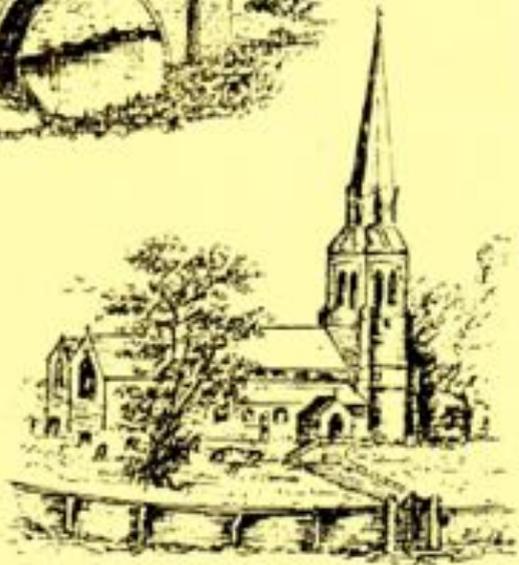


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January 2025

As the shops pack away Christmas and the sales begin, for the church we still have one part of the story of the birth of Jesus to celebrate.

January 6th marks Epiphany when we celebrate the arrival of the wise men who have travelled many miles following the star to find the infant Jesus. Their gifts show three themes of the messiah - kingship in gold, the priestly in frankincense and the presence of death in Myrrh - all of which will reoccur throughout the gospels.

The gospel describes them as magi - probably Persians who were a mix of astronomers and astrologers - both studying the sky physically but also interested in meanings and messages in the movement of the stars and comets. This was very popular in the world of the 1st century and after, when the fame of a great figure like Julius Caesar might be traced back to the aligning of the stars on the day of his birth. Comets and meteors too were said to prophesy that good or bad events were about to happen.

The wise men were not Jewish, they were gentiles and for Matthew they were thoughtful and objective figures - expert witnesses if you like to convince the listeners and readers of the gospels of who Jesus was. As time went by, people referred to them as Kings on the basis that the baby was even more special if even Kings knelt down in homage but that does lose something of what the wise men represented.

For us the journey of the wise men is our entry into the story of faith. The coming of the Messiah was seen as an event for the Jewish people as the chosen people but right at the start of the gospel the arrival of

the wise men points to Jesus being for both Jew and for Gentile - a universal messiahship. That is where we come in and that is where as gentiles we find a welcome in Christ - the wise men were the first and we follow journeying to the infant Christ.

The Wise Men believed something special was happening, journeying to find out more and our faith is based not on story or myth but in a reality which is our walk with a God who exists and who sent his son into the world out of love for all humanity. As gentiles and as thoughtful people we find a welcome and a sureness of faith in the message of the Epiphany, Jesus is for everyone.

Happy Epiphany

Mark



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Monday	Monday 23 December Monday 30 December
Tuesday	Tuesday 24 December Tuesday 31 December
Wednesday	Saturday 21 December Thursday 2 January
Thursday	Friday 27 December Friday 3 January
Friday	Saturday 28 December Saturday 4 January

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Old love (Smile...)

During a wedding the mother of the bride managed to keep from crying until she glanced at the grandparents. As the bride and groom took their vows, the grandmother had reached over to the grandfather's wheelchair and was gently touching his hand. That was all it took to start the mother's tears flowing. After the wedding, she

went over to the grandmother and told her how that tender gesture triggered her outburst.

"Well, I'm sorry to ruin your moment," the grandmother replied, "but I was just checking to see if he was still awake."



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JANUARY 2025

- 14 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm** Beeley Village Hall
Crafting - Jude Shore
Refreshments & Raffle - *Helen Boyce and Laura Boyce*
- 15 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting - 7pm** Cavendish Hall
Speaker: Martin Rowley - Helipads for Hospitals
Competition: How many words can you make out of the word HELICOPTER - 3 letters or more no names.
- 21 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP - 7pm** Beeley Village Hall
David Spencer talking about 'An object!'
- 30 Chatty Crafts - 10-12** in the Cavendish Chapel, St. Peter's Church
Do come and join us for knitting, sewing, any crafting or just chatting. Everyone is very welcome and do bring a friend along too.



Register for recycling

Thanks to all Derbyshire residents who have registered to use our household waste recycling centres so far.

More than 20,000 residents have registered as part of a move to make things fairer and more cost-effective for Derbyshire residents by helping to reduce the amount of waste that is being brought to Derbyshire recycling centres from outside of the county.

If you live in Derbyshire and haven't yet registered, there's still time – we won't be turning away unregistered vehicles immediately but we're asking you to sign-up before your next visit.

Entry to the recycling sites will be monitored using automatic number plate recognition technology (ANPR). Each Derbyshire resident over the age of 17 can [register up to two vehicles](#). Registration is free of charge and covers all nine of our recycling centres. If you want to register a van to dispose of your household waste, you'll be required to register each time you wish to visit and van access will last 24 hours, except for camper vans which can be registered in the same way as cars are registered.

If you're unable to register online you can call into your nearest Derbyshire library where a librarian can help you to register. Or you can phone Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190 to speak to someone who can help.

How the New Year and Resolutions began

1st January was not always the start of a New Year. The Babylonians began their New Year on 23rd March. For them, it was a logical choice, as with the arrival of Spring, crops were being planted, and a new cycle of life was beginning.

For centuries the Romans agreed with them, but they chose 1st March for New Year. It was the Romans who brought in the idea of making resolutions at New Year, mostly along

the lines of acting more noble, and doing good to others.

Then in 46BC Julius Caesar changed the Roman Empire's calendar. His new Julian calendar realigned the year to the sun, and also began on 1st January. Caesar wanted to honour Janus, the two-faced god who looks backwards into the old year and forward into the new. January 1st didn't have any astronomical or agricultural significance, it was just a random date selected by Caesar.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club October Draw 2024

1st Prize £25 - no. 16 David Jackson

2nd prize £15 - no. 7 Gillian Caird

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

40 years ago, on 1st Jan 1985, the first mobile phone call in the UK was made by comedian Ernie Wise. He rang Vodafone's head office in Newbury from St Katherine's Docks in London.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club

Subscriptions for 2025 are now due in order to be eligible for the January draw.

These are payable at £12 per number held. Please make out cheques to:-

St. Peter's Church 100 Club

Thank you for your continued support.

We would like to invite new members for 2025 to ensure a membership of 100 throughout the year.

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Thanking you in anticipation.

Ann Hall

The Padley Centre

Nadine Harrington has received an email from the Padley explaining that their new premises are not finished and that the other donation facility used for dropping off donations is totally full.

They will let her know when this changes, but it does not look as if this will be until the New Year.

However, if food is donated, Nadine can take this down to Derby, as this will be used immediately for those in daily need.

Padley Centre have said they most need - 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.

How Councils avoid pothole compensation claims

Are there potholes on the roads near your home?

If you don't report them to the Council, then it can use 'not knowing' as an excuse for not having to pay compensation to drivers whose vehicles are damaged.

And increasingly, Councils are doing just that. Recent RAC research has found that local authorities used the excuse to reject seven out of every 10 compensation claims in 2023.

This has prompted the RAC to urge drivers to report every

pothole that they see, "either via the RAC's website or using the free Stan app which collects data on the state of UK roads," said Simon Williams, the motoring organisation's head of policy.

What is a pothole? A hole that must be at least 40mm deep, about the height of two 20p coins. They most commonly cause punctured tyres, damaged suspension and damaged tracking, according to Confused.com.

Potholes existed in biblical times, where they were also seen as a nuisance. Even St Luke's vision of a blessed future included roads where: "Every valley shall be filled in... the crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. (Lk 3:5)

Time to think

By Lester Amann

We all have moments in life when our circumstances change dramatically, and we wonder how things are going to work out.

Perhaps it was like this for Mary. One moment she was planning her marriage to Joseph, when an angel announced she was to give birth to God's Son. A few months later she had to leave home, while pregnant, and travel to Bethlehem. Following the birth, in a grim environment, some shepherds visited her. They had seen the angels sing, and had heeded their news that the Messiah had been born.

The Gospel record says that Mary pondered (or remembered or treasured) on all this. (Luke 2:19) Quite an understatement! Mary

knew her life would never be the same again. But despite the difficulties, she knew God was with her. God had called her to a task.

As we enter a New Year, how have we seen God at work in our lives so far? Like Mary, we too might need to remind ourselves of God's special touch, to reflect on what has happened already. Mary was aware that she was 'favoured' by God, so whatever was to happen in the future, she knew God was with her, and in control.

God loves us too. We too are special in His sight. Let us step out in faith and obedience to God's call on our lives this year, and let us be reassured that God is with us in every situation.

Call 999 if you see just one symptom of a stroke

The NHS has launched the first major update to its '**Act FAST**' campaign in 15 years.

It is concerned that too many people are waiting on average 90 minutes to ring for help when a stroke happens. That is far too long, doctors say, and the delay

can mean the difference between life and death.

Health officials strongly urge the public to call 999 if they see just one symptom of a stroke, such as struggling to smile (Face), raising an arm (Arm), or slurring their words (Speech).

Monty Don, Chelsea Flower Show and dogs

This coming Spring Monty Don is going to design a garden for dogs for the Chelsea Flower Show.

Monty Don's garden will include a well-kept lawn for doggie comfort, and a large tree for shade. For the dog's human friends, there will be spring-flowering bulbs.

The garden is the result of a collaboration of Radio 2 and the

Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). It will also include a brick path inscribed with the names of the dogs belonging to the Queen (Jack Russell terriers Beth and Bluebell), the channel's presenters, RHS ambassadors and Monty Don's retriever, Ned.

Mr Don says: "This is an irresistible opportunity to join with the RHS and Radio 2 to share my love of gardens and dogs at the world's greatest horticultural event."

Buckingham Palace opens its front gates to tourists

Next time you are in London, you can pop into Buckingham Palace. And for the first time, starting this month (January) tourists visiting the iconic building will be welcomed to walk in through the front gates and then proceed across the famous forecourt.

It is part of the King's vision to give people greater access to Buckingham Palace. You can also now book a 90-minute guided tour, from January to May, to have a more in-depth look at the history of the rooms in the East Wing.

For more information go to: <https://www.buckinghampalace.co.uk/buckingham-palace-tours.php>

Good idea (Smile.....)

A young theologian, fresh out of university, thought it would help him better understand the world if he served as a policeman before going on for ordination. At the police interview he was asked: "What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?"

He promptly responded, "I would pass around an offering plate." He got the job.

Reading the Bible in church

David Pickup, a solicitor, considers that daunting task of reading in church.

'He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord.' 2 Kings 23:2

A friend was unexpectedly asked to read at a service as someone was unwell. He was caught just as he came in the church! Most of us like to look over a reading first and find the meaning of the passage. Some Bible readings are challenging, with difficult names of places and people. If it makes you feel better, no-one else knows how to pronounce these either, because there is no one around from Bible times!

People worry about reading in church. Some of them would happily

talk to a class of children or a boardroom, but there is something about church which is different. Perhaps we expect too much of ourselves. The best reading I ever heard in church was by a non-church goer. He did not know the reading, so he put a different emphasis on the passage. If you are reluctant, why not slip into church and give it a trial on a Saturday, when no-one is around?

Reading in church is a genuine ministry and is vital. It is important to give it our best try, as a way of learning about our faith. The Bible is meant to be heard as well as read.

It is not nice to be given a reading at the last minute, but then not good for the minister to suddenly get let down. To tell you the truth I have never liked reading, as it makes me dreadfully nervous. I prefer to preach or lead than read.

Morning and evening stroll could cut bowel cancer risk, study suggests

Here is a New Year's Resolution well worth making: go for a stroll in the morning and again in the evening.

For an "intriguing" finding in a recent medical study seems to point to a link between the time of day that you exercise, and the avoidance of bowel cancer.

The study, led by experts at Regensburg University in Germany,

found two daily peaks in activity, at around 8am and 6pm, were "associated with reduced colorectal cancer risk, beyond the benefits of overall physical activity".

Bowel cancer - also known as colorectal cancer - can develop anywhere in the large bowel. It is the fourth most common cancer in the UK. Roughly 44,000 people each year - or about 120 a day - are diagnosed with the disease.

Remember the 'Millennium Bug'?

by Tim Lenton

It was 25 years ago, on 1st January 2000, that the calendar switched over to the year 2000, with no major computer problems from the Y2K "Millennium Bug".

The Y2K bug was a computer flaw involving software and hardware that might have caused problems when dealing with dates beyond 31st December, 1999. This was because, for storage reasons, there had been a practice of using two figures for dates – for instance 78 instead of 1978. It was therefore feared that 00 for 2000 might be interpreted as 1900, with chaos resulting in the power industry, transportation or anywhere that computers were critical.

When this potential problem was recognised – surprisingly late, in the mid-1990s – a great deal of money was poured into preventing it from happening, particularly by countries like the USA and Australia, as well as the UK.

Other countries, such as Russia, South Korea and Italy, spent

almost nothing on the problem. Ironically, they suffered no more in the end than those who invested many millions, because it turned out that there were very few difficulties.

A nuclear energy facility in Japan experienced failure in its radiation equipment, but backup facilities ensured there was no danger. Missile launches were detected in Russia and attributed to the Y2K bug, but the launches had been planned as part of Russia's conflict in Chechnya.

Because of the lack of disastrous outcomes, many people dismissed the Y2K bug as a hoax or an end-of-the-world cult. A small number of fundamentalist Christians had been interpreting the whole issue as apocalyptic, involving the breakdown of society, the Last Days and the subsequent Second Coming.

Similar computer problems had been predicted for other years, for similar but obviously not identical reasons. They include 1975, 1999, 2010, 2022 and – wait for it – 2038.

6th January - Where did the Wise Men come from?

Magi from the East – it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi had originally been a religious caste among the Persians. Their devotion to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams led to an extension in the meaning of the word, and by the first century the Magi in Matthew's gospel could have been astrologers from outside of Persia. Some scholars believe they might have come from what was then Arabia Felix, or as we would say today, southern Arabia.

It is true that in the first century astrology was practised there, and it was the region where the Queen of Sheba had lived. She of course had visited Solomon and would have heard the prophecies about how one day a Messiah would be born to the Israelites and become their king.

Matthew's gospel (chapter 2) is clear that the Magi asked Herod: 'Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.' So it is possible that in southern Arabia

the Queen of Sheba's story of how a Messiah would one day be sent to the Israelites had survived. Certainly, there are a number of other early legends that connect southern Arabia with Solomon's Israel.

To many people this makes sense: that the ancient stories of a Messiah, linked to later astrological study, prompted these alert and god-fearing men to the realisation that something very stupendous was happening in Israel. They realised that after all these centuries, the King of the Jews, the Messiah, was about to be born.

One more interesting thing that gives weight to the theory that the Magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.



Remembering TS Eliot – author of *The Wasteland*

by Tim Lenton

Sixty years ago, on 4th January 1965, T S Eliot, American-born British poet, playwright, literary critic and editor, died. He won the 1948 Nobel Prize for Literature.

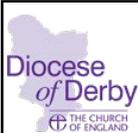
Thomas Stearns Eliot was born in 1888 in St Louis, Missouri, but his family were prominent Unitarians, with roots in Boston. However, he had a Roman Catholic nanny, of whom he was very fond, and who took him to her church. This may have had some bearing on his converting to Anglicanism in 1927, the year he became a British citizen. He was baptised and confirmed secretly in Oxfordshire, saying he hated spectacular conversions.

He identified as Anglo-Catholic, saying he was "classicist in literature, royalist in politics, and anglo-catholic in religion". Much later he said he combined "a Catholic cast of mind, a Calvinist heritage and a Puritanical temperament".

Eliot married twice but had no children. His first wife was Vivienne Haigh-Wood, who he married in 1915 – the year that his first "professional" poem, *The Love Song of J Alfred Prufrock*, was published. But the marriage was fraught, because his wife had mental problems and eventually went into an asylum. They separated in 1933. His second wife was his much younger secretary Esme, whom he married in 1957.

Eliot lived through two world wars but remained optimistic through his Christianity. He wrote *The Waste Land* in 1923 and *The Four Quartets* were published in 1941 after he became British and an Anglican.

He died of emphysema at his home in Kensington, was cremated and is buried at the parish church in East Coker, Somerset – East Coker being where his family may have originated: it was also the title of the second of the *Four Quartets*. He has a plaque in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey.



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Love Matters: new resources developed for dioceses, schools and youth groups

The Archbishops' Commission on Families and Households has developed resources for use locally in parishes, deaneries and dioceses. It has also collaborated with schools to produce resources for children and young people.

Two videos and lesson plans for children and young people are now available to help them learn about loving relationships: in the family; in singleness; children and young people; forgiveness and kindness; and diversity. An eight-page booklet is also available, and is already proving popular. The initiative follows the success of the *Love Matters* report of April 2023.

Jan Brueghel the Elder – painting paradise

by Tim Lenton

Four hundred years ago, on 13th January 1625, Flemish artist Jan Brueghel the Elder died of cholera in Antwerp. He was 57.

Taught to paint by his grandmother, he was known for his still life paintings, particularly of flowers, but also landscapes. He frequently collaborated with other painters, including his friend Peter Paul Rubens. Brueghel usually provided the landscape or still-life element, while Rubens contributed the figures. Collaboration between artists specialising in different genres was frequent in western Europe at the time.

Working for several years in Italy, Brueghel met an important patron, Cardinal Federico Borromeo, who played a significant role in the Catholic Counter-Reformation. When he became Archbishop of Milan, Brueghel became part of his household, and his work reflected the appropriate religious motifs as well as aiming for scientific

accuracy and representation of progress in that field.

One of his nicknames was ‘Paradise’ Brueghel, because of his depictions of the imaginary landscape of Paradise, such as *Paradise with the Fall of Man*, though he also painted hellish landscapes as well as tackling some gentler, often floral, themes, from which he gained the additional nicknames of ‘Velvet’ and ‘Flower’.

In 1604 Brueghel moved briefly to Prague and the court of Holy Roman Emperor Rudolf II before moving back to his birthplace, Brussels, two years later, where he served as court painter to Archduke Albert of Austria and the Infanta Isabella Clara Eugenia of Spain.

Jan Brueghel was the son of Pieter Brueghel the Elder, one of the most significant and admired Renaissance painters. Jan’s first son, Jan the Younger, was also a painter who studied with his father and then ran a successful workshop. Jan the Elder’s first wife was Isabella, daughter of the printmaker Gerard Jode; after her death he married Catharina van Marienberghe.

Blood on the Tracks

by Tim Lenton

Fifty years ago, on 20th January 1975, Bob Dylan's album *Blood on the Tracks* was released.

It was his 15th studio album and an exceptional one, marking his return to Columbia from Asylum Records. The Ultimate Classic Rock website places it third best of Dylan's 40 studio albums, behind the double album *Blonde on Blonde* and *Highway 61 Revisited* – both from about ten years earlier, in the brave new days of his switch to electric.

The ten tracks range from the brilliant *Tangled up in Blue* through a stunning, quite risky *Idiot Wind*, an amazing and complex wild west story in *Lily, Rosemary and the Jack of Hearts*, to the tender, seductive *Shelter from the Storm*. And more.

In many ways it can all be related to the breaking up of his marriage to Sara Lownds, and it does reflect a lot of pain. Dylan said in a radio interview in April 1975: "A lot of people tell me they enjoy that album. It's hard for me to relate to that."

Bob Dylan was born Robert Allen Zimmermann in Duluth, Minnesota, in 1941. Jewish by birth, he converted to Christianity in 1978 through the influence of a friend and a personal supernatural experience, and was said to have joined the Vineyard Church. Although he released three overtly Christian albums – one of them widely praised – his faith has remained in the background since then.

In 2016 Dylan won the Nobel Prize for Literature for creating "new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition".

Described by some as the Shakespeare of his generation, he sold tens of millions of albums, wrote more than 500 songs recorded by more than 2,000 artistes and set a standard for lyric writing which makes the old classics sound jaded and formulaic.

Reflecting Faith: taking down the Christmas tree decorations

The Revd Dr Jo White considers the job of packing up Christmas.

Last month we considered the decorations we put on our Christmas trees, both at home and in our churches.

Many churches keep their decorations – or at least their nativity scene - in place until Candlemas at the beginning of February, but most of us take our domestic ones down around Epiphany, on 6th January, when we recall the arrival of the Three Kings.

But how do we manage them for the rest of the year, after we have taken them down?

Our Christmas ‘baubles’ come in all colours, in matt and shiny, in all shapes and sizes. They can remind us of people, who also come in all shapes and sizes, colours and tones. Baubles are very fragile, like we are sometimes.

This year as you take down your decorations, have a good look at

them and think about the care that you take to store them safely, so that they will not break.

How much more care do you take in looking after the people who make up your life? Your family, friends, neighbours, church, colleagues, local shop keepers, and so on?

It’s quick and easy to pick up the decorations and just drop them in a box, but without some gentle care, will they be okay for next year?

It’s too easy to pass folk by, and get on with what we are doing for ourselves, our own plans and goals; but aren’t people worth more than that?

Who do we know that would greatly benefit if we gave them just a bit more time, a bit more consideration?

This month: Have a look at your decorations and see if any of them need a bit of refreshing, some TLC, (tender loving care), just as we all do.

God in the Arts

'The Annunciation' - by Domenico Veneziano

Revd Michael Burgess considers the sacred in Art.

During this year, we shall be 'visiting' different art galleries and museums in England to explore their treasures. Our first visit is to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. Founded in 1816, it is a wonderful building in Trumpington Street that houses a wealth of art and antiquities.

Our painting this month is *The Annunciation* by Domenico Veneziano, who died in Florence in 1461. It is part of the Magnoli altarpiece, and other panels are on display in Washington and Berlin. The scene has been much loved of artists throughout the ages. We can read the account of Gabriel announcing the good news of motherhood to Mary in chapter two of St Luke's Gospel. In the simplicity and beauty of Veneziano's work, we see Gabriel kneeling with lilies, the traditional symbol of our Lady, who is standing on the far side of the canvas. It is early morning, but the two squares on the wall show the blackness of night. They stand either side of a garden where the door is closed.

An enclosed garden, like the lilies, is a medieval symbol of Mary. 'A garden locked is my sister, my bride, a garden

locked, a fountain sealed' we read in the Song of Songs. We might think of the Garden of the Hesperides or the apple orchard of Avalon, or perhaps a monastic herbal garden. They are all images of fruitfulness and new life enclosed by walls. Mary receives the good news of Gabriel and responds with the words, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord.' Her words will open the garden door and lead her out into the new world of redemption, just as Genesis tells us how turning against God closed the garden door of Eden to Adam and Eve.

The pathway from the portico and garden in Veneziano's painting will take Mary into a world where she will give birth to a son, Emmanuel. But that joy of motherhood will be coloured by a flight to Egypt and eventually the death of her Son. Then another garden will announce new and eternal life in the joy of the Resurrection. Here Mary's words will open that door in the garden. She will walk through, trusting in God and letting love guide her steps.

We begin this New Year with an invitation to open the door of our lives to God's guidance and love. That invitation begins with the good news of Emmanuel, God with us. Trusting in that gospel, we can open our lives, like the door of the garden, and travel in trust and love through all that the year will bring.

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.

Just breathe

*You show your majesty in every star
that shines,
And every time we breathe. Your
glory, God revealed
From distant galaxies to here,
beneath our skin.*

These words from the song
Magnificent by Matt Redman and
Jonas Myrin speak volumes to me
as a scientist. Redman is an
astronomy geek who has ‘an
appreciation for the universe that
surrounds us, particularly its
unique ability to lift our hearts to
see how massive and mysterious
God truly is’.*

The microscopic level on the
other hand – what goes on
‘beneath our skin’ – is less
available to ordinary people. I
have had the privilege of
exploring this world to my heart’s
content, and what I’ve seen has
given me such a sense of awe that
I want to share with others.

Every time you breathe, a series
of air pockets with a combined
surface area the size of a tennis
court is bathed with oxygen.
These minute air pockets are
covered with blood vessels. The
boundary between air and blood
is so thin that oxygen and carbon
dioxide can diffuse freely from
one to the other.

When your heart beats at a
normal rate, a single red blood
cell takes about three quarters of
a second to travel through the
small blood vessels in your lungs.
But in just one third of that time,
a quarter of a second, that cell
has already received all the
oxygen it needs from the air. So,
when you exercise, causing your
heart rate to increase and the
blood to flow faster, you’re still
getting plenty of oxygen, as long
as you keep breathing!

Redman and Myrin wrote in their
song, “*You are higher than we ever
could imagine, And closer than our
eyes could ever see.*” The universe
demonstrates God’s awesome
power. This is a place made by a
Being whose imagination is not
limited by time and space.

Biology, on the other hand, helps
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to remind me of God's creativity and closeness. I am a product of a long and painstaking process of continued development over aeons of time. Beneath my skin are incredibly detailed, beautifully regulated processes that give me life. Jesus said that 'even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.' The knowledge that

God intentionally made me and knows every detail of my physiology is both amazing and humbling.

**Indescribable: Encountering the Glory of God in the Beauty of the Universe, Matt Redman & Louis Giglio (David C. Cook, 2011)*

27th January - Holocaust Memorial Day 'particularly significant' in 2025

The UK Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) Ceremony brings together the civic, faith and political leadership of the country, alongside survivors of the Holocaust and more recent genocides.

HMD 2025 will be a particularly significant year, as it will mark 80

years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and 30 years since the genocide in Bosnia.

More than 1.1 million people were murdered at Auschwitz-Birkenau, over 90% of whom were Jewish. An estimated 100,000 people were killed during the conflict in Bosnia between 1992 and 1995.

Waiting (Smile...)

After 40 years of living in various damp and cold vicarages, we retired and were finally able to move into our own home. It took several weeks to settle in, but then we were nearly done – just waiting for the arrival of the new couch and chairs.

As the delivery truck pulled into the driveway, I hastened to welcome it. "Finally!" I exclaimed, flinging open the front door. "I've been waiting for years for this!"

"Don't blame me, lady," he retorted. "I only got the order this morning."

31st January - John Bosco, founder of the Salesian Teaching Order

John Bosco is the saint for anybody concerned for deprived young people.

Bosco never trained as a youth worker, as he was born into a peasant family near Castelnuovo in Piedmont, northern Italy, in 1815. He never belonged to a youth group - he was out in the fields shepherding his family's sheep. But he longed to work with young people, and so in 1835 he was accepted at the seminary in Chieri, where he was ordained a priest in 1841.

Bosco had had a vision, in which he saw a young child, and heard the words: "Not with blows, but with charity and gentleness must you draw these friends to the path of virtue." He knew then that God had given him a specific vocation: his life's work was to be serving deprived youngsters.

And so Bosco headed for the dreary slums of Turin, where he began his ministry in the poor Valdocco quarter of the city. He was haunted by the wretched lives of the many youngsters

there, and reached out to them, showing a kindness which they had never encountered before. Soon, as well as his church services, Bosco launched evening classes and training workshops in various trades for the boys in his neighbourhood. For those boys who were homeless, he opened a boarding house, installing his own mother as housekeeper.

Bosco had uncovered a great social need, because his 'Oratory' grew from 20 boys in early 1842 to 400 boys, only four years later, in 1846. By 1859 the 'Pious Society of St Francis de Sales,' commonly known as the Salesians, had been born. The municipal authorities, at first suspicious, soon greatly valued the work that Bosco and his Salesians were doing.

By the time he died in Turin in 1888, the Salesians had 250 houses throughout the world, housing and educating 130,000 poor children. 6,000 of the boys went on to become priests.

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December solution



January Sudoku



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Home Schooling (smile..)

Back in the 'good old days', we didn't appreciate how much education was given at home...

Our mothers taught us TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE: "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

Our fathers taught us RELIGION: "You better pray that that will come out of the carpet."

Our mothers taught us LOGIC: "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the shops with me."

Our fathers taught us MORE LOGIC: "Because I said so, that's why."

Our mothers taught us about CONTORTIONISM: "Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

Our fathers taught us about the science of OSMOSIS: "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

Our mothers taught us about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: "Stop acting like your father!"

Our mothers taught us about ESP: "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

And finally, our fathers taught us about JUSTICE: "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

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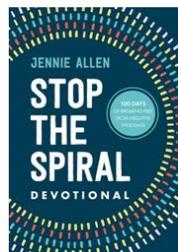
Are your thoughts holding you captive? Are you worn out from getting stuck in patterns of anxiety, distraction, or cynicism? If so, do you know that God built a way for us to escape that downward spiral?

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Let this hundred-day devotional guide you in refusing to be a victim to your thoughts and in realizing that you have already been equipped with God's power to live free.

Jennie Allen is the founder and visionary of IF:Gathering, as well as the New York Times bestselling author of *Get Out of Your Head*, *Find Your People*, *Made for This*, *Anything*, and *Nothing to Prove*.





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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Bobbies on the beat are vanishing

When did you last see a Bobbie on your beat?

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That's according to recent data from the Office for National Statistics Crime Survey for England and Wales.

So, it is no wonder that "shop theft is at a record high, street theft is up 40 per cent in a year. Town centres are too often blighted with persistent antisocial behaviour, leaving residents feeling unsafe.

Criminals – often organised gangs – are just getting away with it."

So says the Home Secretary, Yvette Cooper. "The impact good neighbourhood policing has on local community confidence and business confidence should never be underestimated." She has recently pledged that neighbourhood policing would be centre of the Government's crime plans.

Sadly, lawlessness is an age-old problem. Even the Psalmist observes: "Destructive forces are at work in the city; threats and lies never leave its streets." (Ps 55:11)



READINGS & ROTAS FOR JANUARY 2025



<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	
5	3pm Family Communion	Liz Turner	
12	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	
19	9.30am Holy Communion	Sarah Porter	
26	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
5	10.45am Holy Communion	John Caws/Diana Walters	
12	10.45am Holy Communion	John Bowns/Mike Pindar	
19	10.45am Matins	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
26	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING*</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
5	Mr & Mrs Hubbuck	Mr & Mrs Grealey	<i>Christmas decorations remain</i>
12	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mrs Day	Gloria Sherwood
19	Jane Dickson/Kate Green	Fabulous Cleaners (14 th)	“ “
26	John & Gill Caws	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Diana Walters
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>
5	Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	John Caws <i>Epiphany</i>	TBA
12	Acts 8:14 -17 Luke 3:15 -17, 21-22	Diana Walters <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	Fiona Swain
19	Isaiah 62:1-5 John 2:1-11	David Jackson <i>Epiphany 2</i>	Sarah Porter
26	1 Corinthians 12:12 - 31a Luke 4:14-21	Duke of Devonshire <i>Epiphany 3</i>	Rupert Turner
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