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May 2025

Dear Friends,

For those who enjoy sport, we are at an odd point of the year - the cricket season has begun and the football season is still going on, at what they call the sharp end where the promotion and relegation struggles are being decided as well as the FA cup being played at Wembley. It feels odd because of the varying weather - the start of the cricket season can include snow and soup brought on to the pitch and football never feels quite right in bright sunshine rather than floodlights and Bovril!

As a nation the weather is an important part of the rhythm of our lives, living as we do in the countryside it is something we especially notice around us from the impact on farming to changing patterns of our weather and wildlife. In being close to the natural world we all have a stake in its care and its continuity.

For the Church of England there has been a greater emphasis in recent years on the world in which we live. I suspect in the past the emphasis was more on the heavenly than the earthly or with concerns about judgement rather than the environment. In the last thirty years the church has talked more about our stewardship of God's creation and our responsibility in passing it on to the next generation.

This month sees Rogation Sunday, which on the 25<sup>th</sup> May and is always the fourth Sunday after Easter Sunday. Rogation Sunday bookends with Harvest Festival as the time of praying for the growing season - from the Latin word *Rogare* which means to ask. It is developing into a time of praying more widely for the world around us and for those working on the land - asking for a good harvest but also our concerns for the countryside and handing those over to God.

Apart from offering our prayers, there are other things that we can do - the Sheep Service, for example, on May 4<sup>th</sup> is a time of thanksgiving and

recognising our role in the stewardship of nature. As churches in this benefice we are continually challenged to think about what we can do to be good stewards. The Diocese of Derby is encouraging us to be “greener” and we are fortunate on the Estate to be able to work with Alex and her team to think about birds, butterflies and all the opportunities we have as good stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

Enjoy the spring, pray for the world around us and look out for future opportunities to be God’s good stewards in our benefice. Of course not forgetting all the sport happening in May and hoping rain doesn’t stop play too often!

Mark

## VE DAY

This May we are commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

Our Benefice Commemorations will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at our Communion Services in the morning at 9.30 and 10.45, as well as at Beeley Village Hall, where as part of Beeley’s Big Lunch, there will be a short service at 3pm.

As many of our commemorations in 2020 were curtailed by COVID restrictions, 2025 gives us the opportunity to remember this important date in our history and those who lived through the Second World War. As we celebrate our liberty and the defeat of the Nazis in 1945, which ensured that freedom, so we look to a unity which brings us together to work for justice and freedom in our own time and our own generation. I hope you can join us as we stand together to remember, to honour and to pray.

## ASCENSION DAY

May 29<sup>th</sup> is Ascension Day, when we remember Jesus leaving his disciples for the last time and returning to heaven. It is one of the major festivals of the church although a little less celebrated today.

We will be celebrating Ascension Day with a Service of Holy Communion at 9.30am at St Peter’s - everyone welcome.

## Swift Boxes

We're delighted that as part of our commitment to encouraging the wildlife in Edensor, the swift nesting boxes have now been installed in the tower at St Peter's. There are a total of 16 boxes in the tower behind the louvres, giving 48 nesting spaces. They will no doubt be appearing soon, so please keep an eye out for the swifts.

Many thanks to Alex Cooke and the team at Chatsworth, Clive and the bell ringers for their support and to the wider community for their encouragement.

The Natural Capital team on the Estate are also organising butterfly surveys in the churchyards and I hope we will part of the Estate wide Hedgehog Survey.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY ~ BURIAL OF ASHES

23<sup>rd</sup> March ~ Hilary Sutton aged 79years

11<sup>th</sup> April ~ Janet Vera Cullimore aged 82years

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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

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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!**



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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!



### **St. Peter's Church 100 Club**

#### **March Draw 2025**

1st Prize £25 - no. 31 Marian Greeley

2nd prize £15 - no. 20 Judy Lyon

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

### **Garden produce** *(Smile...)*

A toddler was found in the garden, chewing on a slug. After the initial surge of disgust his mother asked, "Well ... what does it taste like?" "The worms over there," was the reply.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meetings**

Our APCMs will be happening this spring. The Beeley APCM will be on Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in church and the Edensor APCM will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Edensor at the 10.45 service on May 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Dates for your Diary - May 2025

- 13 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting -**  
Trip to Chatsworth  
*Refreshments:* Sarah Porter and Jackie Evans
- 20 BEELEY HERITAGE GROUP - 7pm** Beeley Village Hall  
Frank Robinson giving a presentation on 'From Alfred's Grandad to the Norman Conquest - Local Implications'.
- 21 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting - 7pm** Cavendish Hall, Edensor  
AGM and Resolutions Meeting  
*Competition:* How many items can you fit in a small matchbox?
- 29 CHATTY CRAFTS 10.30-12** in the Cavendish Chapel, St. Peter's Church  
Please do come and join us for crafting or just a chat and a cuppa.  
**NOTE : the time is slightly later due to the service at 9.30am for Ascension Day - you are welcome to join us for the service of course.**

## Great Longstone Flower Festival St Giles' Church

10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May: 10am - 5pm (Sunday 1pm - 5pm)

**Theme:** Children's Hymns

**Refreshments** served in the Village Hall

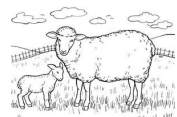
## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, EDENSOR ANNUAL SHEEP SERVICE

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - 10.45am

We invite you to come and share with us in celebrating the birth of the lambs and the care and work of shepherds and farmers.



EVERYONE WELCOME





## Danger on rural roads

Did you know that driving on rural roads is more dangerous than driving on urban ones?

According to the NFU Mutual's Rural Road Safety report for 2023, the number of lives lost on rural roads was a staggering 70% higher than on urban highways. Also, collisions on rural roads were around four times more likely to result in a fatality than on an urban one.

The reasons as to why this should be include: changing speed limits, blind

corners, field entrances, narrow carriageways, single lanes with no hard shoulders, limited or no road lighting, mud and debris on the road, livestock and wild animals on the road, and agricultural vehicles.

And so it is that the NFU has campaigned to improve rural road safety, and it has now published its 'Code for Countryside Roads' to guide people as to how to drive safely. More info at: <https://www.nfumutual.co.uk>

## Why you need a holiday

They are more than an indulgence – a holiday can be vital for your health and mental well-being. Here are five reasons why:

**Better sleep:** after two or three days on holiday, most people average an hour more of good quality sleep. And deep sleep improves problem solving and cell repair.

**More vitamin D:** Our bodies make this in response to sunlight. It is important for bones and immunity, but one in five of us are thought to be deficient.

**Help your heart:** Researchers at Syracuse University in New York found that those people with the lowest risk of heart disease had taken their full annual leave in the past year.

Conversely, infrequent holidays led to a greater risk of coronary heart disease.

**Reduce stress and get your energy back:** As one doctor explains, living under stress “is like squirting steroids into your body every day”. Stress triggers the production of cortisol, which lowers your sex hormones and affects your thyroid. Your hair will thin and your energy decrease. For the best rest, take an occasional complete break from your work mobile and emails.

**Time together:** spend quality time with your nearest and dearest. Build some more happy memories. At the end of our lives, few of us look back and wish we had spent more time in the office.

One tip about holidays: several short trips rather than one big one may be even better for your health.

## Remembering VE Day – 80 years on

*by Tim Lenton*

80 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, VE Day took place – marking Victory in Europe at the end of World War 2. It was celebrated as a public holiday, and came exactly a week after German radio announced the death in action of Adolf Hitler.

In reality, Hitler had committed suicide on 30<sup>th</sup> April. His successor, Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz, quickly negotiated an end to the war with the Allies – at the same time trying with some success to prevent as many Germans as possible from falling into Soviet hands.

Field Marshal Montgomery accepted the unconditional surrender of German forces in the Netherlands, north-west Germany and Denmark at a ceremony near Hamburg on 4<sup>th</sup> May. All German forces then surrendered to Supreme Allied Commander General Eisenhower on 7<sup>th</sup> May at Reims, France. Soviet leader Josef Stalin had his own ceremony, in Berlin.

The announcement that the war had ended in Europe was broadcast to the British people by the BBC late on 7<sup>th</sup> May. It was decreed that there would be a national holiday the next day, and the stage was set for huge celebrations. Prime Minister Churchill

had been assured that there was enough beer in the capital, and commemorative items, including VE Day mugs, were quickly produced.

St Paul's Cathedral held ten consecutive services giving thanks for peace, each one attended by thousands of people, and churches throughout the country rang their bells. The Royal Family played a central role, appearing eight times on the balcony of Buckingham Palace while huge numbers of people flocked down The Mall.

In the United States, VE Day coincided with President Harry S Truman's 61st birthday: he dedicated the victory to the memory of his predecessor, Franklin D Roosevelt, who had died of a stroke less than a month earlier. But both Truman and Churchill pointed out that the war against Japan had not yet been won. That final victory was still more than three months away.

Of course, the end of a war could never be neat. In Europe the last known shots on the Eastern Front were actually fired on 11<sup>th</sup> May, and on 25<sup>th</sup> May the battle of Odžak ended in a Yugoslav Partisan victory. Tragically, in French Algeria, Muslims celebrating the end of the war (some also peacefully protesting for independence) were “inexcusably” massacred by colonial authorities and militias – leading eventually to the Algerian War nine years later.

# Deaf Awareness Week – 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May

Deafness is more common than you might think.

According to the Royal National Institute for Deaf people (RNID), one in three adults in the UK are in some way deaf. That means that more than 18 million adults in the UK have some degree of hearing loss or tinnitus.

And it gets worse. Over half the population aged 55 have hearing loss. 80% of people over the age of 70 have hearing loss. An estimated 1.2 million adults in the UK cannot even hear most conversational speech without hearing aids.

How does this work out in local churches? Statistically, it means that in every congregation of 100 members, there will be 14 people with hearing difficulties.

As this month brings Deaf Awareness Week, why not ask the people with hearing loss in our church how they can be helped to hear better in church. This might include:

- Installing a loop system, or making sure the one already installed is still working well. (*there is already a loop system at St. Peter's*)
- That there is clear visual access to the pulpit and lectern, so that people can lip-read. (Move the flowers and candles?)
- Make sure that the speakers do not walk away from the microphones while speaking.
- Use some printed and visual media as well as just audio in church communications.

The following website may be useful in learning more:

RNID [www.rnid.org.uk](http://www.rnid.org.uk)

Deaf church  
[www.deafchurch.co.uk](http://www.deafchurch.co.uk)

Signs of God  
[www.signsofgod.org.uk](http://www.signsofgod.org.uk)

## **Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in the Cavendish Chapel**

Revd Mark opened the meeting with a prayer.

*Nine members of the PCC were present and apologies received from Mike Pindar and Nadine Harrington*

*Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January were agreed and signed.*

### Matters arising:

- All Fire Risk notices are now in place
- The swift boxes are due to be installed in the next week or so
- Ed Bond has begun work on the churchyard and confirmed that there are signs of badgers.
- Cleaning -Due to one couple retiring from the cleaning rota and two other people have to take leave due to personal circumstances, the PCC were in favour of asking Debbie Castleton, Fabulous Cleaners, if they would be able to clean twice a month. Nick Wood also volunteered to go on the cleaning rota.

### Vicar's Report:

- Final approval has been given of Mark's chaplaincy to St. John's. He has to be licensed, possibly in late June or July.
- Discussion on the possibility of live streaming services, advice to be sought from Hilltop Audio re sound. The PCC were in agreement.
- Gillian Davie has decided to step down as PCC Secretary at the APCM and the Vicar presented her with a bouquet of flowers from the PCC. Christine Robinson has indicated that she is willing to come back on the PCC and will act as secretary at the APCM.

### Financial Report and approval of accounts:

- The accounts for last year had been independently examined; these were approved by the PCC - proposed by Liz Bradshaw and seconded by David Hartington.
- Copies of the financial statements from January to date had been sent to the PCC before the meeting. The church finances are in a fairly healthy state and the Vicar suggested holding a Stewardship Day later in the year.

### Annual Report:

- This had been sent to the PCC before the meeting and was approved by the PCC - Proposed by David Hartington and seconded by Cynthia Gordon.

MAP Updates: These have been circulated to the PCC prior to the meeting.

Safeguarding: Nothing to report.

- APCM Planning: - This is under control
- Nadine Harrington will come off the PCC due to personal circumstances.
- Thanks minuted to Nadine and Cynthia for their work over the years.
- There are 3 vacancies on the PCC and Jemima has indicated that she is willing to stand again.
- Nick Wood will begin his 3-year term from the APCM

- Christine Robinson is overseeing the updating of the Electoral Roll for 2025

Website update:

- The Vicar, Lynne and Liz had met with Jemima to view the new website and make comments and suggestions for adjustments. Jemima hopes to have it ready to send to the PCC by mid-April.

Kitchen Plans & Cavendish Chapel:

The PCC agreed that there should be further discussion and needed to go back to the sub committee on the kitchen and to look to examine options on the chapel. Suggestion made that we have a heritage plan.

Repairs/Fabric Issues:

- Look at heating costs. Need to enable people to see the 'bigger picture'.
- Future proof the church
- Need to ensure the building is weatherproof
- Guttering - Richard had been asked to contact MSM to give a quote for the south aisle/Chapel gutters to be repaired or replaced.

Fundraising:

- Mick Brown has been approached about another Christmas wreath workshop in December and the possibility of having a Tudor themed flower festival in 2027 to celebrate Bess of Hardwick's 500th anniversary.
- Possible joint lecture with Ault Hucknall church
- Jemima to give a talk on her cycling trip to Arizona

Mary Queen of Scots plaque: An email had been received from Dr. David Carrington with recommendations and guidelines on how to proceed with the work. At present he has a twelve-month backlog of work.

Liz to reply to Dr. Carrington thanking him and to say that we would like to be added to his list of future works and will be in touch with him after we have discussed the project with the Archdeacon.

AOB:

- Mike had emailed to ask if a list could be put at the back of church to ascertain how many people would be interested in a Christmas lunch - this is already in hand.
- Choral Evensong by the Cathedral Voluntary Choir - would there be a cost? Possibly just for a bus. Tea could be provided for the choristers.
- Cakes requested to Edensor Day Spring Bric-a-Brac sale on 12<sup>th</sup> April.
- It had been noticed that the perimeter wall was beginning to bulge and crack in places. This needs to be investigated and a site meeting would be arranged.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm with Lynne leading us with the Grace.



The Nazareth Trust (EMMS Nazareth) is one of Scotland's largest charities, impacting the lives of hundreds of thousands each year, mostly the underprivileged.

Our operations include running a general district Hospital accredited by the WHO as an HPH (health-promoting hospital), an Academic School of Nursing, The Nazareth Village - a Christian tourist attraction, and the Serve Nazareth volunteering program, all located in Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus.

This year, we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of our Academic School of Nursing.

The School of Nursing offers various undergraduate and postgraduate programmes designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and ethical foundations needed to excel in multiple healthcare settings, mainly compassionate care.

With this, and through the thousands of graduates from the School of Nursing, it has become a cornerstone in the local community, empowering women and young people and equipping them with leadership skills.

We are walking the Peak Pilgrimage to raise funds for our SON scholarships, which supports those unable to fund an education in nursing and give opportunities to Nazarenes to pursue careers in this much needed field.

If you would like to join us, even for a day, or simply donate to this cause please either email us for more information at [events@nazarethtrust.org](mailto:events@nazarethtrust.org) or donate via the link [Nazareth Trust SON Scholarships - JustGiving](#) or by scanning the QR code below



With our utmost thanks, and please do pray for our work. For more information on the Trust please see our website [www.nazarethtrust.org](http://www.nazarethtrust.org)

## Happy 1700<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Nicene Creed!

This month, 1700 years ago, one of the most important meetings in the history of the Christian Church began in the Bithynian city of Nicaea. It began in May 325 and went on until the end of July 325.

The Council of Nicaea was convened by the Roman Emperor Constantine, and he had an urgent job for the Christian bishops to do. He wanted them to spell out as exactly as they could the core beliefs of the Christian Church, especially with regard to the person of Christ.

Constantine had good reason to do this: a man called Arius of Alexandria was spreading the idea that Jesus Christ was not divine,

but instead was a created being. Such a belief, if accepted, would have changed the very heart of Christianity.

After three months of hard work, the bishops at Nicaea had prayerfully and carefully written down as exactly as they could the core beliefs of Christianity. It became known as the Nicene Creed, and it has been the bedrock of orthodox Christianity ever since.

The Nicene Creed is unique in that it is the only Christian statement of faith that is accepted as authoritative by the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and major Protestant Churches.

## Perfectly Ordinary – in Search of Healthy Church Leadership By Marcus Throup, Canterbury Press, £14.99 *(Book Review..)*

In the wake of scandals involving high-profile Christian leaders in the UK, US and beyond, this book issues a timely warning about the dangers of pursuing 'spectacular' ministry. It shows how coercive, manipulative subcultures often thrive – and are even admired – because of their

outward success, while ignoring the deeper harm they cause.

Marcus Throup calls for a return to an authentic, Christ-centred approach to leadership that values humility, faithfulness, prayer, and genuine pastoral care over sensationalism. He invites readers to rediscover the heart of ministry: holiness, down-to-earth preaching, and a focus on what truly matters.

## **Archbishop of York leads fifth anniversary of National Online Service**

The Church of England's National Online Service has recently marked its fifth anniversary, with a special service led by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell.

Since its launch during the first COVID lockdown, the service has become a key lifeline for many worshippers, especially those unable to attend church buildings due to illness, remote living, or other circumstances.

During the past five years the online service has reached millions,

providing a spiritual gathering for individuals who are housebound, in care homes, working irregular shifts, in prisons or living in areas with limited access to local churches. Last year alone, the service saw over 21 million views.

Archbishop Stephen praised the service's ability to connect people across the country. "Whether you have been joining us weekly or occasionally, you are very welcome," he said. "These services have connected us as a Christian community and as an online community.

## **Response to Welfare Reform announcements**

Following the government's recent welfare reform announcements, The Archbishop of York, The Most Revd and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, and Alice Kemp have each expressed their views on the potential impact of the proposals.

Archbishop Stephen acknowledged the fiscal challenges faced by the government but emphasised the importance of addressing the underlying causes of ill health and worklessness. Archbishop Stephen stressed that increased reliance on

food banks and heating difficulties are symptoms of a much broader issue that needs urgent attention.

The Bishop of Leicester, Revd Martyn Snow, who serves as the lead bishop for welfare, acknowledged the difficult choices the government faces, but expressed concern that the burden of these decisions should not fall on those already struggling.

Canon Alice Kemp, a member of General Synod and the Disability Task Group, spoke from personal experience, detailing the challenges faced by disabled people in the workplace and society.



## **Reflecting Faith:**

### **Where to hold a Baptism**

*The Revd Dr Jo White considers the practicalities of a baptism*

For the last couple of months we've been thinking about baptism, its place within church life and what it means to each of us on a personal level.

This month, let's look at the actual font where baptisms usually take place.

Over the years Christians have used a wide variety of 'fonts': the sea accessed from the beach, a swimming pool (hired for the occasion), an especially built permanent baptistry, many varied stone fonts, a stainless steel portable font and even the beach in Philippi, Greece where Paul is said to have baptised Lydia and her household. Imagine the sunshine, warmth, flowing clean water and a gathering of your family and friends from your local church who have all travelled there together to celebrate this special moment, and themselves renewed their baptismal vows!

Baptism is not only a personal acceptance of Christ, but a huge celebration for Christian family and friends. Think back to a time of success in your life such as passing an exam or getting a new job. Didn't everyone around you also celebrate? So it is when a new person wants to follow Jesus.

Baptism for older children and adults has always followed a period of instruction. People as far back as the 3<sup>rd</sup> century weren't just grabbed off the street and immediately baptised and able to join in all the services. Rather, they were carefully taught about Jesus and what being a Christian means.

They were allowed to take part in the Sunday service up to the 'Peace' and then they had to leave and went to a separate building for teaching. In other words, they couldn't even watch the Holy Communion part of the service until they had been baptised.

Baptism symbolised their public acceptance of the Christian faith, and it was quite literally their first step in their life as a member of the church, as the actual baptism was carried out in a special building, outside but attached to the main church building. Baptisms were done by the Bishop on a certain day or days each year.

### **This month:**

Where were you baptised? Do you have any photos of that day? This month have a look at the fonts in some local churches and see what shapes they are and any decoration they may have.

## **The Venerable Bede – the father of English history**

*Bede died at the age of 61 or 62 at Jarrow and was buried there, but his remains were later moved to Durham Cathedral. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIII in 1899.*

1300 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> May 725, the Venerable Bede died. This English Benedictine monk, historian, linguist and teacher is known as “the father of English history.” He helped to popularise the idea of dating years from the birth of Christ (Anno Domini – AD).

Bede was certainly born into a well-to-do family, but we have no details except that he was sent to a monastery – Monkwearmouth in Northumbria – at the age of seven. He later moved on to Jarrow under the tutelage of Abbot Ceolfrith, both of them surviving the devastating plague of 686.

He was never a great traveller, preferring to spend most of his life studying and writing in Northumbria, except for visits to Lindisfarne and York. He

completed about 60 books, most of which have survived. Not surprisingly, he was considered the most learned man of his time.

Bede was ordained a deacon at the early age of 19 and became a priest when he was 30. He was known for his devotion to prayer, for studying the Scriptures and for his faithful observation of the monastic discipline. His most famous work is the Ecclesiastical History of the English People (*Historia Ecclesiastica Gentis Anglorum*), which is widely relied on as historical source material.

He was particularly interested in the academic discipline of computus – the science of calculating calendar dates, particularly, and controversially, the date of Easter. The word ‘computer’ stems from this work. Bede was also a skilled translator, and he made the writings of the early Church Fathers accessible to the English people.

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## Ninevah and Nivea

*David Pickup, a solicitor, considers the problem of getting his words mixed up...*

*He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity."*  
Jonah 4:2

I have a problem with the book of Jonah in the Bible. He seems to pop up often in the Bible readings set for Sundays. You remember the story in the Old Testament about the man who was given a mission to go and preach to a city. Jonah did go off but completely in the wrong direction. He ended up inside a whale, then repented, and then went to the city.

My problem is the name of the city, which was Ninevah, but I always get muddled with the name Nivea. Silly me I suppose, but that is me and the

more I try to get the right name, the wrong word pops up in my brain. Ninevah is a gentle skin cleanser and moisturiser, and Nivea was a huge, wicked city in the Middle East. (I hope I did not get that the wrong way round).

I visited the British Museum recently, and went to the Assyrian galleries, more by chance than anything else. I have been to that museum many times, but I do not think I had been there. The marvellous sculptures brought the Bible stories to life. They are so vivid and dramatic. You can visit them in person or look up the galleries online.

It is a wonderful story and great for Sunday school children and adults of all ages. It tells of the importance of repentance. Jonah had to learn the hard way that God's love is for everyone and every place, even Nivea.

## Christian Aid Week – 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May

For more than 75 years, Christian Aid has been working with some of the world's most vulnerable communities in 29 countries in Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

This annual week invites Christians in the UK to help fundraise for the work by holding community events and taking on individual challenges. It

has been called 'seven days of fundraising fun – your way'.

This year you might like to consider taking on the '70k in May Challenge'. It is simple to do: just travel 70k during the month of May, in whatever way you want. Invite your friends and family to sponsor you or even complete the challenge with you. More info at: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

## 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.*

### Humility

A few years ago I visited the Smithsonian Museum's Hall of Human Origins. Our guide, the curator of anthropology, was keen to help Christians understand his research. Whatever you make of the evidence for human evolution, the fact remains that other species a bit like us were around before we came on the scene – or in the case of Neanderthals, at the same time.

Part of the exhibit included lifelike reconstructions of the face and hair of several different hominins, displayed on pillars at the right height for each species. So I could crouch down to 'meet' *Homo floresiensis* or stand tall to look into the eyes of *Homo heidelbergensis*. Most of these – beings? creatures? – were on other branches of the evolutionary tree to us, and we share a common ancestor much further back. I did, however, feel as if I was meeting my forebears.

As I walked between the statues I asked myself, "Why us?" There's evidence that Neanderthals used

symbolism as we do, and also buried their dead. Did they have the potential to evolve to a point where they could do similar things to us? The curator explained how, as the ice ages came and went, human beings moved around but other species appear to have stayed put and suffered the consequences – they just weren't ready yet for that big change. As I took in the displays about how we began to gather socially around a fire, make music or write, I felt humbled. We managed to adapt, but we could so easily have disappeared with the rest.

In his book *The Message of Creation*, theologian David Wilkinson shares his view that being made in the image of God has nothing to do with our own cleverness or abilities, but is a gift. God created us on purpose (I believe through the long slow process of evolution) and chose to enter into a relationship with us, making us His representatives on earth.

Thankfully I don't have to figure out how to interact with other human-like hominins today. I do, however, have an equal share in humankind's God-given commission to tend and keep creation. Am I ready to go further than ensuring my own species' survival - not necessarily because we have evolved further

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than our ice-age ancestors, but because I have one of the 'new hearts' promised in Ezekiel 11:19? Can I work together, in a true spirit of humility, with people from all over the world to ensure the full diversity of life can flourish?

*\*For resources on this question, try the Faraday Institute, BioLogos, and Christians in Science.*

## **The astonishing scale of Britain's illegal drug use**

The National Crime Agency (NCA) has warned of a dramatic rise in the use of recreational drugs, especially among young people.

Ketamine usage in England more than doubled last year. Almost 25 tonnes of ketamine were consumed, as opposed to 10.6 tonnes in 2023.

Almost 100 tonnes of cocaine were consumed in England last year, up

from 88 tonnes in 2023. This had an estimated street value of £7.7 billion, almost double the NCA's previous estimate. It is the equivalent of £100 spent on cocaine by every person in the country.

The rise of trendy 'designer drug cocktails' is leading to dangerous overdoses among young people in nightclubs.

## **Taking action on climate change is the 'right thing to do' - Bishop of Norwich**

Acting to prevent global warming and biodiversity loss is the 'right thing to do' and a sign of Christian compassion for those who are suffering as a result of the climate crisis, the Church of England's lead bishop for the environment said recently.

Bishop Graham Usher, the Bishop of Norwich, has thanked parishes for their 'hard work and commitment' towards making churches Net Zero by 2030 and their support for churchyards to become havens for biodiversity. Both aims have been backed by the General Synod.

He said the Net Zero programme is already building up a 'huge impetus', resulting in helping make

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## **‘Assisted Dying’ Bill fails to protect the vulnerable, Bishop of London warns**

The Bishop of London has warned of the ‘serious risk’ that people would opt for ‘assisted dying’ because they felt they were a burden. She said the risks of this happening would be multiplied by the pressures on the NHS and social care – if the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill comes into force in England and Wales.

In a recent submission to the Terminally Ill Adults Bill Committee, Bishop Sarah Mullally, a former Chief Nursing Officer, says there are no measures in the proposed legislation nor are there safeguards that could prevent people opting for assisted suicide because they felt a burden, should the Bill come into force.

Evidence from Oregon and Washington state in the US and

Canada where ‘assisted dying’ is legal shows between 43 per cent and 59 per cent of the people who opted to die by assisted suicide reported feeling a burden, she says.

The danger of this happening in the UK would be exacerbated by the pressures on adult social care, in which people increasingly pay for care, she says, and the long-term challenges facing the NHS and palliative care.

“The Church of England’s opposition to the Terminally Ill Adults Bill is rooted in the impact the Bill would have on the most vulnerable members of society,” she says.

“This is a concern shared by people of many different faiths as well as people with no faith.”

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many churches sustainable into the future.

Acting to tackle climate change is the ‘right thing to do’ he told the

recent gathering at the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge, attended by 120 Diocesan Environment and Net Zero officers as well as ecumenical representatives.

## **The RHS Chelsea Flower Show – world's greatest flower show**

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May brings us the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The most prestigious gardening show in the world, it attracts about 168,000 visitors a year. Its cutting-edge garden designs have been called the 'haute couture' or 'World Cup' of gardening.

Here are 12 interesting facts about the Show:

The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is organised by the Royal Horticultural Society.

The Show began in 1913, with about 250 exhibitors in a large single tent. Today the Show covers more than 23 acres with more than 550 exhibitors and gardens, not to mention the Great Pavillion.

The Great Pavillion is HUGE – it covers 2.90 acres, with enough room to park 500 London buses.

The Show has been held in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea in London every year since 1913, excepts for gaps during the two World Wars and Covid.

It takes just under three weeks to build a Show Garden, and five days to take it down.

In 1927 there was a campaign to get the RHS to ban foreign exhibits, to reduce competition. The RHS refused, saying 'horticulture knows nothing of nationality'.

The late Queen Elizabeth II attended RHS Chelsea more than 50 times.

It takes 14 judges and two moderators 25 hours to judge and assess all gardens at the show. It takes 50 judges and four moderators three hours to judge all the exhibits in the Great Pavilion.

Garden gnomes have always been banned, except in 2013, the show's centenary year. That year, well-known supporters, including Elton John, Dame Helen Mirren, Joanna Lumley, and Mary Berry – painted gnomes to sell for charity.

2020 brought the first ever virtual RHS Chelsea, during the Covid pandemic.

It is not Britian's largest flower show, that is now the RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival.

One very wet year the show was nicknamed the 'The Chelsea Shower Flow.'

## 29<sup>th</sup> May - Where did Jesus go at the Ascension?

In Salvador Dali's picture of Jesus' ascension all you can see are his feet! As we celebrate the event this month, it prompts the question 'where did Jesus go?' Peter says Jesus 'has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand' (1 Peter 3:22). However, the New Testament tells us three things about what Jesus is doing at the Father's side.

At Pentecost Peter said that Jesus is 'exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear... "The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand'" (Acts 2: 33-4). Peter is affirming Jesus' position of authority and power at the heart of the universe. By pouring out the gift of the Holy Spirit upon us, Jesus gives us a foretaste of the life of heaven ie eternal life, forgiveness, healing, release and God's provision for our lives.

When Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was being stoned to death by the Jewish authorities he points out, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' (Acts 7:56). Our experience of heaven is only ever partial, as we live with the reality of suffering and

setbacks. However, Jesus is still on the throne! We are called to trust him daily.

The Bible also tells us that 'Christ Jesus who died...is interceding for us.' (Romans 8:34, cf Hebrews 7:25). Even when we don't know how to pray, we have the assurance that Jesus is already praying for us! He knows our needs even better than we do ourselves, so when we feel condemned or defeated in our Christian lives, we have somebody on our side!

The Ascension reminds us that the risen Jesus lives in the immediate presence of God, and both transcends and embraces our present experience. This truth lies at the heart of the up language used to describe the event.

*'Heaven relates to earth tangentially so that the One who is in heaven can be present simultaneously anywhere and everywhere on earth: the ascension therefore means that Jesus is available, accessible, without people having to travel to a particular spot on the earth to find Him.'* (Tom Wright).



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## Why you should draw your curtains at night (especially if you live in the country)

Most of us draw our curtains at night, in order to ensure privacy. But there is another very valid reason: to help protect local wildlife.

It seems that insects who live in the countryside are very susceptible to bright lights, which can badly disrupt their overall health and general behaviour.

As one scientist explained: "We don't know exactly how fatal it is,

but one estimate is that 33 per cent of all the insects attracted to light die before morning. And even if they don't die, they're spending all their time at the light instead of doing the things they're supposed to be doing."

Light pollution is now seen as adding to what some scientists have called "insect Armageddon", with a 75 per cent decline in insect populations in 30 years. As one scientist said: "Small individual actions such as drawing curtains can make a big impact to our smallest creatures."

It was - 150 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1875, that Alexandra Palace in London was officially opened. It became the home of BBC television in 1935.

- 90 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1935, that T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) died in a motorcycle accident, aged 46. A British Army officer, military strategist, archaeologist and writer, he is best known for his activities in the Middle East during WWI.

- 75 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1950 that the first Formula One World Championship race was held, at Silverstone. (Also known as the 1950 British Grand Prix.)

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

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### Sleeplessness is catching

You probably already know this: when your partner can't sleep, it is very likely that you won't be able to either.

A recent study from the University of East Anglia has found that sleep problems are contagious. The study looked at the impact of workplace bullying on sleep, and it found that not only does stress and abuse disrupt the victim's sleep, but it also

disrupts that of their partner. As one researcher put it: "bad energy passes across the bed sheets."

Yet sleep is crucial to good health. A recent study by Harvard University found that regular restful sleep may extend life by nearly five years for men, and by more than two years for women. The study also found that eight per cent of deaths from any cause may be attributed to poor sleep patterns.

### It's how you say it.... (smile..)

*Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.*

*A backward poet writes inverse.*

*In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.*

*A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.*

*If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.*

*Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.*



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<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS &amp; BRASSES</u>
<b>4</b>	Joint Service with St. Peter's - Sheep Service	Jenny Mower
<b>11</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	Liz Turner
<b>18</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “
<b>25</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	Barbara Hawksworth
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>
<b>4</b>	10.45am Sheep Service	Mr & Mrs Gordon
<b>11</b>	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Jackson/Mrs Bradshaw
<b>18</b>	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle
<b>25</b>	10.45am Holy Communion	Diana Walters + helper
<b>29</b>	9.30am Holy Communion for Ascension Day	
<u>COFFEE</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
<b>4</b>	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Gloria Sherwood
<b>11</b>	Ann & Tony Hubbuck	“ “
<b>18</b>	Clive & Joy Thrower	Christine Robinson
<b>25</b>	Jane Dickson & Kate Green	“ “
<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S</u>
<b>4</b>	<b>Ezekiel 34:11-15</b> <b>John 10:1-15</b>	Trevor Grimshaw Head Shepherd - Sheep Service
<b>11</b>	<b>Acts 9:36-end</b> <b>John 10:22-30</b>	Gloria Sherwood <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
<b>18</b>	<b>Acts 11:1-18</b> <b>John 13:31-35</b>	Diana Walters <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
<b>25</b>	<b>Acts 16:9-15</b> <b>John 14:23-29</b>	David Jackson Claire Cadogan <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)</i>
<b>29</b>	<b>Acts 1:1-11</b> <b>Luke 24:44-end</b>	TBA <i>Ascension Day</i>

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