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Imagine giving a present to a child you love. Maybe it's your own child or grandchild, or the son or daughter of close friends. Imagine this child unwrapping your gift, which is exactly what he or she had hoped for.

Now think about how that child might respond to your gift: he might laugh and smile in delight; she might look with wonder at what she's been given, lost for words; he might look up at you and say, "Wow! Thank you!"; she might rush over to hug you, still lost for words. And you would be glad to have given so much pleasure to a child you love.

But how might you feel if, instead of this simple and innocent delight, the child stood up and addressed everyone in the room like this: "Thank you for this present, which I will treat with respect and care. I am very pleased I have been given such a good gift and not something cheaply and badly made. I believe I deserve this: I have done well at school and been obedient to my mother and father at home....." and so on.

Can you imagine how that would affect your relationship with that child? What you gave in love is received as no more than what the child expected and believed he or she deserved. It was your duty to reward him or her in this way. The giving and receiving of a gift has been turned into almost a business transaction without any love and grace.

Some of the religious leaders in Jesus' day thought of themselves as better than everyone else. They thought of their relationship with God as being something like a business agreement with little or no room for divine love and grace. There is a parable in St. Luke's Gospel when Jesus illustrates this attitude taken by a religious leader (Luke 18: 9-14). His prayer is like the speech we imagined a child making on being given a present. He thanks God that he is a highly respectable religious man who studies and keeps Jewish law. In fact, he reminds God, in his fasting and giving he does more than the law requires. He is thankful that he isn't like the others; he's better than them and certainly a lot better than this tax collector who happens to be praying

at the same time. There is no humility or honest acknowledgement of any wrong doing in this prayer. There is no room for God to respond in the life of this so called holy man who leaves the Temple in much the same state of mind as when he arrived. Meanwhile the despised tax collector approaches God very differently. An outcast from society, he collaborates with the Roman authorities and makes money in doing so. Rejected by all around him, he doesn't expect to be welcomed by God and cannot even raise his head towards heaven. But he does ask God for mercy, beating his chest in an expression of guilt and regret. It must have come as a massive shock to the religious leader when Jesus declared it was the tax collector whose side he was on and who went home justified.

Jesus invites us to dare to be honest about ourselves, trusting in God who will always be on our side because he loves us completely and perfectly.

If we delight in giving good things to the children in our lives, how much more must God our Father delight in giving us, his children, good things and seeing us grow into being the people he means us to be.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

Smile.....

I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges?

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A Message from Pilsley Post Office & Village Shop



In these difficult times, especially with our maturing local residents still being careful, I am very happy to deliver any emergency grocery items/essentials to you in Pilsley and Edensor. We can arrange payment over the phone by card.

Let's show that the Pilsley and Edensor community can support each other!

Best wishes
Sarah Titterton

Sarah is also able to collect prescriptions from Baslow surgery for residents of Pilsley and Edensor, just contact her to let her know.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club May Draw 2020

1st Prize £30 - No. 98 Zoe Penrose

2nd Prize £20 - No. 44 Bob Newman

Funds to church this month - £50

Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 club.

Ann Hall

Items for the **AUGUST** magazine should reach me **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 12th JULY** - email to: liz.bradshaw@w3z.co.uk
The Bridge'Parish Magazine £1 per copy (£12 per year).



Cleaning at St. Peter's Church

Since St. Peter's was able to re-open for booked and socially distanced Sunday morning worship, we have been fortunate enough to maintain the weekly cleaning rota thanks to our team of cleaners. However, it would be even better if we could recruit more people to go on the list, ideally two people cleaning together, which makes the job easier.

Thanks to Margaret Perkins, who has taken on the cleaning of the Chapel, only the main body of the church and the toilets now need to be cleaned by those on the rota. If you would like to go on the list please speak to the wardens.

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.



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- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
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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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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>.

Nigel Beeton writes:

'I have recently discovered an ancient Japanese form of verse called Haiku. Haiku consists of a verse with a 5-7-5 metre, which are used almost exclusively to describe the natural world.

Mountains in the sky

Mountains in the sky
The nimbus clouds of summer
Giants of the air!

Lightning strikes our fear
Then rolling claps of thunder
There's no time to stare!

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FOLLOWING

A young mother writes:

It is always busy in our home, as we have four young children running about. But one particular Sunday afternoon James, my four-year-old, kept following me about very closely. He was on my heels every time I turned around, and after nearly falling over him several times, I lost patience. 'Whatever is the matter with you?'

I demanded. 'Why don't you go play?'

He looked up at me and said: 'This morning at church the teacher told us that we should walk in Jesus' footsteps. But I can't see Him, so I am walking in yours instead.' I gathered up my young son and felt tears in my eyes. I thanked God for this lesson I will never forget – about the value of being a living example to our young ones."

Can your child read?

School is out this month, but how much good did it do your child? More than 200,000 pupils will leave primary school this year without being able to read, according to recent unpublished figures by the government.

Now Boris Johnson has announced a 'four-year emergency' plan to help children catch up on their learning. One idea to help children get back up to speed is to bring in a 'citizens army' of teachers, including retired and supply teachers, who can be recruited to help struggling children.

Dear Supporters,

At last, some definite and positive news regarding our re-location from Beckett Street! Although we have yet to exchange contracts, Padley has agreed to buy The Limes, 27 Charnwood Street, Derby, which will become our new Padley Centre. We are being significantly supported, both financially and logistically, by Derby City Council. We expect to move into our refurbished premises at the beginning of next year. That may seem a long way off, but a good deal of work will need to take place between now and then so there is less time than you may at first think. The premises should be ideal for our new approach to 'day centre' services with more space for support and training activities. The warehouse and community facilities will all be under the one roof. Architects have been engaged and we are confident that these new premises will enable us to meet our charitable objectives better than ever before. It has taken almost a year to get to this point but if all goes smoothly from now on it will have been very worthwhile the wait.

The second piece of good news is that services at the existing Padley House re-opened Monday 17th May. Staff have been working with partners to develop a new programme which has a clear focus on achieving the strap line to our logo- 'helping people grow'. We are determined to put an end to the 'revolving door' of seeing the same people come back day after day, week after week and, often, year after year. This has always been the objective of Padley staff, of course, but we have taken the opportunity of the enforced lockdown to think through again what we do. And make a fresh start. People will not simply be able to walk through the door, have free food, a chat with friends and leave. The emphasis is on engagement and support, developing independent living and employability skills through participating in short training courses. There are music and art sessions aimed at building confidence and self-esteem, alongside visits from the hairdresser, optician and chiropodist. Sessions aimed at reducing drug and alcohol dependency will also be offered. We are working closely with the city-wide Food4Thought programme so that those in real need will still continue to benefit from Padley food.

On the accommodation side, work with Derby Homes has continued to progress well and the first three self-contained units should be operational in June. We still have much to do as we plan for this new way of working. However, we are more convinced than ever that for someone who has been homeless, having a home address indistinguishable from any other member of society gives a level of dignity and independence which we have not been

able to give before through our hostel provision. Our staff will be giving regular support and care so that our residents will be able to move on to fully independent accommodation within a year or so. And for the first time we will be able offer Padley accommodation support to women as well as men.

So, you will appreciate how busy everybody at Padley is preparing for all these exciting changes. We have only a small staff team and they are pulling out all the stops to make sure we were ready for re-opening Padley House and also starting off the new accommodation service in June. On behalf of the Trustees and all our supporters a big 'thank you' to them all!

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Allan
Padley Chair

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 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. also unworn underwear and sleeping bags are always very much appreciated. **Food** - tins of meat, fish, soup and tomatoes; dried pasta; rice; biscuits and chocolate and any other 'treats'; also toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and feminine hygiene products.

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.*



Dales health walks spring back into action

Health Walks in the Derbyshire Dales have sprung back into action since the Government rules relaxation on May 17th.

Organised by Derbyshire Dales District Council, these free walks all over the beautiful Derbyshire Dales are an opportunity for local people to step away from those lockdown blues into the great outdoors – and meet new friends.

The District Council's Health Walks Coordinator Helen Milton said: "Walks are led every day of the working week by trained volunteer walk leaders and are welcoming and friendly.

"They are suitable for those with a health condition, getting back from an operation or just wanting to get a

bit fitter in a friendly outdoor environment."

The walks range in difficulty from a Very Easy short walk on good ground (30-75mins), Easy Walks on rougher ground (60-90mins) to Moderate walks up hill and down dale (120mins) and more.

No booking is required and there's more information at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/healthwalks

Dementia Friendly walks are restarting in July which will mean the District Council's full walks programme will be back in action. Paper guides will be available in libraries and GP surgeries for Jul-Sep soon.

For more information contact helen.milton@derbyshiredales.gov.uk or call 01629 761194

Slim down

Two out of three adults in the UK are now overweight. That means that the Government has made tackling obesity as the 'priority' for recovering from the pandemic. (80 per cent of our health problems are caused by unhealthy lifestyles.)

Boris Johnson recently announced an Office for Health Promotion (OHP) to boost our activity and to slim our waistlines. Experts say that the Covid-19 death toll has been fuelled by the obesity epidemic.



Deb's Royal service recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours

Long serving Derbyshire Dales District Council staff member Deb Heaton's services to the Monarch and the Royal Family have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Deb, who is Secretary to the Derbyshire Lieutenancy, which is administered at the District Council's Matlock Town Hall headquarters, was made a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

Also Business Support Supervisor in her "day job" at the Council, where she has worked for 35 years, Deb supports the Derbyshire Lieutenancy, including high profile

Royal visits to the county. She has worked on 50 visits to date and has had the pleasure of working alongside four Lord-Lieutenants.

She said: "I'm over the moon to be recognised in this way for doing a job that I love – it's absolutely fabulous."

In normal times the prestigious RVO award would be presented by the Queen in a ceremony at Buckingham Palace and Deb is currently awaiting further guidance.

The Royal Victorian Order is a dynastic order of knighthood established in 1896 by Queen Victoria. It recognises distinguished personal service to the Monarch and admission remains at the sole discretion of the Queen.

Please take my money

Have you ever tried to use cash in a shop, and been refused? That happened to more than a third of us last year.

But now, in response to widespread protest, supermarkets and high street shops have promised that they will continue to accept cash. Aldi, Asda, Co-op, John Lewis, Lloyds Pharmacy and Waitrose have all

joined a pledge organised by the consumer group Which? to protect customers' choice.

Which? is now asking the government to set out when it will introduce laws protecting access to cash, which the Treasury promised in March 2020. A treasury spokesman said: "We remain committed to further legislation to protect cash."

Time for a change

Tony Horsfall considers the challenge of change

I have had my walking boots for a few years now, and they have been faithful companions. We have walked many miles together during that time, on my daily walks as well as on holiday. They are partly responsible for my physical recovery after Covid-19, so they have a place in my heart. They fit me very well, and we have adjusted to one another. But they are very thin now on the soles and heels, and it is reluctantly time for a change.

So, one recent Saturday I bought a new pair. They are clean and smart, and fully waterproof. The soles are strong and new. There are no signs of wear and tear. But I know that change is never easy. They will take some time to wear in. They may rub and I may get a blister or two. Occasionally I will long for my old boots, and wonder, 'Did I make a mistake?'

Hopefully, they will become as much a part of me as my old ones as we tread the miles together. But there is always a risk with something new, Isn't there?

Change is never easy in whatever form it comes. But change is inevitable because life does not stand still, and we have to keep adjusting and adapting and being open to fresh winds of the Spirit. Never more so than in these present, troublesome days.

Strangely enough as I have been meditating on this, my reading this morning (Isaiah 9) contained a reference to 'Every warrior's boot used in battle ... will be destined for burning (v5).' Oh dear. I'm sure like me, warriors were fond of their boots too and found it hard to part with them.

Five fun things to do during boring sermons

(NB - this certainly doesn't apply at either of our churches!)

- 1 Pass a note to the organist asking whether he/she plays requests.
- 2 See if a yawn really is contagious.
- 3 Slap your neighbour. See if they turn the other cheek. If not, raise your hand and tell the minister.
- 4 Try to take the handbag of the lady in front of you by putting your toe through the handle.
- 5 If all else fails, look up at the ceiling, point, and scream.

How climate change could affect your cup of tea

Now here's something that will send you straight to your kitchen to put the kettle on: the Great British cup of tea may not taste quite so good in the future.

It seems that extreme weather and rising temperatures could lead to inferior leaves in the future, according to Christian Aid.

Kenya, the world's foremost exporter of black tea, is now affected by erratic rainfall, floods, droughts, and rising temperatures. India, Sri Lanka and China, also major tea producers, face climate change problems as well.

Climate change has been predicted by some as likely to cut production in Kenya's best tea-making areas by as much as a quarter by 2050. Even areas of only average growing conditions could see production fall by 39 per cent.

As one tea farmer in Kenya's Western Highlands, explained: "We cannot predict seasons anymore. Temperatures are rising, rainfall is erratic, often accompanied by unusual hailstones and longer droughts. If this continues, it will make growing tea much harder."



Ivy on your house is not really so bad after all

So says the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).

In an effort to restore the plant's reputation, the RHS has been showcasing the species at its flagship garden in Wisley, Surrey. It hopes to set a new trend, and to get people to stop seeing ivy as 'the enemy.'

At Wisley you can now see 390 varieties of ivy, with a vast array of leaf shapes, sizes and colours. The

RHS wants people to see that ivy can be an attractive and even eco-friendly addition to your home.

RHS experts say that ivy is a 'super plant' that not only has insulating benefits, but also offers habitats for a variety of wildlife, as well as being a food source for birds and pollinators during months of the year when there is very little else for them to eat.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/press/releases/New-research-shows-ivy-is-the-most-effective-plant>

Can comedy point the way to faith?

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

Truth can come from a range of places. In Shakespeare, it's the fool who often has the insight that the main characters lack. In the Old Testament, it's the prophets that proclaim the truth from God's perspective.

Maybe today, we should be listening more to the comedians – to the people who stand back from our day-to-day happenings and see the world from different angles. They can make us laugh, but they can also teach us truths about ourselves that can be distinctly uncomfortable.

Take the new book by comedian, and Catholic, Frank Skinner. It's called 'A Comedian's Prayer Book' (Hodder & Stoughton) and runs to just over a hundred pages. Yet in that thin volume, Skinner – who is very open about his devout Christian faith – poses serious questions for both believers and atheists.

It's far from being a comfortable read, though it never ceases to be amusing and thoughtful.

Setting the scene for the book, Skinner, an award-winning comedian,

television and radio host, explains: "Imagine someone on a pilgrimage, stopping at churches, martyr-related tourist spots and sacred wells, while dressed in a medieval jester outfit.

"The intention is serious and completely devout, but the pilgrim just feels more at home in the motley than in sackcloth and ashes. He feels jest is an integral part of who he is, and it seems wrong to deny that part."

Skinner sees his role as a comic as integral to this faith, although some 'fellow pilgrims' may be uncomfortable with someone who seems to see humour all around him – and can easily make others laugh.

Yet Frank Skinner raises deep issues in the chapters of this slim volume, including questions that will connect with people both within the Christian faith, and those standing outside.

He describes his prayer life as "a telepathic dip into a long, ongoing conversation with thousands of tabs left open and no helpful 'new readers start here' summaries or simplifications for the neutral observer."

Skinner's 'prayer book' is on my bookshelf alongside '10 Second Sermons,' (Darton, Longman & Todd)

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written by fellow comedian Milton Jones in 2011. Again, the comedian's quirky view on life brings fresh insights and challenges.

Jones, a master of one-line jokes, describes gossip as “bullying people who are not there,” lust as “rehearsing for a play in which you shouldn't have a part” and salvation as “like being returned to the factory settings – but you have to admit there is a factory, and that there could be some settings.”

One of my favourites is Jones's description of the Holy Spirit as “a

real person you can invite in. But watch out – in time He will go over, pull the fridge from the wall and say ‘What's all this mess under here?’ But at least He helps clear up.”

Both Milton Jones and Frank Skinner are comedians of faith – comedic commentators with a gift of making us see the world with fresh insight. And, as importantly, making us laugh.

Church of England commits £1.25 million to enabling digital giving in parishes

The Church of England aims to enable contactless giving in half of all parishes over the next two years.

The first pilot scheme has been launched in more than 100 churches across the Diocese of Carlisle to help encourage contactless giving, making giving easier for congregations.

The pilot will help pave the way for a £1.25m investment from the Church of England which will see thousands more churches accept contactless

and digital payments over the next two years. Consideration for connectivity in rural settings has been taken into account, with churches being offered one of two types of device, depending on each parish's context.

Two further pilots will take place in other dioceses later this year before the nation-wide roll out begins. Grace Emmett, National Digital Giving Manager for the Church of England, explained: “Experience so far is that contactless donations are, on average, three times the value of cash donations.”

Reflected Faith: the spaces between

Jo White considers the need for listening

Most of us have been in situations where we are not in control, and we don't know how to feel or how to react to our situation. We need help.

The most valuable gift you can have at those times – is time itself. Time to be 'listened to'. Really listened to. But it is not easy to find someone who will 'actively listen' to you.

Think of the last time you were in the reverse position with a friend or a colleague, and they were talking to you. How easily do you recall what they actually said? Most of us are so busy getting our replies ready for when the person has finished speaking, that we don't clearly hear their punch line.

With God it is different. We can take everything to Him; all our worries and cares and failures and faults. And He listens.

He doesn't necessarily jump in with an instant, easy solution, but rather He promises to always guide us, if we ask Him, through life's challenges, and He promises to never leave us. He often speaks to us through his written word, the Bible.

This last year, when many of us have been communicating with others by phone or Zoom, we get nervous if it all goes quiet. We feel the need to 'nudge' the other person, to make sure they are still there. Silence is not a natural state for many of us – and yet it is in the quiet we can hear ourselves and God most clearly.

So, when we talk with God, our conversation should not be rushed and one-sided. We need to give space to our silence before Him, to wait and listen for Him to speak to us.

This month:

Next time you worship in church, listen to the silences: the spaces between the words, the music and the actions. Listen to all the prayers that are spoken.

Look at your surroundings and reflect that they have absorbed thousands of prayers – and holy silence – down the centuries of their existence.

Look out the window and see the vastness of the sky above you – and let your prayers join with those that have gone before you. May the knowledge that you are not alone encourage and strengthen you.

Why your dog may be in danger

Dog thefts across the UK soared last year. The problem is now so serious that the government is to set up a pet theft taskforce to fight the organised crime gangs involved.

The taskforce will include officials from the Environment Department (Defra), the Home Office, the Ministry of Justice and the police. There will also be input from animal welfare experts.

Priti Patel, the Home Secretary, said: "Having callous thieves steal a much-loved pet is heart-breaking for families, and is a cruel crime."

Stealing a pet is already a criminal offence, with the offender facing up to seven years in prison.

The police strongly advise pet owners never to leave their pet unattended in public, to vary their walking routines, and to take basic security steps at home, such as checking locks on doors and garden gates.



Can your child swim the length of a pool?

Before the pandemic, about a quarter of children could not swim the curriculum stipulated length when they left primary school. But now it is feared that by 2025, this could rise to three in five of all primary school children.

The figure comes from the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Swimming and Swim

England. With pools closed during lockdown and pupils not able to have face-to-face swimming lessons, fewer and fewer of them can swim at 25 metres competently, use a range of strokes effectively, or perform safe self-rescue in different situations.

The APPG says it will raise the issue with the Department for Education 'as a matter of urgency'.

The Treasures of English Churches – witnesses to the history of a nation *(review)*

By Matthew Byrne, Shire Publications, supported by National Churches Trust, £17.00

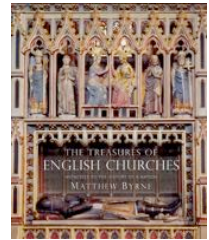
This book will be a sheer delight for anyone who enjoys the magnificent artefacts to be found in our metropolitan cathedrals and remote parish churches.

The wide range of stunning photographs include 16th century carvings on the choir seats of a village church to iridescent stained

glass windows commemorating the Second World War, to ultra-modern art in Liverpool cathedral.

It is a rich selection of the best of our national church sculptures, stained-glass windows, church furniture and architecture. Together these artistic treasures trace the changing attitudes towards theology, politics and social life of Britain.

If you can't get out and about this summer as much as you would like, this book will provide you with a 'virtual' tour of many beautiful buildings.



The value of making our church 'common ground'

As we seek to reconnect with our community this summer, how many local people would find it easy to even venture into our church?

Dr Anne Richards, National Adviser, Mission and Public Affairs, Church of England, recently had this to say:

"I think that churches, especially rural churches, can be sites of common ground for their communities, both

physically and spiritually. A lot of people who contact me think that churches are private spaces and that they might not really be 'allowed' to walk in the churchyard or to visit the church on a casual basis. They are often surprised by the openness and welcome of churches.... Mission flourishes where our 'commons' are developed and offered. Have we developed holy habits of neighbourliness and care?

Did you know that it was 40 years ago, on 17th July 1981, that the Humber Bridge, linking Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, was officially opened. It was the world's longest single-span suspension bridge at that time.

Fast Facts about the Bridge

- The bridge crosses the Humber Estuary between Hessle, East Yorkshire and Barton upon Humber, North Lincolnshire.
- The bridge was the world's longest single-span suspension bridge when it opened and held this record for 16 years.
- It is the UK's longest single-span suspension bridge and now the eighth longest in the world.
- It remains the longest in the world that can be crossed on foot or by cycle.
- The bridge is made up of three spans; Hessle side span (280 metres), Barton side span (530 metres) and the main centre span (1410 metres) making a total of 2,200 metres or 1.4 miles.
- The road deck, which is made up of 124 steel box sections weighing over 17,000 tonnes is designed as an upside-down aircraft wing, to help keep the deck stable during high winds.
- The concrete towers are 155.5 metres (510 feet) tall and were built to be 36mm further apart from each other at the top than at the bottom, to allow for the curvature of the Earth.
- There is enough wire used in the bridge to go around the Moon more than six times.
- The bridge is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.
- In February 2002, the 100 millionth vehicle crossed the bridge as part of the 6 million crossings that year. The bridge is now carrying more than 10 million vehicles every year.

New book: Saints of Derbyshire:

Simon J Taylor and Josephine Simister

Before he moved to the Diocese of Bristol, the Revd Dr Simon Taylor had been gathering stories about characters from Derbyshire whose faith had led them to 'live their lives extraordinarily'.

This new book, published by Derby Cathedral, contains stories of 50

saints and more than 70 locations. Each chapter is illustrated with Jo's line drawings and also contains a prayer accompanied by one of Jo's linocuts.

The book will be available from Derby Cathedral in July but you can pre-order a copy for the discounted price of £10 during June by emailing jo.simister@derby.anglican.org.

Pilgrimage routes to explore in the North

A 'Santiago of the North' has been launched, encouraging people to walk ancient pilgrimage routes to Durham dating back more than 1,000 years.

Around 30 churches in the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle are part of four revived pilgrimage routes starting from villages and towns in the region, re-creating the routes taken by pilgrims to Durham Cathedral.

'The Way of Learning, The Way of Life, The Way of Light and The Way of Love,' allows pilgrims to walk from 27 to 45 miles while exploring places of historical and religious significance.

Modern-day pilgrims can visit churches and historical monuments,

museums and galleries on the route, including shrines and places associated with Saints Cuthbert, Bede, Hilda, Helen, Wilfrid, Oswald, Aidan and Godric.

Further pilgrimage routes *The Angels Way (30 miles)* and the *Way of the Sea (62 miles)* link Lindisfarne and Durham, the two most important pilgrimage centres in the region.

Northern Saints Trail Coordinator David Pott says: "There is a 21st-Century revival in pilgrimage – only 2,500 people walked the Camino to Santiago in 1985, but there were 347,538 pilgrims recorded in 2019."

"Pilgrimages are attracting people who are not necessarily of strong Christian faith but who want to explore more."

What will you miss about lockdown?

More than half of us admit that we will miss some aspects of the Covid-19 restrictions, especially spending more time at home with our family, and appreciating the quieter roads.

A recent study by King's College London and Ipsos Mori found that around one third of us feel the past year has been similar or better than normal, while 54 per cent of us say that we will miss some of the changes.

Three in ten of us feel closer to our immediate family than we did before the pandemic, while just one in six of us say that we have grown further apart. One in five of us say that our finances are better because of the pandemic.

Overall, it seems that while the public would rather the pandemic hadn't happened, that doesn't mean it's been all bad for everyone, or that people see it as deeply affecting their future lives.

‘Remember Me’ – St Paul’s launches fundraising campaign for memorial

St Paul’s Cathedral has launched a campaign in partnership with the Daily Mail to raise £2.3m to build a physical memorial in St Paul’s Cathedral for those who died as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It will be the first build of its kind at St Paul’s for nearly 150 years and is part of the ‘Remember Me’ project, an online book of remembrance launched last year. More than 7,300 names of those who have died as a result of the pandemic have been entered into the book.

The campaign will install the online memorial book at a permanent site within St Paul’s as well as on the internet. People entering the Cathedral by the new Equal Access Ramp will be able to go through the memorial into a tranquil space and take time to remember the many individuals who have died as a result of the pandemic.

The memorial will be a portico in the North Transept on the site of an earlier porch destroyed by a bomb in 1941. Oliver Caroe, the Cathedral’s Surveyor to the Fabric, who has designed the memorial, lost his mother during the pandemic.

Twitter marks its 15th birthday

by Tim Lenton

It was 15 years ago, on 15th July 2006, that Twitter, the American micro-blogging social network, was launched. The first tweet – or short message – had been sent internally in March that year and was recently sold for over £2 million.

The service was originally known as twttr (by analogy with the photo site flickr) because the domain name twitter.com was already in use. But this was eventually purchased. Jack Dorsey, the originator, said that the word twitter meant “a short burst of

inconsequential information”, which he regarded as perfect for what they were intending.

The messages – tweets – were originally limited to 140 characters, but the limit was doubled in late 2017. Audio and visual tweets have now been introduced, which are normally limited to 140 seconds. There are reckoned to be more than 330 million monthly active users, but the vast majority of tweets are sent by a small minority.

Many churches use Twitter to reach members who cannot attend, using #hashtags to link with them. The Church of England, not surprisingly, has provided guidance for this.

How a vicar's TikTok meant for seven teenagers reached 1.7 million

What began as an amusing way to keep up with the seven teenagers in her congregation is now serious outreach for the Revd Anne Beverley of Christ Church in Wesham, Lancashire.

When the coronavirus pandemic struck, the first lockdown brought with it a need to stay in touch with the teenagers in her congregation, so Revd Anne Beverley filmed on the social media platform, TikTok – but she did not expect what happened next.

In three days, her video on her TikTok account

@ChristChurchWesham was seen not just by the seven local teenagers, but by 1.7 million people around the world.

“We just sat at home watching the numbers go up every time we refreshed our phones,” said Revd Beverley, “it was ridiculous.”

Today, five or six videos are posted each week, which range from dances and singing, to short sermons while walking the dog.

The church has more than 66,000 followers and receives around a thousand comments and questions about God each week.

Don't stop too soon

The story is told of a college graduation where there were a large number of graduates waiting to receive their degrees. Speed was of the essence, and so as the Chancellor presented their diplomas, he simply smiled each time and whispered: “Congratulations, *keep moving.*”

It's actually good advice for all of life, and for your Christian life as

well. Discovering the reality of God's love for yourself is life-changing, but – *keep moving!*

There is so much more that God has in store for you! Paul in 2 Timothy says “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day...”

So, wherever you have reached in your own faith pilgrimage, congratulations, but *keep moving!*

What happens when you look at your smartphone

Looking at your smartphone, or touching it, makes other people want to do the same to their smartphones.

A recent study at the university of Pisa calls it ‘human mimicry’, when people unintentionally change their physical behaviour to match those of people nearby.

The study found it happened to people in social settings that included work, restaurants, cinemas, gyms, waiting rooms, social parties, social meals, public parks and family environments.

Try it yourself, and see what happens to people near you a few minutes later....

Gambling – a major problem

One in eight adults in the UK – that is about seven million of us – are at risk of problem gambling, according to a recent study by YouGov.

While more than half of us bet money online or at events, 19 per cent of people were found to have at least one characteristic of being a problem gambler.

The nine psychological validated attributes include: betting more than you can afford to lose, borrowing money to gamble, chasing losses or increasing stakes (to get the same buzz).

All in all, more than one in 50 people, or about 1.4 million, are classed as problem gamblers, with men twice as likely as women to have a gambling problem.

Can you sleep?

In the West, insomnia is thought to affect between 10 and 30 per cent of adults at any one time, according to the Economic and Social Research Council.

The group also says that a tenth of British adults regularly take some kind of sleeping tablet, with its accompanying risk of addiction.

Now The Sleep Charity, which campaigns to improve sleep support, warns that:

“While prescription drugs can help with short-term insomnia, and help to break a cycle of poor sleep, they don’t tackle the root problem. They really just mask symptoms. With long-term insomnia, lifestyle changes usually need to happen, which is why cognitive behavioural therapy for insomnia is an effective treatment.”

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 and <http://www.cis.org.uk>

Exploring the Big Questions: scientists and theologians share their views

It's important to have debates about science and Christian faith and to dig into the hot topics, but we can't exist solely on a diet of controversy. I find it helpful, at times, to simply enjoy the wonders revealed by science and the big questions they raise about meaning and purpose. What's the universe for? What do you do with your feelings of awe and wonder? Where do we get our sense of the value of the living world from? I had the privilege of meeting a group of Christian scientists and theologians who shared thoughts about these big questions, and will share some of their thoughts here.

The Oxford-based theologian Alister McGrath shared that "science is wonderful at asking questions. Some of those questions can be answered, but

very often when you do answer them, they simply open up yet more questions. But of course, there are some more fundamental questions I think science simply cannot answer... questions like, "Why am I here?"

Rhoda Hawkins, a physicist at Sheffield University, has had a similar experience. "I never cease to be amazed at quite how impressive the world is, and how impressive the mechanisms are for how things work...It really is beautiful in many ways, and it leads me to think about God. I'm not saying that I have any proof, but I'm saying that by looking at the world around me it tells me more about God and it leads me to worship Him."

Another scientist who appreciates beauty is Jeff Hardin, who explained that "studying the wonders of the living world is an exercise in art appreciation. For me, God is the creator of everything... so the joy of discovery is also the joy of appreciating the world that God has made...and leads me to thank God for the amazing world that we have to enjoy and to explore."

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I will close with some words from Jeff Schloss, who – like the others quoted above – finds that Christian faith makes science more satisfying for him. “Once I became a Christian...I had the sense that I was studying the marvels of the natural world, which are marvellous in their own right but become more profoundly engaging and enticing

when one thinks that you’re studying the works of God.” Perhaps if we can spend more time listening to people like this, our discussions about science and faith will also be richer and deeper.

Quotes from videos on www.wondersofthelivingworld.org

A tribute to Dolly the Sheep

by Tim Lenton

The first cloned mammal – Dolly the sheep – was born 25 years ago, on 5th July 1996, at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh.

The news was generally greeted with either direct opposition or considerable suspicion. Richard McCormick, a Jesuit priest and professor of Christian ethics at the University of Notre Dame, voiced the feelings of many when he said: “I can’t think of a morally acceptable reason to clone a human being” – a view echoed by the scientist who produced Dolly as an accidental by-product of other work.

As it turned out, making cloned mammals was highly inefficient: Dolly was the only lamb that survived to

adulthood from 277 attempts. But fears that Dolly would be unhealthy and unable to reproduce proved ill-founded. She bred with a Welsh Mountain ram to produce six healthy lambs.

Fears of a human cloning programme have so far not been realised, although gene-edited human babies were produced in 2018 by Chinese scientist He Jiankui, who was subsequently jailed with two colleagues for “illegal medical practice”.

One legacy of the Dolly experiment was the birth of stem-cell research. Dolly died prematurely in 2003 from a form of lung cancer common in sheep. Her body is on display in the National Museum of Scotland.

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

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.

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READINGS & ROTAS FOR JULY 2021

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

Sunday 4th July: Trinity Five (Family Communion)

Ezekiel 2: 1-5

Reader: tba

Mark 6: 1-13

Flowers & Brasses: Liz Turner

Sunday 11th July: Trinity Six (Holy Communion)

Amos 7: 7-15

Reader: Rupert Turner

Mark 6: 14-29

Flowers & Brasses: Liz Turner

Sunday 18th July: Trinity Seven (Holy Communion)

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Reader: Fiona Lichfield

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Flowers & Brasses: Fiona Lichfield

Sunday 25th July: St. James the Apostle (Morning Prayer)

Acts 11: 27 - 12: 2

Reader: Claire Cadogan

Matthew 20: 20-28

Flowers & Brasses: Fiona Lichfield

July cleaning: 9th - 11th Rupert & Liz 22nd - 25th Fiona Lichfield

St. Peter's, Edensor - 10.45am (pre-booked places only)
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Sunday 4th July: Trinity Five (Holy Communion)

Ezekiel 2: 1-5

Reader: Mike Woodcock

Mark 6: 1-13

Stewards: Liz Bradshaw/Margaret Jackson

Sunday 11th July: Trinity Six (Holy Communion)

Amos 7: 7-15

Reader: Christine Robinson

Mark 6: 14-29

Stewards: Sue & Roger Wardle

Sunday 18th July: Trinity Seven (Matins)

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Reader: Roger Wardle

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

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Acts 11: 27 - 12: 2;

Reader: Trevor Grimshaw

Matthew 20: 20-28

Stewards: Cynthia & Duncan Gordon

Cleaning Rota for July- Please phone the Vicar to arrange your cleaning day and to collect the key. If you are unable to clean please try to swap with someone else, thank you.

4 Sue & Roger Wardle
11 Mike Pindar/Jennie Ball

18 Mrs Day/Mrs Walters
25 Margaret & David Jackson