone else, poked down your throat and up your nose went into a tube containing a little liquid. That liquid was then heated or mixed with a chemical to kill any live virus particles, then purified to get rid of every part of the virus except RNA.

The test was actually RT-PCR, the first step being Reverse Transcription by an enzyme that converted any RNA present into DNA. Multiple copies of that DNA were then made, using the Polymerase Chain Reaction. Reverse transcription produced one half of a DNA helix, like one side of an unzipped zip. The enzyme DNA Polymerase is a little like the zipper, except as well as zipping up, it also manufactures the other half of the zip using DNA subunits that have been added to the

tube. This process works because a bit like a zip, the two sides of the DNA helix are mirror images of each other. If that new helix is unzipped, DNA polymerase can then make a new strand on both sides.

The beauty of PCR is in its simplicity. Multiple rounds of heating (which melts the DNA helix strands apart) and cooling (which allows the enzyme to make new DNA) produce more and more mirror-image DNA strands.

Scientists often have stories to tell about the wonders they study, or make use of, in the lab. Sadly, if this particular process worked it meant that there was probably COVID-19 in the sample, and someone might have been about to become quite ill.

Do you live with similar tensions in your own life? Maybe you love taking care of people, but your role only exists because others live with great physical or mental challenges.

For the Psalmists, a relationship with God was forged in the confusing space where the struggles of life, mingled with praise for creation and trust in Him. How can we learn from these inspired ancient writers, celebrating the wonders we experience in our day-to-day lives while also lamenting the world's brokenness, praying for healing and justice?

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The Real Easter

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the effect of Easter...

In CS Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, the lion Aslan is put to death by the White Witch. The stone table on which He is killed cracks in two, but Aslan meets with Lucy and Susan alive again. He explains the Witch's failure:

'her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of time. But if she could have looked a little further back, she would have known that when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table would crack, and Death itself would start working backwards.'

This is a great picture of what Jesus' cross and His resurrection has achieved. As Paul writes, *'I want to know Christ, to know the power of His resurrection'* (Philippians 3:10). To understand the real Easter, we should experience the same power that raised Jesus from the dead!

New Hope: Like the girls in the story, Easter highlights the sadness and confusion that loss brings. Yet the resurrection of

Jesus brings new hope, as it demonstrates the victory secured by the cross over sin, Satan and death. We can face life's difficulties knowing that Jesus walks beside us.

New Love: Our relationships are often characterised by a lack of forgiveness, hurt and betrayal. Yet Jesus' resurrection opens the possibility of new love, as His power enables us to accept others and forgive them.

New Life: When we are trying to make sense of life, like the girls in the story, Jesus offers us a living relationship with Himself. It's a friendship with God through Jesus that can begin today and continue for eternity.

When Lucy met Aslan again, she cried: *'Oh, you're real, you're real!'* We too can find the real Easter through a life changing encounter with the living Christ.

God in Music

The Revd Michael Burgess looks at great works of music, based on various saints of the church.

‘In sweet music is such art’: the Basilica of St Mark in Venice

In 828 the relics of St Mark the evangelist were seized from their resting place in Alexandria and brought by two adventurers to Venice. The Basilica of St Mark was built to house these relics, and it was this link between the saint and Venice that determined so much of the city’s history through the Middle Ages.

Venetians would go to war under the banner of the winged lion, the symbol of St Mark, and through the centuries Venice established its independence, its own system of aristocratic government and commercial supremacy in the Mediterranean. The Basilica of St Mark is a vivid testimony to the grandeur of Venice and this amazing history. James Morris has described the church as descended from Byzantium: “a barbaric building, like a great Mongolian pleasure pavilion or a fortress in Turkestan.”

We celebrate St Mark this year on 29th April, (usually 25th) but apart from his Gospel, we know little about the saint’s life. He is mentioned by St

Peter and St Paul as ‘son’ and missionary companion. There are many traditions about St Mark: he might be the young man in Gethsemane in chapter 14 of the Gospel, and it is thought that he was martyred in the reign of Trajan. What we do have of St Mark is his Gospel, generally accepted as the earliest of the four to be written. Mark has no infancy narratives and no preparation for the life and ministry of Jesus. Instead, his Gospel begins with the strange, exotic character of St John the Baptist emerging from the wilderness to proclaim the Good News of the Son of God.

In the same way the Basilica of St Mark emerges from the lagoon as strange and as exotic as the Baptist in the Gospel. E V Lucas in ‘A Wanderer in Venice’ invites the visitor to this church to “let the walls and the floor and the pillars and the ceiling do their own magical work.” And the visitor might be lucky enough to hear some of the music of Venetian composers sounding through the basilica. In the 16th century Adrian Willaert wrote music that enhanced the domes and mosaics and ceilings with works for two organs and two choirs sounding out from different parts of the building.

Giovanni Gabrieli, who died in 1612, built upon that tradition. His set of motets, ‘Sacrae Symphoniae’, were

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written for the special acoustics of this marbled basilica. He developed the antiphonal sounds of Willaert with glorious, harmonic colours, a boldness of modulation, and a variety of dynamics and timbres. We hear all of that in the motet 'In Ecclesiis,' which is regarded as his masterpiece. The choirs, brass and organ are divided into five groups that would have sounded out around the basilica: 'In churches bless the Lord, in every place bless the Lord, for God is my salvation and my glory. Alleluia.'

As we celebrate St Mark on his feast day, we can think of these threefold proclamations of his Good News: his Gospel, which, in its earthy realism, calls the disciple to follow Jesus wherever He goes; this Basilica that calls us to explore its mystery and marvels; and the music of Gabrieli that calls us to echo God's praises in our own lives.

Final report of Archbishops' Commission for Racial Justice published

The Archbishops' Commission for Racial Justice (ACRJ) has published its sixth and final report. It was charged with monitoring, and supporting the implementation of the 47 recommendations of the Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce.

The report calls for the church to address the "gaping wound of racial injustice that afflicts it" and to "reach out and welcome all comers".

It says that a strategy for bringing about change has not yet been adopted at all the front lines of the Church. The Commission identifies four priorities as key to further progress:

- Nurturing a **worship culture** in the Church of England that reflects the rich mix of backgrounds present within the Church today.
- The need for a robust structure of **governance** to ensure racial justice becomes a normal part of practice.
- The need for an effective **complaints system**.
- That the **barriers to full participation** for all within the C of E are addressed

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell said: "The proposed priorities are achievable, and I and my fellow Bishops are committed to ensuring that we drive forward the change and progress needed to eradicate racial injustice within the Church, and march into the light of God."

Nigel Beeton writes: The 12th April
sees the centenary of the birth of Oliver
Postgate, whose distinctive voice brought
us such magical tales as 'The Clangers',
'Pogles Wood', 'Noggin the Nog', 'Ivor the
Engine' and 'Bagpuss'. His was literally
the voice of our childhoods:

The Magic World of Oliver

Postgate

Born 12/4/1925 – Died 8/12/2008

The Clangers on their planet, the
Pogles in their wood

In Oliver's bright kingdom we
children had it good!

Small films brought us joy, and
spoiled us all for choice

With ev'ry charming tale told by
Oliver's fine voice.

In Wales' top left corner a small
green engine puffed

And Ivor was the engine's name, he
whistled and he chuffed.

He kept a dragon's egg within his fire
so hot

Which Jones the Steam his driver
never seemed to spot!

A stuffed cloth cat called Bagpuss
still figures in our dreams;
He was pink and baggy, a bit loose at
the seams!

We met the king of the Northmen -
Noggin the much-loved Nog,
And the Pogles were a family who
lived in a hollow log.

Green soup and blue string pudding
which all the Clangers eat
Provided by a soup dragon who lives
beneath their feet!
So thank you Mr Postgate for all that
you have done
To bring such joy into our lives and
fill them full of fun!

By Nigel Beeton

The taxi (Smile...)

The passenger tapped the cab driver
on the shoulder to ask him
something. The driver screamed, lost
control of the car, nearly hit a bus,
went up on the pavement, and
stopped inches from a shop window.
For a second everything went quiet
in the cab, then the driver said, "Look

mate, don't ever do that again. You
scared me half to death!"

The passenger apologised and said
he hadn't realised that a little tap
would scare him so much. The driver
replied, "You're right. I'm sorry.
Really, it's not your fault. Today is my
first day as a cab driver. I've been
driving a hearse for 25 years."

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London Marathon 2025 – Sunday 27th April

Last year's London Marathon attracted more than 53,000 runners, which made it the world's biggest annual one-day fund-raising event EVER. It also raised a world record-breaking amount of £73.5 million for charities.

The route is 26.2 miles long. Greenwich and Blackheath is the starting point, and then the route takes in Woolwich, Greenwich,

Rotherhithe, Bermondsey, Tower Bridge, Limehouse, Canary Wharf, Isle of Dogs, Shadwell, Tower Gateway, Westminster Bridge, Great George Street, Birdcage Walk, Buckingham Palace and finally to the iconic finish line on The Mall.

It is all a far cry from the first London Marathon back in March 1981, when 6,747 people ran, and which did not raise any money specifically for charities.

£2m funding announced to support clergy with financial wellbeing

The C of E is providing a £2 million grant to the Clergy Support Trust, an independent, national charity which supports clergy with financial, health and wellbeing needs.

Last year it provided more than 6,300 such grants, equalling

financial support to 22% of serving Church of England clergy. The grants covered the basics of daily life, such as laptops, car repairs, school uniforms and domestic appliances.

The C of E is currently reviewing the value of clergy stipends and pensions within a wider review of finances across the church.

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**Penny killed off in the
USA, but saved in the UK**

President Trump has ordered the US Treasury to stop minting one cent pennies.

But Downing Street is standing firm: our 1p and 2p coins are not being phased out in Britain. In fact, no British coin has been scrapped since 1984, when the halfpenny was taken out of circulation.

But there are some changes at the Treasury: no new coins are being minted this year, for the first time in decades. This is because our use of cash continues to decline, making the 27 billion coins currently in circulation within the UK quite sufficient for now.

In the UK, about 1.5 million people still use mostly cash, according to a 2023 survey by UK Finance.

70 years ago, on 10th April 1955, British nightclub hostess Ruth Ellis shot and killed her lover, David Blakely. On 13th July she was hanged at Holloway Prison, the last woman to be executed in the UK.

65 years ago, on 1st April 1960, Dr Martens boots went on sale in the UK.

40 years ago, on 23rd April 1985, the Coca-Cola Company changed the formula of Coca-Cola and launched it on the market as New Coke. The public were out-raged, and the original formula was restored within three months.



THE CAVENDISH CLUB

The Cavendish Club is a wonderful facility for the people and associates of Chatsworth, located at the rear of the Estate Office building opposite Edensor village.

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What do children worry about?

Sadly – a problem that is far too heavy for their young shoulders, but which can cripple them with anxiety: climate change.

‘Eco-anxiety’ now affects nearly four out of five children, according to a recent YouGov survey. And, increasingly, teachers are struggling to cope with the rising numbers of pupils who confess they are really worried about climate change.

One expert advises against sheltering the children, pointing out that “homes torched by wildfires, flooded villages, people fleeing hurricanes –

pictures of climate impacts are coming in thick and fast, and our kids are watching,” she said.

Instead, she says: “Our children will come of age during a climate crisis so building their emotional resilience is one way to prepare them. But we understand that this can be a challenge for parents and teachers, who already have a lot on their plate.”

“The reality is that the climate crisis will be one of the major forces shaping the world they’ll grow up in, and it’s good to give them the tools they need to make sense of it.”

READINGS & ROTAS FOR APRIL 2025

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES*</u>
6	3pm Family Communion	Liz Turner
13	9.30am Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)	Fiona Lichfield
17	7pm Holy Communion (Maundy Thursday)	
20	9.30am Holy Communion (Easter Day)	“ “
27	9.30am Holy Communion	Liz Turner
* Brasses only during Lent		
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>
6	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw
13	10.45am Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)	Mr & Mrs Wardle
14/15/16	7pm Compline	
18	2pm The Last Hour at the Cross	
19	7.30pm The lighting of the Paschal Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows	
20	10.45am Holy Communion (Easter Day)	John Caws/Diana Walters
27	10.45am Holy Communion	John Bowns/Mike Pindar
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>
6	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw
13	JaneDickson/Kate Green	Fabulous Cleaners
20	John & Jill Caws	Kate Green/Nadine Harrington
27	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Marian & Terry Greeley
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<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>
6 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	John Bowns <i>Passion Sunday</i>	TBA
13 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 19:28-40 (Gospel of the Palms on the Green, Edensor) Luke 22 & 23 (Gospel of the Passion - Passion narrative) <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Mike Woodcock	Fiona Swain
20 Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18	Christine Robinson <i>Easter Day</i>	Rupert Turner
27 Acts 5:27-32 John 20:19-end	Roger Wardle <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	Sarah Porter

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