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# The Bridge



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Dear Friends,

I am sure all of us are familiar with the name of Francis of Assisi. Amongst many other things, he was someone totally in tune with nature, and had a great love for animals. He is often portrayed as having a bird in his hand. But who has heard of Clare of Assisi? On 11<sup>th</sup> August the Church celebrates her life and her ministry. She was born on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1194 to wealthy parents who lived in a palace. She had little interest in her luxurious surroundings and was influenced by her mother's religious devotion, dedicating her life to God from an early age. Her background is very interesting as she didn't want to lead a privileged lifestyle. Her father, being a wealthy man owned a palace in Assisi and a castle on the slopes of Mount Subasio. He always assumed that his daughter would marry in line with the family tradition and be part of the estate which she would inherit in later life. But as a child, Clare was devoted to prayer and showed early on in her life that her calling would involve helping the poor, as she set aside food from her family table to give to the needy on the streets.

When Clare was 18, Francis of Assisi came to preach in the church of San Giorgio in Assisi. Inspired by his words, Clare asked him to help her in dedicating her life to God, which he vowed to do. The following year, Clare's parents chose a wealthy young man for Clare to marry, but she pointedly refused. On the evening of Palm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1212, she left her father's house and went to meet Francis in the chapel of Porziuncula. It was there that her hair was cut and she exchanged her rich gown for a plain robe and veil. Francis placed Clare in the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia. Her father was so disappointed and attempted to force her to return home. She clung to the altar of the church and threw aside her veil to show her cropped hair. Clare resisted any attempt to leave, professing that she would only dedicate her life to Jesus Christ. Eventually Clare and her sister Agnes moved to a small dwelling that Francis had repaired some years earlier. Other women eventually joined them, and they were known as the "Poor Ladies of San Damiano". Unlike the Franciscan Friars whose members

moved about the country to preach, the sisters lived in enclosure, since an itinerant life was hardly conceivable at the time for women. Their life consisted of prayer and manual labour. They also observed almost complete silence. Clare governed her convent for forty years, for the last twenty-seven of which her health was very bad. However, she insisted on serving her community and working for God's Church in so many ways. The convent still stands to this day and has always been a place to visit when I have led pilgrimages to Italy. This humble woman's life has been an inspiration to many over the years.

After the death of Clare in 1253, other women have followed in her footsteps. Mother Teresa is one who lived a simple life but gave so much of herself to desperate people. The following prayer is so appropriate as we thank God for Clare of Assisi and all who have followed her example.

Teach us, good Lord,  
to serve thee as thou deservest;  
to give and not to count the cost;  
to fight and not to heed the wounds;  
to toil and not to seek for rest;  
to labour and not to ask for any reward.  
Save that of knowing that we do thy will.

Amen

Every Blessing  
Canon Dave

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# **YOUR CHURCH IS HERE FOR YOU ARE YOU HERE FOR IT?**



In December 2017 we posed this question and many of you showed you were.

This pandemic has hit St. Anne's as it has many other organisations, charities and households. In 2020 it cost £10,999 to run the Church yet the income received was £6,608. In 2019 the picture pre pandemic was not much better with an expenditure of £10,993 and income of £12,605.

With the pandemic rules lifting the church is keen to welcome you in. St Anne's is once again open every Sunday at 9.30am for a morning service. From September, the Family Services on the first Sunday of the month will move from 9.30am to 3pm and will end with tea and cake. The special services throughout the year will return such as a Pet Service, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Service and Carol Service.

The Church is also here to lend support. Life is not always easy, so please do bear in mind that Canon Dave is available for pastoral support to you, or if you know anyone in the parish who is in need (not just to our regular churchgoers). He is always happy to listen – 'an Ear and a Prayer' can often make a real difference.

St Anne's is a special place with a welcoming congregation. It has been great to see Weddings and Marriage Blessings and we would love to encourage more couples to use the church. Please contact Canon Dave for information on weddings, blessings, christenings and funerals.

If you can help support the Church through a donation or regular giving, you can set up a standing order or direct debit to church – even a few pounds a month would make a real difference to us. Come in to Church and join in with one of our services, we'd love to see you. For more information please contact Fiona Lichfield, the Treasurer, or one of the Church Wardens, Rupert Turner or Fiona Swain, all can be contacted via our email [chatsworthchurches@gmail.com](mailto:chatsworthchurches@gmail.com) or Canon Dave Perkins on 01246 386385 or Rupert Turner on 01629 732794.

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#### June Draw 2020

1st Prize £30 - No. 75 AnneHubbuck

2nd Prize £20 - No. 40 John Caws

**Funds to church this month - £50**

Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 club.

Ann Hall

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## EDENSOR DAY BRIC-A-BRAC SALE

at

The Cavendish Hall, Edensor DE45 1PJ

Saturday 7th August 2021

10.00 am - 2.00 pm

all proceeds added to next year's nominated charities

cash sales only; payment made at each table

**FREE ADMISSION**

out of respect for the stall holders please wear a mask  
if the hall is busy, you may be asked to wait outside for a short time

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- 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.

## JUST GIVING AT ST. PETER'S

We now have a **JustGiving** page, where people can donate to St Peter's at any point, the link is <https://www.justgiving.com/edensor-stpeters>.



If you normally give to St. Peter's through an envelope in Church, you can still support our mission by giving online and following the link at Just Giving. <https://www.justgiving.com/edensor-stpeters>.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR ~ INTERMENT OF ASHES

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July ~ Vilna Margaret Kembery - aged 85 years  
(died 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July ~ Stanley Richard Liddicot - aged 98 years  
(died 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020)

## **Edensor Parochial Church Council**

### **Brief notes from the annual meeting of parishioners held in St Peter's Church, Edensor on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

*Present:* Rev'd Canon Dave Perkins in the Chair and 18 parishioners, members of the electoral roll and congregation.

*Apologies:* Diana Walters, David Hartington and John Bowns.

*Minutes* of the last meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were agreed and signed as correct by Canon Dave.

*Election of Churchwardens:* Elizabeth Bradshaw and David Jackson were elected as churchwardens for the year 2021-2022 with Christine Robinson being elected as assistant churchwarden for the year 2021 - 2022.

### **This was followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.**

The electoral roll officer reported that the new church electoral roll stands at a total of 63 persons, of whom 12 are resident and 51 non-resident.

*Parochial Reports:* Canon Dave referred the meeting to all the reports, which, due to Covid restrictions, have not been available to read in hard copy at the back of church but have been available for the last six weeks to those who requested them via email.

Canon Dave thanked the Churchwardens for the preparation of their report, and for all their support over the past difficult year.

Canon Mark Titterton thanked all those who have continued to give generously during the last difficult year of the pandemic, and said that the Church finances are remarkably healthy given the restrictions in congregation numbers, and the inability to have fundraising activities. There were no comments from the meeting on any of the reports.

*Vicar's Comments:* Canon Dave thanked Canon Mark for his efforts on our behalf. He also wanted to thank the PCC and the rest of the congregation for their support during the pandemic, and said that it has also been encouraging to welcome new members to the congregation.

He commented that it has not been easy for any church during the pandemic, but we seem to be on a good footing, and only closed when we actually had to, whereas some churches in the Diocese are still closed and the future for them looks bleak. He thanked all those who have followed the guidelines as we follow our risk assessment, which also means that the

Church will remain closed during the day for the time being.

He was delighted to inform the meeting that he is now able to take weddings again, and the first one will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> August.

Canon Dave told the meeting that he was pleased that David Neale is now licensed as lay reader to the Diocese of Derby.

*Safeguarding update:* Canon Dave wished to record our thanks to Sarah Porter, safeguarding officer for this parish and the parish of St Anne's, for all the hard work she continues to put in to keep our records up to date. There were no further comments from the meeting.

John Bowns was re-elected as a PCC member and David Hartington agreed to stand as our second Deanery Synod representative.

Thanks were recorded to Canon Dave for keeping things going during the pandemic, for his weekly message and for his singing of the psalms each Sunday, and to Lynne Clark for her organ playing.

A brief meeting of the new PCC followed. Mark Titterton was elected as treasurer and Christine Robinson as secretary

*The next PCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm in St Peter's, Edensor.*

## **If you go down to the sea today, beware!**

The popular summer pastime of paddling our feet along the shoreline has become risky, due to a rise in venomous stinging fish along the British coast.

The weever fish may be only six inches long, but the venomous spines along its dorsal fin can inject fast-acting poison into your foot if you step on it, causing immense pain.

Sue Hickson-Marsay, from a life-boat charity off East Yorkshire, says: "The fish have been an absolute nightmare this summer. Just where the shoreline is, as the waves are going out, the fish lie just under the sand. So, if you are then paddling in the water, you could easily step on one. Then the spiny part of the fish goes straight into your foot. We've had lots of casualties, so people need to wear shoes if they're going paddling."



## The Padley Centre

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Padley Centre in Derby. The weather may be improving but the nights can still be chilly and quite often damp and we should continue to think of those less fortunate people who know what it is like to be hungry, homeless and cold. Canon Dave continues to deliver donations through the Padley booking system for dropping goods off.

They still need clothing for adults, including waterproofs, warm socks, gloves, hats and scarves etc. Unworn underwear and sleeping bags are always very much appreciated as are toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and feminine hygiene products.

**Food** - tins of meat, fish, soup and tomatoes; dried pasta; rice; biscuits and chocolate and any other 'treats'.

Donations can be brought along to a Sunday service if you are able to attend, or you can phone Canon Dave to arrange to drop them off at the Vicarage. Alternatively, you can phone David Jackson if you are in Baslow or Liz Bradshaw if you are in Pilsley and arrange to drop them off with them.

The Padley Centre also now accept:

*Blankets – any size since if not used in the centre they can sell them in the shop.*

*Bedding – sheet, pillows and pillow cases **but not duvets or pillows** due to health and safety reasons.*

## Hardship for those who rent

Renters are struggling. 1.7 million renting households are worried about paying their rent over the next three months, and nearly one million are worried about being evicted during the same period.

Such are the findings of recent research by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF). The JRF says that black, Asian and minority-ethnic renters, renters with children, renters on low incomes and renters who have lost income during the pandemic are struggling disproportionately. The JRF's recommendations include building more social housing for rent.

## Support Safeguarding Sunday

The Church of England is supporting this year's Safeguarding Sunday, on 10<sup>th</sup> October, by encouraging local churches to use their regular Sunday service to think about what safer places look like.

The ecumenical initiative from the specialist safeguarding charity [thirtyone:eight](#) provides bespoke resources, including films and animations, prayers, preaching notes, children's activity sheets, hymns and songs and a safeguarding pledge. A short sermon for use on the day will be provided by Bishop Jonathan Gibbs, the Church of England's lead safeguarding bishop.

Bishop Gibbs said: "Whether churches can give just a few minutes or dedicate their whole service, Safeguarding Sunday is a really helpful and important way of focusing on all the work that goes on 365 days a year in our churches to make them safe places.

"From our children's and young people's activities to clubs for the elderly and foodbanks, our churches are involved in every community. Protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message.

"Safeguarding Sunday is all about creating an opportunity for churches to show their communities that they take this responsibility seriously."

## Want a coffee?

Drinking three cups of coffee a day is good for you. A recent study has found that it can cut your chance of dying from chronic liver disease by up to half.

On average, coffee drinkers seem to have a 21 per cent reduced risk of developing chronic liver disease, and a 49 per cent reduced risk of death from the condition. Researchers found that the optimum intake for health is three or four cups a day. The results apply to all kinds of coffee, whether instant, ground, or

decaf versions, although the instant is slightly less effective. This may be due to the lower levels in instant coffee of the liver-protecting chemicals kahweol and cafestol.

The study at the universities of Southampton and Edinburgh studied almost half a million Britons for a decade, to assess the link between coffee intake and health. The findings were published in the journal BMC Public Health.

## Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document adopted

New planning guidelines have been adopted by Derbyshire Dales District Council, setting out how developers can integrate Climate Change measures into new developments.

After consulting with local people, the authority has prepared a supplementary planning document (SPD) to reflect the policies in the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan.

The SPD will build on and provide more detailed advice or guidance on policies in an adopted local plan.

The Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document seeks to provide additional guidance on the following key areas:

- Green Infrastructure – including linkages to parks and open spaces, trees and landscaping, as well as linkages to biodiversity.
- Water – including managing flood risk, sustainable drainage systems and the drainage hierarchy

- Energy – including the energy hierarchy, home energy standards and renewable energy systems
- Transport – including walkable and low car neighbourhoods, walking, cycling and public transport. It also includes the facilitation of electric vehicles.
- Building Design – including density of development and orientation

The SPD also includes a checklist for developers they should use to set out as part of a planning application submission to show how they have addressed the measures included within the SPD.

The SPD was adopted by the District Council's Community and Environment Committee on 5 July. The adopted SPD will have statutory weight in the decision making process and will be used in the determination of planning applications.

The Climate Change SPD can be viewed online at [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/climatechangeSPD](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/climatechangeSPD)

It was 30 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1991, that the first website (info.cern.ch) went live. The web's inventor, Tim Berners Lee, also posted a description of the World Wide Web project on the alt.hypertext newsgroup, and provided a link to download the first web browser, which could only run on NeXT workstations.



## **New political map for Derbyshire Dales District Council**

The Local Government Boundary Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It has reviewed Derbyshire Dales to make sure councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the council work effectively.

The Commission has published final recommendations for changes in Derbyshire Dales. It says residents should be represented by 34 councillors. This is five fewer than current arrangements.

There will be 20 wards; ten single-councillor wards, six two-councillor wards, and four three-councillor wards. This is five fewer wards than there are now. The boundaries of 17 wards have been changed in our draft recommendations; three will stay the same.

Publishing the recommendations Professor Colin Mellors, Chair of the Commission, said:

*“We are very grateful to people in Derbyshire Dales. We looked at all the views they gave us. They helped us improve our earlier proposals.”*

*believe the new arrangements will guarantee electoral fairness while maintaining local ties.”*

252 people and organisations made comments to help decide the new wards. Changes in response to what local people said include:

- The Matlock wards no longer separate rural and urban areas, and now more closely resemble the existing boundaries.
- Bonsall is no longer in a ward with Winster and has been reunited in a ward with Cromford and Matlock Bath.
- Youlgrave has been separated from Bakewell and is the nucleus of its own ward.

The Commission has made further changes to its earlier proposals. Details can be found on its website at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/east-midlands/derbyshire/derbyshire-dales>

Parliament now needs to agree the changes. The new arrangements will then apply for the 2023 council elections.

An interactive map is available at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/22484/>

## **The new way of choosing candidates for ordination**

From this autumn, if you want to go for ordination, you will be assessed against a new framework. The CofE is aiming to broaden the range of people who may have a ministerial vocation in the CofE.

No longer will you be evaluated against criteria, but instead you will need to demonstrate that you have 'six qualities to be inhabited'. Candidates will also now attend two national discernment events rather than one, and spend time preparing for both at diocesan level.

The changes are due to concerns that the existing framework risks missing the vocations of people of 'the unseen-and-excluded called'. Diocesan bishops, diocesan directors of ordinands (DDOs) and others have warned that the existing framework favours middle-class candidates.

The 'qualities' that the selectors will be looking for are: Love for God; Call to Ministry; Love for People; Wisdom; Fruitfulness; Potential. A seventh quality – 'trustworthiness' will be also looked for.

## **The Great Calcutta Killing**

*by Tim Lenton*

Seventy-five years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1946, the Great Calcutta Killing took place in Kolkata, India. Muslim and Hindu mobs rioted across the city following the Muslim League's demand for the creation of Pakistan. More than 4,000 people were killed and 100,000 left homeless. The riot sparked further religious violence in other provinces, leading to the Partition of India in August 1947.

The victims, who included about 15,000 wounded, tended to be the poor, and much of the killing was done by the criminal classes, but vacillating by politicians on all sides,

and in some cases near-overt incitement to riot, were a significant factor, as was general incompetence in organising the massive changes that were taking place.

During the rioting, when to be on the streets was to invite death, Mother Teresa went out looking for food for her 300 boarding-school girls, and found dead bodies, stabbed and mutilated.

When she was stopped by a lorry load of soldiers, she told them her students were starving, and the soldiers drove her back to her compound and gave her bags of rice. She was instrumental in saving both Muslims and Hindus who came to her in a bid to escape the mob.

## **Don't be afraid to fail**

by Colin Hammacott

In my local church, we use a parish prayer which includes the line: 'Help us to be brave enough to fail - but try again.'

Encouraging words indeed, and if we look back throughout the centuries, many men and women who have made the world a better place have taken those words to heart.

For example, where would we be today without electricity? Yet at school, Thomas Edison was told he was "too stupid to learn anything." He was sacked from his first two jobs; and made 1,000 unsuccessful attempts at inventing the light bulb. But in the end, he succeeded, and changed the course of world history.

Car manufacturer Henry Ford revolutionised transport in the USA,

but he had five businesses fail before he founded the successful Ford Motor Company.

Winston Churchill was a Nobel Prize-winning, twice-elected Prime Minister, but he struggled at school, was defeated in early elections for public office, and did not become Prime Minister until he was 62.

As the late Nelson Mandela wisely observed: "Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

So, let us commit ourselves to loving God with all our hearts, to putting our abilities at His disposal, and to never giving up.

## **Dorothy L Sayers: a Biography – Death, Dante and Lord Peter Wimsey**

By Colin Duriez, Lion Hudson, £10.99 (*Book Review*)

Dorothy L. Sayers was a woman of contrasts. A strong Christian, she had a baby – out of wedlock – by a man she did not love. Possessing a fierce intellect, she translated Dante and also created one of the most popular fictional detectives ever in Lord Peter Wimsey.

Drawing on material often difficult to access, particularly her collected letters, Colin Duriez reassesses Sayers' life, her writings, her studies, and her faith to present a rich and captivating portrait of this formidable character.



## The good life put on hold

*This is by Peter S Heslam, director of Faith in Business, Cambridge, and used by permission from the LICC (London Institute for Contemporary Christianity) website.*

*'The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.' Proverbs 9:10*

These six words sum up a year in which many things we valued became impossible. Some we found we could easily do without, but others were vital things like friendship, community, and touch. Their gradual restoration provides an opportunity to reflect, re-evaluate, and reset.

How can we make sure, in doing so, that we grow in wisdom? The Bible is a good place to turn for help. It contains some books and passages that explore how wisdom relates to the good life. Nowadays, 'wisdom' is often used interchangeably either with knowledge or intellectual insight. I may ask a colleague for their wisdom on the benefits of new software. Or a school leaver may decide to study philosophy to gain wisdom from history's greatest thinkers. But wisdom in the Bible is about practical wisdom. It is even used of those engaged in crafts (Exodus 31:3).

Honing the practical skill needed to live the good life is what the book of

Proverbs is all about. Indeed, the book covers an amazing array of down-to-earth matters, including work, sex, relationships, debt, business, charity, and poverty. In doing so it presents wisdom, often personified as a woman, as the pragmatic art of good decision-making and living well.

Despite this apparently earthbound emphasis, wisdom is presented in Proverbs as an attribute of God. Hence the book's repeated insistence that 'the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom'. This fear is not about terror but about awe, which means living life humbly and openly before a God to whom all human beings are accountable. Living this way is, in fact, the antidote to terror and anxiety. For the person who fears the Lord 'rests content, untouched by trouble' (Proverbs 19:23).

Because of this and many other benefits to the fear of the Lord, Proverbs insists, the wise do better in life than the foolish. Yet most of us know wise people who suffer and foolish people who prosper – a problem addressed in Ecclesiastes and Job (see the next instalments in this series). In the meantime, Proverbs' practical wisdom serves to highlight a wonderful truth: God is Lord of all the practicalities of ordinary everyday life.

## Climbing Ben Nevis

by Tim Lenton

The first recorded ascent of Ben Nevis was made 250 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1771, by Scottish botanist and artist James Robertson. At 1,345 metres (4,411 ft), it is the highest mountain in the British Isles. Some 100,000 people now make the climb each year.

Robertson wrote: "A third part of the hill towards the top is entirely naked, resembling a heap of stones thrown together confusedly. The summit far overtops the surrounding hills."

Hill climbing was not popular in those days, but the poet John Keats

made the ascent in 1818. Scots were not convinced for many years that Ben Nevis was higher than Ben Macdui, in the Cairngorms, but it is in fact more than a hundred feet higher.

The meaning of the mountain's name is uncertain. Some associate it with the Gaelic word for "venomous", but it seems at least equally likely that "Nevis" relates to snow or clouds.

It is in fact the remains of an ancient volcano that collapsed in on itself. Its summit plateau stretches for over 100 acres and contains the remains of an observatory, which was opened in 1883 and led indirectly to the invention of the cloud chamber.

Also 250 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1771, Sir Walter Scott, Scottish historical novelist, poet, and playwright was born. His best-known works include *Ivanhoe* and *Rob Roy*. Scott was widely admired for both novels and poetry and was once offered the post of Poet Laureate, which he declined. He was plagued during later life by financial problems, largely brought about by taking on the debts of friends and colleagues, but also by expenses incurred from his Abbotsford estate, near Galashiels.

## The Queen on York Minster

York Minster is to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year with a statue of the monarch, placed in a niche high on its medieval west front.

The figure of the queen will be slightly larger than life, and she will

be holding the historic symbols of monarchy: the orb and sceptre. She will be the first British monarch to have reigned for 70 years.

The statue will be the centre point of a makeover of the open space in front of the Minster, where a new Queen Elizabeth Square is to be created. More details are expected in the autumn.



## Success or Failure?

By Tony Horsfall of Charis Training. More details at: [www.Charistraining.co.uk](http://www.Charistraining.co.uk).

I found some words of wisdom in a newspaper recently, taken from an interview with Marcelo Bielsa, the Leeds United manager.

*“The moments in my life when I have improved are closely related to failure. The moments in my life when I have regressed are closely related to success.*”

*Being successful deforms us as human beings. It relaxes us. It plays tricks on us. It makes us worse individuals. It feeds our egos. Failure forms us, makes us more solid, brings us closer to our convictions. It makes us more coherent.”*

Of course, no one wants to fail all the time, but this reminds us that we can learn from our failures and must not be carried away by success. That seems like a good Christian principle.

## Donatella Versace

Donatella Versace was once famous for being “the human avatar” for the megabrand her brother Gianni created. But nowadays she has some words of wisdom for women who feel they must ‘keep up’.

“I’ve realised that wanting to be perfect is like an illness. So now I say to myself, ‘well done’, even when I haven’t done brilliantly.” These days, she has given up punishing workouts in the gym for Pilates, and she even eats some pasta. “Moderation stops you feeling deprived.”

## The secret of happiness?

Scientists have been trying to work out a ‘formula’ for happiness. The result is incomprehensible to most of us, beginning as it does with Happiness (t)=w0=w1, running on for three lines, and then ending with jRPEj.....

But, in plain English, the neuroscientists at University College London (UCL) have concluded that happiness depends not so much on

how well you are doing, but on whether you are doing better than you expected to be doing.

And one professor added: “The ephemeral nature of happiness means we might be better off thinking about happiness in a different way. Happiness is a tool, not a goal in itself. It can help us better understand what we care about, what we value.” And we can adjust our lives accordingly.

## **Christian Aid launches emergency Global Hunger Appeal**

Christian Aid has launched an emergency appeal, warning that more than 30 million people in 20 countries are “teetering on the brink of famine”.

The Covid health pandemic, climate crisis, and continued conflict has exacerbated hunger and food insecurity in 20 countries. Countries like South Sudan, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Nigeria (in the North East) and Afghanistan are particularly affected.

In South Sudan, 60% of the population are struggling to get enough food to eat, and 82% are living in extreme poverty. According to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, six of the country’s counties are already categorised as being in IPC Phase 5 Catastrophe - which means people

face starvation, death, destitution and debilitating levels of acute malnutrition. 34 states are in the emergency acute food insecurity phase as people experience very high acute malnutrition and excess deaths. The most food insecure states are Jonglei, Unity, Upper Nile, Lakes, Warrap and Northern Bahr el Ghazal. 7.2 million people are now affected during this lean season, expected to be the worst on record.

James Wani, Christian Aid’s South Sudan Country Director, based in Juba, said: “Floods, drought, conflict and Covid-19 have joined forces to deliver devastation and fuel the food crisis in South Sudan - the combined result is the destruction of crops, livelihoods, houses and dwellings, while roads have become impassable, markets have stopped, supply chains have been crippled, and food prices have soared.”

## **Fewer wasps**

Noticed how peaceful your garden is this summer? Noticed that you have been able to hold summer barbecues and picnics in relative peace? That is because the very cold and wet Spring was disastrous for our wasp population.

But while we may enjoy their absence, scientists at University College London have pointed out that wasps play an important role as nature’s pest controllers, and that our countryside will be the poorer without them this year.

## Five things we've learnt about Truth in the pandemic

*By Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE.*

I'm involved in a project rooted in the Church of England's St Albans diocese, north of London. We bring together people from a range of backgrounds and faiths to address the question 'Where is Truth now?'

A vital issue for us from recent months has been 'How has truth fared during the pandemic? Here are five key points.

### ***Truth can save your life.***

Knowing the truth about the Covid-19 virus and vaccines gave vital protection during the pandemic. The advice of scientists, health professionals and researchers has been widely sought out and debated.

But we've also seen a rise in conspiracy theories, anti-vaccination campaigns and growing confusion as people challenge the extent of the pandemic, and whether Covid-19 is really a threat. Social media algorithms stand accused of spreading misinformation faster than reliable facts and corrections.

### ***Truth comes from trust.***

Knowing who to trust is one of the fastest growing challenges facing anyone wanting to know more about the pandemic and its causes.

While faith in doctors and scientists is generally good, trust in politicians has remained low, and scepticism and confusion are growing.

### ***Truth can be found on your doorstep – but not always.***

Local information has become more important, especially during lockdowns. But with local newspapers and radio in decline, neighbourhood social media networks have been taking their place, spreading information – not all of it verifiable and sometimes incorrect.

Often, it's fear that drives our response to the stories we read. We eagerly consume stories highlighting a new 'threat' from Covid or scapegoating people not keeping to the lockdown rules. We respond emotionally, 'with our gut' – rather than our brain or intellect.

### ***Truth has to be valued and protected.***

Reliable, trusted journalism has been at a premium. ITV News journalist Julie Etchingham defended the role of the media during Covid-19. The news presenter, a practising Roman Catholic, explained: "Many in our

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front-line services and the wider public are demanding answers. We are there on their behalf.”

In December 2020, Yorkshire Post editor James Mitchinson, published his response to a reader who believed social media posts over his newspaper’s reports. The open letter, headlined ‘Do not believe a stranger on social media who disappears into the night’ sets out the contrast between verified public interest journalism and disinformation posted online.

***Truth can be complicated – and that’s ok.***

Throughout the pandemic, politicians have spoken about ‘following the science.’ This, they have said, has

guided their decision making. Yet scientists can have a range of views, based on similar research findings. It’s in the discussion and debate that scientific truth arises.

People accept that the ‘scientific evidence’ is not always straightforward. We know that truth can be complicated, from our own daily lives. So politicians who level with their electors about the complexity of the decisions are often received with more credibility.

In continuing to ask the question “Where is Truth Now?” our modest project is helping to keep the conversation going – and encouraging others to do the same.

**Sourdough and your toaster**

If you like sourdough bread, you’ll know already that it is not easy to squeeze a slice of it into your toaster.

Artisan bread is big, and sadly, the rise in popularity of these loaves has left the standard British toaster struggling to keep up.

That leaves sourdough toast aficionados with one end of their slice jutting out of the toaster.

The consumer watchdog Which? says: “This isn’t the end of the world,

but it means you can sometimes end up with a pale white border round the edge of your toast.”

Solutions? Which? suggests grilling your toast in the oven, cutting the slice in two, or even buying a speciality toaster, at more than £100.

Meanwhile, the trend towards big artisan bread does not appear to be waning. And as Which? rightly points out: “Whether you prefer sourdough or sliced white, there’s nothing quite like hot buttered toast.”

## **6<sup>th</sup> August: The Transfiguration of Jesus**

*By Lester Amann*

It's an unusual story. One day, Jesus is with three disciples on a high mountain in Galilee, when His appearance dramatically changes. Also, Moses and Elijah suddenly appear, and from a cloud comes the voice of God. What is this all about?

This event was witnessed by James, Peter, and John. They were close friends of Jesus. In the future, they were to become prominent leaders in the Early Church. They needed to see something special that would help them remember Jesus in the difficult years ahead. They had a glimpse of Christ in His divine glory. His face shone like the sun and His clothes turned white as light.

While this was an extraordinary sight for the disciples, it served to encourage Jesus who once had glory and majesty in Heaven. One day He would have it again. But firstly, He had to fulfil His mission: to suffer on the cross and die.

Why were Moses and Elijah standing with Jesus? Moses was the giver of the Law and Elijah represented all the prophets. They had pointed people to the promised Messiah. Jesus was about to complete God's plan of salvation.

God's voice was heard to remind Peter there was no need to build shelters. They were not going to stay on the mountain. God spoke to get the disciples to fix their attention on Jesus. The wonder of the Transfiguration was a short interlude before Jesus had to return to His work and subsequent death on the cross.

This story is a reminder that our times of spiritual blessing have to be followed by down-to-earth commitments and responsibilities. In the same way that Jesus gave His friends a glimpse of His awesome glory, to help them face challenging and traumatic times ahead, our special times in His presence are provided to encourage us and equip us for the trials we may have to face.

Our journey through life may sometimes rise to the peaks but we can't stay on a 'high' all the time – no matter how much we want it! We have to descend to face everyday challenges if we are to fulfil our calling in Christ. From our mountain-top experiences we all need to find a balance between times alone with God and serving Him in the company of others.

## **Your dog's DNA could rescue him (or her)**

Dog lovers will find this good news: canine DNA is to be collected by a police force to help stolen animals be reunited with their owners.

The scheme by Gloucestershire Police is thought to be a world first. It will involve owners using a kit to take a swab from their dog's mouth. The sample is then sent to a specialist forensic testing company that has developed a dog DNA database that is accessible to all police forces.

When it is suspected that a dog has been stolen, its DNA can be run through the database to check if it is missing. The database could also link a suspect thief to the stolen dog, if its DNA is found on them.

The Gloucestershire police are "confident" that the scheme will help reduce dog thefts and also reunite stolen pets with their owners. As one officer said, "We have to adopt whatever means we can to stop this shocking trade." If successful, the scheme could possibly spread to other parts of the country.

## **What do you consider to be 'beautiful countryside'?**

According to Natural England, thorny scrubs and floodplains should be seen as more beautiful than manicured fields.

Tony Juniper, chair of Natural England, which is the government's adviser for the natural environment, has said a 'cultural revolution' is necessary to help people appreciate the beauty of a messy countryside.

He strongly supports the increasing popularity of 'rewilding' projects which have become a popular way for land managers to give nature a

chance. He believes that rewilding can help to heal degraded landscapes and provide better habitat for wildlife.

Tony Juniper has said that the "orderliness" of much of our British countryside, with neat stone walls, sheep-grazed fields and villages has often created "ecological deserts" for wildlife, who starve. "To ensure our future security, it will be necessary for us to let nature take back some control."

A post-Brexit plan to reward farmers and other land managers for improving water quality and helping plants and wildlife is expected to replace the EU's Common Agricultural Policy.

## God in the Sciences

*This series is written by Dr Ruth M. Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith. [www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/churches](http://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/churches) and <http://www.cis.org.uk>*

## Physicist and Priest: John Polkinghorne (1930-2021)

At the age of 48 the Cambridge Professor John Polkinghorne decided he'd done his bit for physics and that it was time for a different sort of adventure. Resigning his academic position, he trained for ordination in the Church of England. In an interview 40 years later he said, *"It's one thing to go to church on Sundays but to give up a professorship and train for something else – that was a bit more than a gesture... I think a lot of people realised I was a religious person but they didn't expect me to take it quite that seriously... People were saying to me, 'Oh John what are you up to?' They mostly weren't thinking so much about my becoming a clergyman but just the fact that I was a Christian."* (From *Test of Faith, Paternoster, 2009*)

John saw his work in science as a Christian vocation, and felt a responsibility to use his talents in that area. Once ordained he found himself thoroughly engaged in the

conversation about science and religion. One of his main messages was that *"I'm not a vegetarian butcher. There is a cousinly relationship between thinking about theology and thinking about science."*

When asked for a Bible passage to appear at the end of his 2009 interview John chose Colossians 1:15–20: *'He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the first-born from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.'*

John's explanation for his choice speaks volumes to anyone interested in the science-faith dialogue. *"I value this passage because it speaks of the cosmic significance of Christ, the One in whom all things hold together and who redeems all things (notice, not just all people) by the blood of his cross. Here meet my deepest religious beliefs and my strongest scientific concerns."*

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

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

**Appointment Times:** Clinicians are still available for consultations and medical advice. Please contact the surgery and a GP or Nurse will call you back to discuss your concerns and if necessary arrange to see you in person. Many problems can be dealt with over the telephone.

**Patient Online:** Have you registered to use the online service? This allows you to book or cancel appointments on line (during normal service) 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.

### **Telephone Numbers:**

Reception: 01246 582216

Surgery Fax: 01246 583867

District Nursing Team 01332 564 900

Health Visitor: 01629 816633

### **Normal Surgery Opening Times**

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri**  
8am-6.30pm;

(closed Bank Holidays)

(Phones 8am – 6.30pm Mon - Fri).

### **Surgery Closure for training -**

Wednesdays from 1pm:

8<sup>th</sup> September & 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Ordering Repeat Medication**

You can order repeat medications in the following ways:

- In writing or with our on-line access service
- Return your repeat request form to surgery by Post or Fax

Please allow **three** working days before collection and **collect between 8am and 5pm**

**Prescriptions can be collected via the side window near the back door.**

**Samples** – if you need to leave a sample with us please ensure it is labelled with your name and date of birth and returned in a bag, if provided, either through the letterbox or at the side window.

**Test Results** – Please ring for test results after 2.30pm as we do not receive test results back from the hospital until lunchtime.

**For Urgent Calls when we are closed call 111**



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**Is it windy? Forget the barbecue**

We should beware of using our firepits and barbecues when it is windy, an insurer has warned.

Home insurance claims for domestic fire incidents increased by 38 per cent over the past year, according to figures from Aviva.

As a number of these fires were started by barbecues, Aviva is urging

people to 'rethink' their social plans if weather conditions are windy. A summer breeze can spread flames across a great distance and also affect neighbouring gardens. "Last year we saw a huge increase in claims... when bonfires and barbecues had gone wrong."

The average pay-out for a domestic fire claim last year was £21,000, though some claims ran into hundreds of thousands of pounds.

**Children's Kitchen Terms .....**

**BOIL:** The point a parent reaches upon hearing "Yuck" before a food is even tasted.

**CASSEROLE:** Combination of favourite foods that go uneaten because they are mixed together.

**DESSERT:** The reason for eating a meal.

**EVAPORATE:** Magic trick performed by children when it comes to clearing the table.

**FRUIT:** Something that is never to be confused with dessert.

**REFRIGERATOR:** A very expensive and inefficient room air conditioner when not being used as an art gallery.

**TABLE LEG:** Percussion instrument.

READINGS & ROTAS FOR AUGUST 2021

**St. Anne's, Beeley 9.30am (pre-booked places only)**  
 please phone Canon Dave Perkins 01246 386385 to reserve a place

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August: Trinity Nine (Family Communion)**

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

Reader: tba

John 6: 24-35

Flowers & Brasses: Fiona Swain

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August: Trinity Ten (Holy Communion)**

1 Kings 19: 4-8

Reader: Yvonne Ward

Cleaning: 5th - 8th

John 6: 35, 41-51

Flowers & Brasses: Fiona Swain

Claire

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August: The Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Communion)**

Isaiah 61: 10-11

Reader: Fiona Swain

Luke 1: 46-55

Flowers & Brasses: Barbara Hawksworth

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August: Trinity Twelve (Morning Prayer)**

Cleaning: 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

Reader: Rupert Turner

Fiona Swain

John 6: 56-69

Flowers & Brasses: Barbara Hawksworth

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August: Trinity Thirteen (Holy Communion)**

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

Reader: Claire Cadogan

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Flowers & Brasses: Fiona Swain

**St. Peter's, Edensor - 10.45am (pre-booked places only)**

please phone Canon Dave Perkins 01246 386385 to reserve a place

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August: Trinity Nine (Holy Communion)**

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

Reader: Gloria Sherwood

John 6: 24-35

Stewards: Roger Sherwood/Diana Walters

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August: Trinity Ten (Holy Communion)**

1 Kings 19: 4-8

Reader: John Caws

John 6: 35, 41-51

Stewards: Liz Bradshaw/Margaret Jackson

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August: The Blessed Virgin Mary (Matins)**

Isaiah 61: 10-11

Reader: Diana Walters

Luke 1: 46-55

Stewards: Sue & Roger Wardle

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August: Trinity Twelve (Holy Communion)**

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

Reader: Mike Woodcock

John 6: 56-69

Stewards: David & Margaret Jackson

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August: Trinity Thirteen (Holy Communion)**

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

Reader: Christine Robinson

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Stewards: Duncan & Cynthia Gordon

**Cleaning Rota - August** Please phone the Vicar to arrange a day and to collect the key.

1	Trevor & Jackie Grimshaw	22	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters
8	Sue & Roger Wardle	29	Mr & Mrs Jackson
15	Mike Pindar/Jennie Ball		