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The intimacy or personal relationship we have with God is the great secret of the Church. It is one of the greatest truths the Church has to convey, yet for so much of the time it is kept hidden from its own members, let alone those outside the Church's boundaries. It appears that the talk of God that still dominates the worship and preaching of the Church is designed to keep God at a safe distance, and succeeds in doing just that. It keeps him in a closeted palace; and the vast majority of us do not even get to enter palaces, let alone feel at home in them. To make matters worse, God's palace is peculiarly inaccessible. It is in heaven, and heaven is not yet on earth. Because God is presented as an almighty King, we Christians are brought up to bend the knee, doff the cap or touch the forelock. Because he is spoken of as our heavenly and somewhat old-fashioned father, we are taught to be polite towards him, to act as his obedient children, whose task is simply to discover his will and follow it. Ours is not to be overly creative, ours is not to take risks, ours is not to argue, and certainly not to complain.

How refreshing it is then to read the Old Testament book of Genesis in the bible. To remind ourselves of its stories of encounters with God, and to rediscover their daring, their mystery, their humour and their challenge! In the book of Genesis God appears on the stage. In the Garden of Eden we can hear God's footsteps upon its gravel paths, discover that there prayer is as natural as conversation. We explore the depths of the tragedy of Cain and Abel, and realise that part of Cain's calamity is that he learns to say his prayers too late. We see how Noah maintains an unnerving silence throughout the Flood. We watch open-mouthed as Abraham tries to teach God how to exercise justice and how to be God. We are onlookers at Bethel as God comes down the stairway to stand beside the sleeping Jacob. In the Moses stories we can again see God portrayed so close to humanity.



We look hard to see how the stories are told, how the various human characters are portrayed, and how God is depicted. We examine what they say, what they do, the silences they keep. We use our imaginations to fill some of the gaps in the stories, yet we leave room for intrigue. We make connections between one story and another. We try to catch something of their suspense, their tragedy, their occasional joy and the breathtaking surprise they all contain. We set out to enjoy them, hoping that the more we do so, the deeper we will enter into their mystery and their truth. These stories have


the power to bring God out of heaven and down to earth, to remind us both of God's wonderful strangeness, but also of his warm intimacy.

I have written this article as a thanks to Canon Trevor Dennis, my Old Testament Tutor at Salisbury and Wells Theological College. He made the Scriptures live through his amazing enthusiasm and teaching.

Have a look through the book of Genesis and see if it speaks to you in the same way it has spoken to me.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

FROM THE REGISTERS		
ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR	WEDDING 31ST DECEMBER	
	Mark James Willis & Hannah Elizabeth Pickford	
ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY	FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY INTERMENT	
	29 th December ~ Maud Fearn aged 95years	

 LENT 2017	LENT 2017
	Once again a Lent Course will take place each week during the season of Lent. There will be a list at the back of church for you to add your name to if you are interested in joining the group. Dates, venues and time to be arranged - more details later.

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	Treasurer:-	Mark Titterton	01246 582245
		e-mail: mtitterton@btinternet.com	

Dates for your Diary - February

- 2 Pilsley CofE School** Christingle Service 2pm St. Peter's Church
- 4 Wedding** - St. Peter's 2.30pm Matthew Brookes & Samantha Armin
- 14 BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting** - 7.30pm Village Hall
Growing Veg - How to get that veg plot going this year - Jackie Evans
Tea & Raffle - Edna & Di
- 15 CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting** - 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage
Speaker: Mark Johnson - Rat Catcher
Competition: a little box
Teas: Kath Watts and Michelle Cameron
- 17 Wedding** - St. Peter's 2pm Matthew Coates & Stephanie Brew
- 18 Assembly Rooms Theatre, Bakewell Town Hall** 8pm (doors open 7.15)
Simon Evans Live - an established act on the UK comedy circuit who has also appeared on television – on Live at the Apollo, Mock the Week and on Stand Up for the Week.
Tickets £15 www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/319597 (01629 810152)

REMINDER for 'THE BRIDGE' Magazine Subscription

A REMINDER - if you haven't already paid your subscription for your 2017 magazine please give the money to the person who delivers it AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BEELEY RESIDENTS - please give your money to Pauline Mather or put it in an envelope and pop it through her letter box - 1 Devonshire Square.

£7.20 per year, cheques payable to Edensor PCC plus stamps if I post your magazine to you. Many thanks for your continued support.

'SPICE' Sunday

The first 'SPICE' Sunday of 2017 raised £51.25 for church funds.

A really good start to the new year, so let's see if we can keep this going through the year!

The total raised during 2016 was £164.40

St. Peter's Church 100 Club December Draw 2016

1st Prize £30 - no. 59 Jean Tindale
2nd Prize £20 - 62 James Hubbard
Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

Subscriptions for 2017 are now due at £12 per number held.

Please make cheques payable to:-
St. Peter's Church 100 Club.

Thank you for your continued support.

Brief Notes from St. Peter's PCC Meeting held on 11th January 2017

9 members of the PCC were present and one apology was received from John Bowns. Canon Dave opened the meeting with prayers and the Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 12th October 2016, were agreed and signed as correct.

•Matters Arising: Canon Dave reported that work had begun on the alterations needed for the bed and breakfast venture at the Vicarage.

Parking signs - some of the new parking signs had been put in place but we need 3 more and Liz Bradshaw would contact Richard Elliott about doing this.

•Report from the Chair: Canon Dave reported that there had been good attendance at the Remembrance Day Service, Advent and Christmas Services.

He regularly takes communion to those of our parishioners who are unable to attend church due to illness or for other reasons.

There are now new tenants in the Old Vicarage.

•Financial Report: The Treasurer gave the end of year balance, which was encouraging. Common Fund Increase - Liz Bradshaw proposed and David Novokovic seconded that the PCC accept the increase for the forthcoming year.

•Extension of Church Path: a quote of £3,300 had been received from Peter Templeman (Derbyshire Resin Driveways); however, the PCC felt that this was rather on the high side and David Jackson would talk to Peter to see if the cost could be reduced, otherwise we would leave it for the time being.

•Speakers: conditions stipulated in the Faculty granted in June 2016, for the re-siting of the speakers at the west end of the church, have now been met and the work will be carried out as soon as possible.

•Plaque: this is still on going and Dave will look into the matter.

•Window Guards: 3 quotes had been obtained, ME Stained Glass being the cheapest and the PCC agreed to go with this firm. List B permission will be required before the work is carried out and this will be put in hand.

•Gutters: Malcolm Sellors will be clearing out the gutters within the next week (weather permitting) and will let us know which ones he considers are in most urgent need of repair/replacement and will give us a price per length. We will then be able to obtain alternative costings. It was suggested that people may wish to buy a length of gutter. The architect is to be asked to provide a schedule of work for this. The Quinquennial Inspection is also due shortly.

•Update on Grants: David Novokovic said he had nothing to report at this time.

•Fundraising: Edensor Day 17th June. Suggested that we may use larger venues for events, although this would mean a larger outlay of funds. We could hold more events in church or the Cavendish Hall. David Novokovic would contact Michael Palin and Matthew Parris re the possibility of giving a talk. Try to persuade more people to use the Easy fundraising website.

•Pew Cleaning & Mice: Margaret Nelson had suggested that people polish a pew for Lent; however, it was thought better to wait until after the speakers had been moved and we then have a 'spring clean' of the whole church, asking for volunteers, Christine and Liz will arrange this. The mice are eating the candles stored at the back of church - mouse traps will be bought and put in place.

•Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 30th March, 7.30pm at the Vicarage

APCM - 9th April after the service

The Meeting closed with the Grace.

Easy Fundraising

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

To Register

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

To Shop

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

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

CANDLES ~ at St. Peter's

Thank you to everyone who purchased Lectern & Reredos candles this year, £150 has been raised for St Peter's.

Hopefully you found lighting candles in memory of a loved one meaningful and those of you who lit candles in celebration of a special event found it joyful.

Thank you to those who sponsored candles for Advent & Christmas, you helped make our beautiful church even more beautiful.

A pair of Lectern candles are £10; 4 Reredos candles are £20. If you would like to sponsor candles this coming year contact Margaret Nelson - 01629 812257



The Padley Centre

We are currently collecting: warm clothing for adults - particularly hats, scarves, gloves and socks; sleeping bags would be very welcome with the winter still ahead of us; tins of meat, fish, soup and tomatoes; dried food such as pasta; biscuits and chocolate are always welcome. These items can be brought to Sunday services or left at the back of the church at any time.



Traidcraft

Sales last month totalled £819, helped by £27 at the

Methodist Coffee Morning, and £66 at the Bakewell Choral Society Christmas Concert.

Robin Roth has recently been appointed as Traidcraft's new CEO - Here is part of his first newsletter:

'Joining a company like Traidcraft is an honour. There are not many companies like this one which are totally and unashamedly committed to 'putting fair trade into commercial practice' as our founding documents so simply put it. We live and breathe fair trade, and with that clarity comes a certain responsibility. A company that professes to put the principles of Fairtrade into practice means doing

business right, but also profitably. It means acting commercially and remaining 100% true to our founding principles. It means being better than the rest in everything we do, not cutting any corners by short changing producers or consumers. It means - and it demands - that we are successful. To succeed in our mission, we are going to have to make some changes. I believe that our products can taste better, look better and perform better. I also believe that we can reach out to new customers who are desperate for truly ethical, fair and tasty food and crafts.'

We look forward to 2017 with confidence and hope.

Peter Bird (01629 813087 – pabird@gmail.com)

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

February 12th 2017

Sing Street

(2016, Ireland) Certificate 12A, 106 minutes

Comedy, Music, Drama

A boy growing up in Dublin during the 1980s escapes his strained family life by starting a band to impress the mysterious girl he likes.

Introduction by David Webb.

Derbyshire Dales is top place to live

Derbyshire Dales has been named as the best place to live in the Midlands and North of England - and fourth in the whole of the UK.

Winchester is top of the list according to the 2016 Halifax Quality of Life Survey, based on residents'

health and life expectancy, employment and earnings, and high scores in personal well-being surveys.

The Orkney Islands have taken second place, followed by Wychavon in Worcestershire, the Derbyshire Dales and Hambleton in North Yorkshire.

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Derbyshire Open Arts +

Friday 26th May – Sunday 4th June

Boost for Derbyshire Artists

Artists and Artisans across the county have had a boost this week. Derbyshire Open Arts, who held their 10th Anniversary event this year, are extending their 2017 event from three days to nine!

Usually open across the Spring Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May, the 2017 event will now allow artists to opt to extend their opening throughout the following week until Sunday 4th June.

Derbyshire Open Arts + will offer local residents, visitors and holiday makers the opportunity to discover more of what the county's artists and artisans have to offer. It will also allow artists themselves time to move between venues and visit each other.

This year, almost 300 artists took part attracting around 17,000 visitors. Exhibitors included individual artists, established groups and artists who have decided to exhibit together just for the event.

Derbyshire Open Arts+ is open for applications from Saturday 29th October to Sunday 15th January at www.derbyshireopenarts.co.uk. Here you can also find the directory of the wide range of creative work included in the 2016 event.

To find out more email info@derbyshireopenarts.co.uk

Men go up nearly a stone

If you think those old photographs of you make you look slimmer, you are probably right: men today weigh on average 13st 5lb, almost a stone more than those 20 years ago, while women are on average 11st 3lb, or three quarters of a stone heavier.

The study by Cancer Research UK warns that soaring obesity levels are risking lives. Yet excess weight is the largest preventable cause of cancer, after smoking.

Nigel Beeton writes: Embroidered cross stitch is a very gentle but richly rewarding pastime. And, although the subject of this poem is female, it is by no means an exclusively female occupation. I know a number of gentlemen who passionately enjoy cross-stitch, and I confess to dabbling in it myself! Try it – it is great fun!

The Stitcher

Glinting in the lamplight
The needle sewing thread;
Outside, it's a damp night
She's stitching here instead.

Thousands of small crosses
In colours that are rich
Made from cotton flosses
With skill in ev'ry stitch.

Patiently embroidered
Crafting from the heart
Then, to be rewarded
With finely crafted art.

By Nigel Beeton

WEDDING KNEELERS

It has been suggested that we have two kneelers made to be used for weddings at St. Peter's and with the above poem in mind, do we have any volunteers for stitching them? There are kits available, although these are quite expensive (£50 - £60 each), Jacksons of Hebden Bridge being the best known suppliers. People may like to make a donation towards the cost of purchasing two kits and we can then decide who will make them up.

If you are interested in either giving a donation or stitching one of the kits once purchased, please contact the wardens or the vicar.

Smile.....

Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands. ..

When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women," she charged.

"You're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve. "What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded.

"Counting your ribs," said Eve.

Jane Austen – well worth her weight in coins and bank-notes!

The much-loved novelist Jane Austen is about to make history. 200 years after her death, she will appear simultaneously on a British coin and a British bank note. That means that only the Queen, who as head of state must be depicted on British currency, will be more prevalent.

The Royal Mint has chosen Jane Austen as the new image for its commemorative £2 coin. About five

million will be released into mass circulation sometime this Spring. At about the same time, the Bank of England will release its new, plastic, unrippable £10 note, with Jane Austen replacing Charles Darwen.

Historians cannot recall the last time a figure other than the reigning monarch appeared on both coins and notes at the same time. The release of both coins and notes will be in step with the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's death, in the summer of 1817, at the age of just 41.

Join the Public!

David Winter is happy to be a member of the public....

'When I arrived at the scene, a member of the public was assisting the victim'. We all recognize that as 'police-speak'. To a police officer the world consists of other officers, paramedics, members of the armed forces and this mysterious identity, 'member of the public'.

I'm one, and so probably are you. But when did I join? And what exactly is this club I belong to? I know what 'public' is – public toilets, public

houses, public right of way. But all of those mean 'for everybody'. How does one join 'everybody'?

It can get odder. The word 'public' derives from the amalgamation of two Latin words: 'people' and 'adult'. So was I automatically enrolled as a 'member of the public' when I was born, or when I became an adult? I'm very happy to be a member of the public (along with all the other bodies I voluntarily belong to). But it would help to know what the terms and conditions of membership are, and what the subscription is.

WEDDING FLOWERS 2016

Another successful year for wedding flowers at St Peter's. The flower team have raised £1,608 for Church funds. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Margaret Nelson



Fleetwood Mac's masterpiece

Tim Lenton looks back with fondness on a certain well-known album...

Fleetwood Mac, the reinvented rock band that survived a self-destructive, druggy lifestyle, released the album that was arguably their masterpiece 40 years ago, on 4th Feb 1977.

Rumours, recorded in California, became one of the best-selling albums of all time, selling more than 45 million copies worldwide. It contained, incidentally, *The Chain* – the song that is now best known as the introduction to TV coverage of Formula One.

Yet this was far from the Fleetwood Mac founded by brilliant blues guitarist Peter Green (originally Greenbaum) in the UK in the late 1960s. With fellow guitarist Jeremy Spencer, Green was reported in 1969 to be working on an album telling the life story of Jesus, but this never materialised. Green consistently rejected the materialistic lifestyle, but

was eventually diagnosed with schizophrenia.

Meanwhile, Mick Fleetwood and John McVie, drummer and bass guitarist respectively, were looking for a lead guitarist who would stick with them, and eventually Fleetwood heard one, by chance, when he was visiting a sound studio in California. This was Lindsey Buckingham, who agreed to join them on condition that his girlfriend could come too.

This has to rank as one of the happiest “accidents” in rock music, because the girlfriend was Stevie Nicks, who became the charismatic lead singer for the band and writer of some of their most memorable songs. Her friendship with the other female star in the band, Christine McVie (who rejoined Fleetwood Mac in 2014 after a 16-year absence), was also key to the band’s survival.

As to the album, Mick Fleetwood is reported as saying: “*Rumours* became the church that saved us from the hell of our own lives.”

Women get more sporty

More than 7.2 million women now play sport and do regular physical activity. That has narrowed the gender gap to 1.55 million.

The number of netball players has risen by 25,400 in two years, and hockey players by 4,500, following the successful ‘This Girl Can’ campaign to push women to take more exercise.

The tragedy of the Solway Martyrs

Ted Harrison

'The Killing Time' is the name given to one of those sad times in history when Christians were pitted against Christians. In Scotland in the 1680s the forces of The King, based in London, came into direct conflict with the Presbyterian Covenanters who refused to swear the Oath to 'his sacred majesty' the king, saying that the only head of the Church was Jesus Christ. Covenanters were fined, imprisoned or worse. The army was used to quell growing civil unrest.

One of the most notorious incidents during that time was the execution of The Solway Martyrs, Margaret McLachlan a widow aged 63 and Margaret Wilson, aged 18, who were tied to a stake and drowned by the rising tide of the Solway Firth near Wigtown in 1685.

Margaret McLachlan was seized while she was at prayer. Margaret Wilson and her younger sister Agnes were betrayed by someone they thought was a friend after declining to drink the toast of the king.

The sisters were thrown into jail in Wigtown, where Margaret McLachlan was already being held. All three were accused of being 'disorderly'.

In court the three women faced a notorious persecutor of the Presbyterians. They were inevitably found guilty. They were given the opportunity to swear the Oath of Abjuration, but refused. Agnes' father paid £100 for her release, but the two Margarets were sentenced to death by drowning.

Margaret McLachlan was the first to die and Margaret Wilson was forced to watch. As she writhed in her last few moments, Margaret Wilson said, 'I see Christ wrestling there.'

Then it was the younger woman's turn. As the tide rose about her, around her, she sang psalms and recited from the Bible. Friends implored her just to say the words 'God save the King' and save herself. 'God save him if He will,' she replied. At the very last moment a soldier gave her one final chance to take the contentious oath. 'No sinful oaths for me; I am one of Christ's children. Let me go.' Her head was pushed beneath the water and a soldier cut her throat.

A Priceless Find – by accident!

David Winter considers the major impact of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls.

70 years ago this month a couple of shepherds in the hills above Qumran near the Dead Sea idly threw a stone into what they thought was an empty cave. When they heard the sound of smashing pottery they searched inside, and found the most important biblical discovery of the century.

Their stone had led them to what became known as the Dead Sea Scrolls, manuscripts of the entire Hebrew Bible except for the book of Esther, stored in clay vessels. The scrolls were the work of a religious community called the Essenes, who lived near that site before and during the life of Jesus.

As scholars slowly unraveled them – and that task took decades - they discovered that they were handling manuscripts of the Bible which were hundreds of years older than any we

had previously possessed. Most of the biblical manuscripts on which our translations had previously been based were copies of copies, carefully crafted in monasteries over the centuries by people dedicated to preserving the sacred text. But inevitably, in the process, there were occasional slips in the copying, and at times it's obvious that those who were doing it didn't understand the words they were copying.

So, in February 1947, the world had access to a much older and therefore more accurate record of the Jewish Scriptures – the Bible of Jesus and the first Christians. The most remarkable thing is actually how few 'mistakes' there were, seeing the centuries of copying – and not one that seriously affects our fundamental understanding of the Bible.

Those two shepherds 70 years ago ensured that we today have a Bible text which is as close to the original as one could ever hope to get. I'm glad they threw the stone into the right cave!

The Lion Easter Colouring Book *(Book review)* **By Antonia Jackson, Felicity French, Lion £4,99**

Join the colouring craze and add a splash of colour to the story of Easter with these beautiful and intricate black and white line drawings, just waiting for your creative input! Follow the Easter story scene by scene until you have a stunning masterpiece - your own personalised picture book.



The Sentinel's long wait

On 2nd February we remember the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas). Richard Bewes considers the long lonely wait of Simeon...

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many...." (Luke 2: 34)

To Homer's waiting watchman of the Greek epic, *The Iliad*, would fall the duty of lighting a beacon that would relay the victory of the Wooden Horse across the Aegean Sea - that Troy had at last fallen! With that, the sentinel was relieved from his long wait.

In his account of the presentation of the infant Jesus in Jerusalem's temple, Luke writes of the relief of another lone watchman – a devout Jew, Simeon – aware of the God-given message that he would live to see the Christ of the world.

Taking the Baby from Mary and Joseph's arms, he uttered a song of praise that – like a beacon - has been relayed everywhere, in words known as *The Nunc Dimittis*:

*Lord, now lettest thou thy
servant depart in peace, according
to thy word. For mine eyes have
seen thy salvation, which
thou hast prepared before the
face of all people; a light to
lighten the Gentiles, and the
glory of thy people Israel*

(Luke 2: 29-32 KJV)

Luke then records Simeon's next words: "This child is destined to cause the fall and rising of many...."

Here was a Figure who had come for the whole world universally - Gentiles and Jews alike. But there would be a cutting edge to His coming. Simeon spelt out some mighty truths:

Our chronologies turn on Jesus Christ. Simeon had been part of the Old Order. But from now, our very calendars would be dated from the arrival on earth of a universal world Saviour. Secondly, our characters turn on Jesus Christ. Whether nations or individuals were to 'fall or rise' would turn on the question, What did you do with Jesus? His coming represents Make or Break time for us all!

Our confidences turn on Jesus Christ. Here in the Christian Gospel is a blazing beacon – both to 'lighten' believing Gentiles, and to be 'the glory' of the true Israel – that is, the faithful people of all time who place themselves under His saving rule!

Asking questions about Christianity

A 16-year-old boy – let's call him Adam – was given a Bible and was curious about it. But he didn't know how to cope with reading such a huge book so he found www.Christianity.org.uk and clicked on the button which allows anyone to ask a question.

Peter Graystone is the coordinator for the Christian Enquiry Agency, which runs the Christianity.org.uk website. Peter responds to questions received through the website, and he began an online conversation with Adam last September. Peter writes: 'He and I have been reading Luke's Gospel at the same time, and every time he had a question he emailed me for an answer. Great questions – many have been about praying! At the start of November he discovered one of his school friends is a Christian. So he went to church for the first time ever and enjoyed it. We have finished Luke, and he has asked me what we should read next.'

Every week around 5,000 people visit the Christianity.org.uk website and dozens make contact with a question or comment. Peter responds on behalf of the Christian Enquiry Agency, by giving them what they ask for, and only what

they ask for. Typically, people might ask to be sent part of the Bible that tells the story of Jesus (a Gospel). They might request prayer about something, ask a question about Christianity or seek a local church where they can explore issues of faith.

Churches or organisations can add the URL Christianity.org.uk to any website or printed literature free of charge and without asking permission. It means your community and contacts have an easy way to find answers to their questions about the Christian faith from a huge website of information. With thousands of people visiting Christianity.org.uk every week, this is an effortless way for you to do evangelism.

You can also join the prayer team who receive weekly emails, passing on the prayer requests from people who visit Christianity.org.uk. Names are disguised for privacy, but we are sure that God knows who we are praying for. If you would like to join the Christian Enquiry Agency prayer team, please email Peter Graystone: peter@christianity.org.uk

THE WAY I SEE IT : Resisting Temptation

Canon David Winter looks forward to Lent

Immediately after His baptism in the river Jordan, Jesus faced and resisted three powerful temptations during 40 days in the wilderness of Judaea. This time of testing and temptation was His preparation for the work God had sent Him to do on earth. It's the principle behind the season of Lent, which begins on 1st March. Although the temptations were personal to Jesus, I suspect most of us will recognize their relevance in our own lives.

The first was simple. 'You're hungry. You can do miracles. Well, turn these hot stones at your feet into loaves of bread'. It sounds quite plausible, but in fact it's an invitation to put one's own needs first. Temptation rejected.

Then came the second: 'throw yourself off a pinnacle of the Temple. You know that God will send His angels to catch you before you hit

the ground'. Again, it's plausible (there was even a verse from the Bible to back it up). But this would be to substitute one spectacular stroke for the hard slog of travel, preaching, healing and touching individual lives. Temptation rejected.

The third was outrageous. 'Fall down and worship corrupt and evil power, and you will have infinite worldly power and success'. In other words, abandon your principles and reap rewards. For the third time, temptation resisted.

I know these temptations were tests of the Messiah Jesus, but can't we see in them temptations that come to all of us from time to time? Look after number one, and all will be well. Take the short cut to success and avoid all the hard slog. Compromise, in order to fulfill your ambitions. Or walk the narrow path of honesty, commitment and truth. That's really the Lenten choice.

UK's earliest monks?

What is believed to be the oldest example of monasticism in the UK has recently been found at the medieval Beckery Chapel, near Glastonbury. According to a recent story in The Times, skeletons unearthed at this site, which is said to have been visited by King Arthur, date

from the 5th or early 6th century AD. <http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/remains-are-uks-earliest-known-monks->



David Lawrence

The key to a happy life

Your mental health is the biggest single predictor of your personal happiness. So suffering from depression or anxiety disorders can devastate your life.

Finding love is also a vital ingredient for happiness. "People need to be needed, and to be in meaningful relationships", says a recent study by the London School of Economics. It goes on: "Happiness is hugely affected by the ethos of a society,

which affects everyone in it. For example, happiness is higher in societies where people trust each other. Freedom is also a crucial determinant of happiness."

The report also found that a boost in income, or more education, did not significantly affect our overall well-being. Having good mental health and someone to love were far more important.

Caring for others helps YOU

Looking after your grandchildren, or providing emotional support to others, can help extend your own life by up to five years, according to a recent study.

Grandparents who provide occasional care for their grandchildren live, on average, five

years longer than those who do not. And childless people who provide occasional care for others in their social network live on average three years longer.

The study, at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin, concluded that a 'moderate level of caregiving involvement does seem to have positive effects on health.'

Breath deep

Now here's a trick that you probably haven't tried before: next time you forget something, try taking some deep breaths.

It seems that inhaling stimulates our brain, creating electrical activity where emotions, memory and smells are processed. In a recent American study, individuals were able to identify a face two seconds more quickly if

they were breathing in through the nose, rather than breathing out.

The study was carried out at Northwestern University in Chicago, and may also explain why we breath rapidly when afraid. "If you are in a panic state, you spend proportionally more time inhaling. Faster breathing could have a positive impact on brain function and result in faster response times."

Sir Cliff's faith 'even stronger' after ordeal

Sir Cliff Richard has said that after nearly two years facing false sexual assault allegations, his faith in God has become 'even stronger'.

Sir Cliff was speaking in a recent interview with Steve Allen on LBC. He said that learning to forgive his accuser was for him the turning point that helped him release 'all that hate and anger'. And the support of friends who believed in him and stood by him was of critical help.

During the two year ordeal, "I found I was talking to God a lot more,

praying. I felt the need to forgive this person, who I am sure I have never met, because I found myself being filled with hate. I wanted to get revenge, and I thought, 'I don't think I'm going to survive this if that's the way I'm going to feel.' So by forgiving him... it released me of all that hate and vengeance. Forgiving is not a simple thing to do, but when I look back, my God, that was the best simple thing I have ever done."

The singer said he felt he has become a 'stronger person', and even now, at 76, has no plans to retire. Instead he plans to downsize his career and make it 'more compact'.

Too few young home owners

How many 25-year-olds do you know who own their own home? Probably very few. The number of young adults owning their own home has more than halved in just the last 20 years, as property prices soar.

The comparison is sobering: 46 per cent of all 25-year-olds owned their own home 20 years ago. Now,

according to research done for the Local Government Association, only 20 per cent of young adults own their own home.

The sad corollary of this is that renters pay nearly twice as much of their salaries to landlords (34 per cent on average) as homeowners do on their mortgage (18 per cent). But the average house price is now 7.9 times average earnings.

Late with your tax return?

Hopefully your tax return was in by the end of last month. If not, what excuse will you give? Paperwork destroyed in a yacht fire, and a wasp attack in a car were among the top ten excuses that HMRC received last

year to explain late tax returns. Another was: 'I could not complete my tax return because my husband left me and took our accountant with him.' Late returns incur an initial £100 fine, which escalates over time.

UK is a ‘digital desert’

Ever wonder why you can't get a signal when out and about? It is because Britain has worse mobile internet coverage than Romania, Albania and Peru. In fact, the UK suffers from vast 'digital deserts' which leave some 20 per cent of urban homes and 80 per cent of rural premises currently 'not-spots' for 4G coverage.

A recent investigation by the Government's National Infrastructure Commission has found that the UK is in 54th position in global rankings for 4G, with typical users able to access the service only 53 per cent of the time. It warns that Britain is 'languishing in the digital slow lane', and that even major city centres are lacking full coverage.

Why you may soon be buying blue cheese and squid

This year, you will probably buy more blue cheese and less cheddar cheese. (Sales of cheddar fell by £60m last year). On the other hand, blue cheese is now even found in fast casual eating outlets, according to the supplier Eurilait.

And soon you may not be eating fish and chips, but squid and chips. As the

Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) explains: "In 2025 and beyond, we may need to replace cod and other old favourites with warm-water species such as squid, mackerel, sardine and red mullet." Already squid is being found in more and more British fishing areas.

Fish fingers

Fish fingers are making a comeback. Once a favourite for family teatime back in the 1970s, the humble fish finger is now one of the foods rising fastest in popularity across the UK. Birds Eye, which makes fish fingers,

even claims they are the UK's second most popular sandwich filling. Fish fingers are seen as a healthy source of protein, after the warnings against processed meat such as bacon. The survey was done by the Grocer magazine.

CUF's Big Pancake Party

Church Urban Fund (CUF) is calling on churches, schools, families and individuals across the country to help people in 'food poverty' by holding a Big Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday. The money raised will go to support the Together Network – 'so that no one has to go hungry this Spring.'

GOD AND THE ARTS ~ MIRIAM AND MOSES

Outstanding people in great stories of the Bible - as depicted in painting or sculpture – is the theme of God in the Arts this year. Michael Burgess considers Moses and his sister, Miriam, as painted by the Pre-Raphaelite artist, Simeon Solomon. You may see the picture by googling: Simeon Solomon Moses and Miriam.

One of the first stories that impressed me at Sunday School was about Moses as a baby placed in a basket into the river Nile and rescued by Pharaoh's daughter. Moses grew up to become a great leader of God's people in the Exodus. But there was one person whose courage and ingenuity was vital in his survival as a baby – his sister, Miriam. She is there with her mother in this tender scene painted by Simeon Solomon, the Pre-Raphaelite artist, in 1860. Jochabed cradles her son, and Miriam looks on with care and concern as she holds the basket that will keep her brother safe. Birds on the window ledge, a potted plant and a lyre provide a gentle background to the drama that will soon unfold.

Like Noah, whom we looked at last month, the story of Miriam is linked to water: helping to save Moses from the waters of the Nile; with the people as the Red Sea parted; and the spring that came up from the earth to give abundant water after her death. All that is still to come when we look at this painting. Here Miriam is about to take her brother and the basket to the Nile to begin the journey that will eventually take God's people from slavery and oppression to new life in the promised land.

The Exodus is an inspiring pilgrimage of faith and trust, and Miriam played her part in it as a courageous leader of the women. To celebrate, she sang a hymn. 'Then the prophet Miriam took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them, 'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.' (Exodus 15). It is a story that can inspire us to sing and even dance when we recall this victory at each Easter.

No compromise smile...

A soon to be married couple were visiting the minister to discuss their forthcoming marriage. The woman said they intended to have three children, while the young man demurred, saying two would be enough for him. They discussed this discrepancy for a few minutes and the

minister suggested they would need great sensitivity with each other in order to reach a solution. There was silence for a moment and then the young man said stubbornly: "Well, after our second child, I'll just have a vasectomy." Without a second's hesitation, the bride-to-be shot back: "Well, I hope you'll love the third one like it's your own!"

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

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New Patients Welcome

Appointment Times: Clinicians will endeavour to keep to time; however, they also need to afford the patient the appropriate consultation time, which may lead to them overrunning. Therefore, it is imperative that patients arrive on time for their appointments as it will have a rolling knock on effect if you are late. Patients, who miss their appointment by 10 minutes or more, will be marked as failed to attend and have to rebook. If you are later than 2 minutes you may have to wait to be seen.

Patient Online: Have you registered to use the online service, allowing you to book and cancel appointments on line and order your repeat medications? You can also request access to your Summary Care Record, and Detailed Coded Data contained within your medical records. You can also look at your test results*.

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Please note the above times as we receive a lot of phone calls, just asking what time we are open to!

Surgery Closure for training -

afternoon of 8th Feb & 8th Mar 2017

Email- Please contact the reception and give us your email address if you would like to have the option of being contactable via email and receive the Practice and the Patient Participation Group newsletter.

Patient Participation Group -

(PPG) – If you want to be kept up to date and have the opportunity to express your views please consider joining Baslow's PPG. Contact Keith Maslen on kmaslen@aol.com T.01246 582274 Virtual members welcome.

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- ! To ease the parking congestion, please collect your prescription between 12:00 – 16:00

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Test Results – As we do not receive test results from hospital until lunchtime, please ring for these after 2pm. *Or better still –why not register for the online service and view them for yourself!

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Derbyshire Dales cont.d from page 7...

Both Derbyshire Dales and Hambleton have one of the highest employment rates (87.7%) and 45.1% of adults, on average, have a higher level of qualification (such as a degree, NVQ level 4 and above or professional qualification) compared to a national average of 35.6%.

All three also have a relatively large number of bars and pubs, but especially Derbyshire Dales, with 27 per 10,000 adults, while Wychavon has the third highest number of health and fitness clubs – 3.5 per 10,000 adults.

Derbyshire Dales also scores strongly in the Personal Well-Being Survey as well as long male and female life expectancy.

A District Council spokesperson said: “This is excellent news and the only surprise we would express as the local authority is that we aren’t top of the list of places to live! Seriously, a lot of hard work goes into making the Derbyshire Dales a great place to work, live and visit and we and our partners remain absolutely committed to maintaining the beautiful Dales’ ☞

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3 - 11 years

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<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
5	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Mather	8 th -11 th Sarah
12	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Hopkins	
19	9.30am Holy Communion	“ “	22 nd -25 th Claire
26	9.30am Holy Communion	Barbara Hawksworth	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
2	2pm Pilsley School Christingle Service		
5	10.45am Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
12	10.45am Holy Communion	J Bowns/M Pindar	
19	10.45am Matins	Mrs Thomas + I	
26	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
1 Mar 9.30am Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday			
	<u>COFFEE</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
5	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Nelson	Wedding flowers
12	M Douglas/Diana Maskery	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	to be arranged
19	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Wedding flowers
26	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Wedding flowers remain
5 Mar	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Wardle	No flowers - Lent
	<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
5	Isaiah 58: 1-9a Matthew 5: 13-20	Christine Robinson <i>Fourth Sunday before Lent</i>	Matilda Cadogan <i>Family Service</i>
12	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Matthew 5: 21-37	Mavis Cunningham <i>Third Sunday before Lent</i>	Claire Cadogan <i>Holidays</i>
19	Romans 8: 18-25 Matthew 6: 2-34	David Jackson <i>Second Sunday before Lent</i>	Fiona Swain <i>Holidays</i>
26	Exodus 24: 12-18 Matthew 17: 1-9	John Bowns <i>Sunday before Lent</i>	Sarah Porter <i>SS Claire Cadogan</i>
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