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On Tuesday 29th June, the Church celebrates the life of St. Peter the Apostle, one of its well known saints - the Church in Edensor village is dedicated to him.

So, how do you picture St. Peter?

Is he a saintly figure, complete with halo, eyes raised heavenwards, hands folded in prayer or even holding a bunch of keys – the keys of the kingdom of heaven with the authority to judge whether or not we may enter that kingdom?

Is he a remote figure beyond our reach, part of an elite inner circle of saints who are especially holy?

Or do we see the human Peter:

the Galilean fisherman;

the devoted disciple of Jesus;

Peter the rock – strong and solid but also at the same time vulnerable and sometimes very wobbly?

Isn't that a glorious expression of how things are in God's kingdom?

Peter, an ordinary fallible, flawed man, who often fails to engage his brain before he opens his mouth and puts his foot in it, is called and claimed by

God. Peter, who through God's grace and some tough lessons becomes the foundation of the movement that seeks to bring the kingdom of heaven to

this world; to turn this world's values upside down and reform it into the world God intended it to be.

Like Peter we too are called to follow Christ and set off on a journey into the unknown and learn day by day what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

On my journey of faith I take an enormous amount of comfort, inspiration and hope from reflecting on Peter's life. He is consoling, encouraging, challenging and understanding because he knows what discipleship means and what it feels like on good days, and not so good days and downright bad days! So many times, Peter got things wrong and was reprimanded by Jesus. His impulsive nature got him into so much trouble. On one occasion when he saw Jesus walking on the water he wants to have a go - "Call me" he says. He

is prepared to step out of his comfort zone in the boat and risk taking a step of faith. We have to admire him for this. We just need to learn from his experience that if we are willing to take risks, we need to keep our eyes and minds on God and not be overwhelmed by waves crashing around us. When Peter began to sink, he learned an important lesson.

Peter lived through some dark hours: sleeping when he was supposed to be watching and praying; running away when he said he would stand by Jesus; denying all knowledge of Jesus when he said he would die rather than desert him.

When we are broken, feel ashamed and guilty, despair of ourselves and believe that we cannot possibly be loved by God, Peter is right there beside us with his Lord. Together they understand what it is to be the deserted and the deserter, the betrayed and the betrayer. Together they show us there is a way back from that separation, isolation and despair.

While Peter is still broken Jesus comes to him and gives him another chance to make declarations of loyalty and love. While he is still feeling guilty, Jesus forgives him and while he still thinks he is a total failure, Jesus re-commissions him.

If we can see our story of broken humanity in Peter's story, surely we can also find encouragement, hope and an assurance of God's love, and his amazing grace which will lead us into becoming the people he wants us to be. Remember, God led Peter on to become the Rock on which the Church has been built.

Every Blessing
Canon Dave

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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 April Draw 2020

1st prize £30 no. 80 Diana Walters

2nd prize £20 no. 45 Marjorie Bowness

Funds to church this month - £50

Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 club.

Ann Hall

Items for the **JULY** magazine should reach me **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 14th JUNE** - email to: liz.bradshaw@w3z.co.uk
'The Bridge' Parish Magazine £1 per copy (£12 per year).



Rose ~
'Queen
Elizabeth'

From the Register - St. Peter's, Edensor

Baptisms

1st May ~

Jenson David William Firth

Evan Henry Charles Firth

Enya Ada Florence Firth

15th May ~

Francesca Rosie Pope

St. Peter's Church, Edensor - APCM

“The Government’s legislation for what is allowed from 12 April 2021 in phase 2 of the lifting of restrictions *does not permit physical meetings to be held in churches or other buildings, apart from for the purposes of communal worship or for the provision of essential voluntary or charitable services.*” Therefore the date of the APCM at St. Peter’s has been changed -

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect two churchwardens and an assistant churchwarden will be held on **Sunday 20th June at 11.45am in Church**. All residents of the ecclesiastical parish of Edensor and on the local government electoral roll, or those on the church electoral roll, are entitled to vote.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow this meeting and only those on the church electoral roll may vote at this meeting. However, it is open for anyone else to attend.

Please supply Christine Robinson with your email address if you would like to receive the Annual Meeting documents via email.

Her address is chris.robinson@w3z.co.uk

Documents will include:

Minutes of the 2020 APCM
2020 Accounts and Examiner’s Report
Steeple Keeper’s Report
Electoral Roll
Annual Church Report

Deanery Synod Report
Nomination forms for Churchwardens,
PCC membership, and Deanery Synod
membership
List of current PCC membership

EDENSOR VILLAGE DAY 2021

Due to the uncertainty of what restrictions will still be in place at the end of June, this year’s Edensor Village Day & Open Gardens will not take place.

There will be an *occasional pop-up shop* in the Courtyard next to Edensor Tea Cottage to raise funds towards next year’s chosen charities - look out for posters round the village!

HOWEVER!

Next year, 2022, there will be a BUMPER event for Edensor Village Day.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Easy Fundraising

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



To Register

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

To Shop

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

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

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>.

Richard Finney

I wish to extend my grateful thanks to Richard Finney who for many years maintained to a high standard the churchyard at St. Peter's. He would often work many extra hours at no extra charge to make sure it looked well cared for. I, together with everyone in Edensor wish Richard a happy and well deserved retirement.

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

TheGivingMachine is a unique registered charity that enables you to generate sales commissions with every online purchase. They convert these commissions into free donations for the schools, charities and other community organisations you choose.



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Please sign up at <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk>

The Padley Centre

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Padley Centre in Derby. The days may be getting longer and slightly warmer but the nights continue to be cold and we should still bend our thought to those less fortunate people who know what it is like to be hungry, homeless and cold. Canon Dave has been delivering donations throughout the last few months - the Padley has a booking system for dropping goods off.

They still need warm 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 prepares to welcome back visitors

The beautiful Derbyshire Dales is aiming to recover its £500-million visitor economy quickly as Covid restrictions continue to ease.

From Monday, 17th May, the Dales will be welcoming back holiday-makers as tourism opens up again as part of the Government's road map out of restrictions.

While small self-catering properties for one household have been open since 12th April, other holiday accommodation - including B&Bs and hotels - can open from May 17th.

Derbyshire Dales District Council Leader Councillor Garry Purdy said: "This is an important step back to something resembling usual business in one of the most attractive parts of the UK.

"The tourism industry, including holiday accommodation, attractions and restaurants, employs thousands of people here in the Derbyshire Dales. Many staff have been furloughed during the pandemic and are keen to get back to work as the visitor economy reopens."

The number of staying visitors in the Dales increased by 36% in the 10 years to 2020, contributing to sales in shops, pubs and other places.

Councillor Purdy added: "Nearly 5 million day visitors per year also contribute to our local economy, enjoying visitor attractions such as Chatsworth and the beautiful Dales countryside for walks and bike rides.

"Pre-Covid, our visitor economy was worth nearly £500-million and we hope it will make a quick recovery back to this level following the relaxation of Covid restrictions, and continue to grow and support local tourism businesses."

Since the start of the pandemic the District Council has been responsible for paying out around £68-million in Government business support grants to Derbyshire Dales businesses across different sectors of the local economy.

Council officers can offer support and guidance to reopening businesses. Contact them at envhealth@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

PEAK MUSIC SOCIETY
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CAVENDISH HALL, EDENSOR, DE45 1PJ

Concerts start at 7.30pm (doors open 30 minutes before performance)

If social distancing requirements are in force, there will be an additional performance at 4pm.

Tickets (from £20) for non-members may be available by contacting tickets@peakmusicsociety.org.uk / 01629 640482

Thursday 10 June 2021 - Tim Horton (piano): *Debussy, Mozart, Chopin*

Tuesday 29 June 2021 - Brodsky Quartet: *Borodin, Schubert, MacMillan, Shostakovich*

To ensure everyone's safety and compliance with social distancing, we will only be able to release tickets in advance and not on the door, unless government regulations change to permit us to do so. We will be organising seating to ensure that everyone is safe and we are fully compliant with necessary social distancing measures. Should the situation change and concerts not be permitted rest assured that we will refund the balance or allow carry over of tickets to a future performance.

We look forward to seeing you at the Cavendish Hall, Edensor, as we enjoy the sounds of music live once more. Call us now to make sure you don't miss out - 01629 640482 or email us at tickets@peakmusicsociety.org.uk

Home alone, wanting a gnome

Do you yearn for a garden gnome? You are not the only one. Since last year's lockdown, garden centres have been reporting a 'massive upswing' in ornament sales, due to people being forced to spend more time in their gardens.

Gnomes top the list of most-wanted ornaments, with a near 100 per cent increase in sales over the past two years.

There was even a gnome crisis a while back, when the Suez Canal got jammed, and thousands of gnomes on their way to UK gardens could not get through.

The Countryside Code

Your guide to enjoying parks and coast and countryside



Respect everyone

- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

Protect the environment

- take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit
- take care with BBQs and do not light fires
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dogpoo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do
- care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance

Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route and local conditions
- plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory

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The Derbyshire Recovery and Peer Support Service offer an Emotional Support Helpline to ANYBODY who feels they would benefit from having someone to talk to about things they might be having difficulty with. You can call the helpline and press option 2.

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Neighbourhood Watch (Smile...)

In one small rural village the local vet also led the local Neighbourhood Watch group. Late one night the phone rang, and his wife answered. An agitated voice inquired, "Is your husband there?"

"He is, but tell me, do you need him as the vet or the Neighbourhood Watch?" the wife asked.

"Both!" was the reply. "We can't get our dog's mouth open, and there's a burglar in it!"

Reflected Faith: Sit and be Still

The Revd Dr Jo White considers what it can really mean to 'be still'.

How do you 'sit' in church? I'm a wriggler and change my position on the seat often. I cross one leg over the other, then swap them over, stretch them out, then cross them at the ankles. I do the same with my arms. I lean one way and then the other.

In other words, 'I'm a fidget.' But having been absent from a church building for so long, I wanted to think this month about simply sitting and being still before the Lord.

I'm well aware we've done little else this last 18 months – but if you manage to get into a church building, for whatever reason, I'd like to encourage us all to just sit still and breathe in the place. To relish being 'back'!

To sit 'heavily' in that spot. To feel the solidity of the surface you are sitting on. Lean into it. Feel how it supports you. Feel each part of your body where it is touching the chair or pew.

Look around you at all the distinctive seating set aside for the different participants of the church: the choir, the worship leader, a deacon or curate, the priest and so on.

In an Anglican church there will be a chair especially dedicated for the use of the Bishop. However plain or fancy each piece of furniture is within your building, they all have the same purpose. To hold the person and keep them safe.

This month:

As you sit in the church building – or at home if you are not able to do so – think of all those people in the Bible stories who sat with Jesus. The number of times He taught in the Temple or in a synagogue, or to crowds gathered on a hill. Recall the Last Supper and His friends gathered sitting with Him to eat and share the Passover meal, and then recall the meal with the men from the Emmaus Road. So many meal times with the bold and the weak, the saints and the sinners. With you and me.

It was 125 years ago, on 4th June 1896, that Henry Ford completed his first automobile, the Ford Quadricycle, and gave it a test run around Detroit, Michigan. It was a simple frame with an engine, two gears, a tiller for steering and four bicycle wheels. It had a top speed of 20mph. Its success led him to establish the Ford Motor Company.

Churches to launch nature count within the ‘National Park’ of churchyards

Hundreds of churches have signed up to a week-long ‘nature count’ occurring this month (June), which will encourage people to visit churchyards and record what they see.

Churches Count on Nature, to run between 5th-13th June, is a citizen-science event covering churchyards across England and Wales.

Communities and visitors will be asked to make a note of the animals, birds, insects, or fungi in their local churchyard. Their data will then be collated on the [National Biodiversity Network](#).

It is being jointly run by the conservation charities Caring for God’s Acre, A Rocha UK, the Church of England, and the Church in Wales.

Church land, often uniquely unploughed and undeveloped, can be a habitat for precious, endangered plants and wildlife. Together, churchyards cover a huge area – estimated to be equivalent to a small national park.

The week is open to anyone with a love of nature, and churches are seeking links with local schools and local wildlife groups.

Various online guidance about getting to know fauna and flora is being shared with the churches who are participating. A similar national event [Love Your Burial Ground Week](#) will be combined with this project.

Registration for the webinars is on the [Church of England’s website](#) and also at [Churches Count on Nature online](#).

Where are our birds?

British birds are in big trouble. 80 per cent of our most popular species are in severe decline, according to recent data from the RSPB’s annual Big Garden Birdwatch.

The world’s largest wildlife survey has found that 16 out of the 20 most spotted garden birds have been in decline since 2020. There are now

concerns about the greenfinch and chaffinch, which were seen in their lowest ever numbers this year.

The top five birds seen in people’s gardens were: house sparrows, blue tits, starlings, blackbirds and wood pigeons. Only robins, blackbirds, carrion crows and the song thrush grew in number in 2020.

Here is an ‘older’ prayer, from France

Fulbert of Chartres (c.970–1028), the son of a peasant family in northern France, rose to become Bishop of Chartres, renowned for his brilliant sermons. A powerful man, but his prayers reveal his keen appreciation of just how fleeting worldly success can be....

God’s Care

How brief is our span of life compared with the time since You created the universe. How tiny we are compared with the enormity of Your universe. ... yet during every minute and ever second of our lives You are present, within and around us. You give your whole and undivided attention to each and every one of us. Our concerns are Your concerns. And You are infinitely patient with our stupidity. I thank you with all my heart....

Belief (Smile....)

This reminded me so much of Ron Beddoes...

Our elderly vicar was very devout, but sometimes lost his place during the service. One Sunday as we reached the Creed there was a long silence, so the curate went across to him and gently touched his arm. “I believe in God,” she whispered.

The vicar smiled back happily. “Oh so do I, so do I!”

Gardening really is good for you

According to a recent study conducted by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and two universities, people who garden every day have well-being scores 6.6 per cent higher, and stress levels 4.2 per cent lower than those who do not garden at all.

Dr Lauriane Chalmin-Pui, RHS well-being fellow and lead author says,

“The evidence overwhelmingly suggests that the more frequently you garden, the greater the health benefits.

“In fact, gardening every day has the same positive impact on your well-being as undertaking regular, vigorous exercise like cycling or running.

“Gardening is like effortless exercise: it doesn’t feel as strenuous as going to the gym, but we can expend similar amounts of energy.”

Keeping faith in the local media

The Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE, is all for working with our local media.

The vital role played by local newspapers and radio in encouraging greater understanding of faith has been highlighted in a newly-published parliamentary report. I say Amen to that.

‘Learning to Listen’, produced by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Religion in the Media, praises the positive role played by local and regional media in reporting religion in a “balanced, nuanced and informative way.” It forms part of a wide-ranging review of ‘religious literacy’ across the press and broadcasting.

The report contrasts this sensitive grassroots coverage with the way faith is often reported in the national press.

As someone who trained as a local newspaper reporter and has been involved in working with the media to cover faith issues for more than 45 years, I wholeheartedly agree with the report’s praise.

But from conversations with editors and faith leaders, I know there still exists a divide to be crossed. Often,

local journalists are unaware of the rich source of news and feature stories that lie within local faith communities.

And the vicars, pastors, rabbis, imams and other faith leaders are either wary of their local media or are not aware that the local newspaper or radio station would welcome hearing from them.

Where churches and other faith groups have built links with their local media, positive, informed coverage is often achieved.

In the 98-page ‘Learning to Listen’ report, the group of MPs and members of the House of Lords said, “We heard compelling evidence that local media continues to represent religions in a more balanced, nuanced and informative way than national media.

“Reporting on local religious festivals, community events and local charities can represent the lively reality of religious practice and experience in a way that is very difficult for national journalism to achieve.”

The parliamentarians also praised the role of BBC local radio in reporting faith, stating “regional broadcasting has an important role to play in representing everyday belief. It has

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the capacity to introduce new perspectives at the same time as creating a common narrative. It is an area where religious programming continues to be valued and prioritised.”

The report highlights the Sunday morning faith and ethics-based programmes broadcast by English BBC local radio stations, and comments “when prioritised, good local religious programming can be engaging, interrogative and enjoyable.” It commends especially the role played by the stations in covering faith issues during the pandemic.

But the parliamentary report also spells out the challenges to local

reporting. Advertising has been sucked away from regional and local newspapers by the social media giants, and BBC local radio is under pressure as the Corporation’s licence-based funding comes under attack.

In response to these challenges the report concludes, “This loss of local, public interest reporting is deeply worrying. Not only does local journalism play an important social and democratic role, we received compelling evidence that it fulfils a valuable function in representing religion and belief in an accessible and balanced way.”

Those who cry over spoiled milk

What happens when you spill a cup of coffee? Does the minor irritation ruin the rest of your day? Or do you simply clear up the mess and not give it a second thought?

Our brains respond in different ways to minor negative experiences. Now a study by psychologists at the University of Miami has found that the way in which your brain responds may even impact your long-term psychological well-being.

Psychologists refer to this as ‘spill-over’, which is the extent to which small negative experiences affect your mood and your day-to-day life. Not surprisingly, people who fixate on small things are less happy.

As one psychologist said: “Basically, we found that the persistence of a person’s brain in holding on to a negative stimulus is what predicts more negative and less positive daily emotional experiences.”

The man who invented the saxophone

by Tim Lenton

It was 175 years ago, on 28th June 1846, that Belgian musical instrument maker Adolphe Sax patented the saxophone.

Born Antoine-Joseph in 1814, Sax quickly became known for his brilliant inventiveness and his abrasive personality, but also – to the despair of his mother – for his brushes with death as a child. He fell from a height of three floors and was believed dead, drank a bowl of dilute sulphuric acid thinking it was milk, swallowed a pin, and received serious burns from a gunpowder explosion. He also fell on to a hot cast-iron frying pan, was struck by a cobblestone and fell into a river, then

several times narrowly escaped poisoning from sleeping in a room where varnished furniture was drying.

He also contracted lip cancer in the 1850s but made a full recovery.

It was surprising then, that he lived until his 80th year, dying in poverty in Paris despite his many musical instrument inventions, which did not bring him wealth because they were copied by others, despite his patent.

As well as the saxophone, which received huge support from classical composer Berlioz, he also invented the saxatromba, saxhorn and saxtuba. He himself played flute and clarinet. His parents were also instrument designers.

What do you think will happen after Covid?

You can take your choice: a recent survey has found that a third of us think that society may never go back to the old ways, a third of us think we will go back to exactly as we were before, and a third of us think that we will be keener than ever to stay together.

The Together Coalition, chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury, has been working for the past year on a piece of research to track just what has happened to communities during lockdown.

The new research has found that “people feel a stronger sense of connection to their neighbours and community. ... We found a clear public appetite for a society in which we are more connected to each other, and the community spirit of 2020 is kept alive.”

It also found that around 12.4million people have volunteered during the pandemic, 4.6million of them for the first time. And 75 per cent of those volunteers would be happy to do so again.

Grace - God's kindness towards us

The Revd Dr Herbert McGonigle considers the power of God's grace.

The word 'grace' is one of the most important words found in the New Testament. It means God's loving disposition towards us as sinners. God's 'grace' is almost another word for God's love. This grace is the foundation of our salvation. So Paul can say that 'we are justified freely by His grace' (Romans 3:24); 'where sin abounded, grace abounded all the more' (Romans 5:20); 'by grace you are saved through faith' (Ephesians 2:8).

But the word 'grace' is also used in another way in the New Testament. It means the godly character being reproduced in Christians; Christ living in His people by His Spirit and making them like Himself – gracious.

Luke records that as Jesus grew up 'the grace of God was upon Him' (2:40), and that the people wondered at the 'gracious words' that He spoke (4:22). John says that Jesus was 'full of grace and truth' (1:14). The most common benediction bestowed on Christians in the letters of the New Testament is 'the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ' (eg Romans 16:20; 1 Cor. 16:23).

From this understanding of grace comes the reminder and the exhortation that all of us as Christians are 'to grow in grace' (2 Peter 3:18). Our lives should manifest the grace of God in love and compassion and kindness.

But grace is not something we can achieve on our own. True grace is only found in close communion with our Lord Jesus Christ.

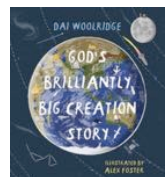
God's Brilliantly Big Creation Story (review...)

By Dai Woolridge, Bible Society, £6.99

Here's a good way to introduce young children (aged three to six) to the Genesis creation account. Written with rhythm and rhyme, the book covers the awe-inspiring journey through the days of Creation, and it is full of fun and beautiful imagery, from the vastness

of the solar system to the immediacy of small animals.

The book would be good for reading aloud to preschool-aged children, and for use with children starting to learn to read. It will help parents looking for a fun, fresh way to introduce children to the Christian faith.



Environmental attendance

Dr Peter Brierley considers just who it is that goes to church.

When we think of analysing church attendance, we usually do it by denomination, churchmanship or people's age. But there is another way. We should also consider the environment (catchment area) of where people attend a church.

The most recent Rural Digest was issued by the Government Statistical Service in March of this year, comparing the rural and urban populations in England. Those of us living in rural towns, villages and hamlets are one-sixth, 16%, of the total population, while those of us living in urban areas (major and minor conurbations, cities and towns) are 83% of the population. (The remaining 1% are living in what are called "sparse settings," mostly remote rural areas.)

Churchgoing analyses have different classifications, but broadly speaking,

those living in commuter rural areas are 10% of all churchgoers, and those in remoter rural areas (which would include sparse areas) are a further 7%, and the total of these two is 17%, the same as the total in the general population. Urban and suburban churchgoers form the remaining 83%.

Over the past 20 years, Inner City church attendance has dropped just -4%, the smallest decline of all environments. Why? Because this is the area where so many Pentecostal churches are located. However, there are three environments where their proportion of all churchgoers in 2020 is greater than in 2000 – City Centres (growth mainly growing larger churches), Inner City (growth due to the planting of many Pentecostal churches as well as congregational growth) and Suburban areas (also where many church plants have taken place). Both factors are important for growth.

20th June - Summer Solstice longest day of the year

June, of course is the month of the summer solstice, the month of the Sun. Sol + stice come from two Latin words meaning 'sun' and 'to stand still'. As the days lengthen, the

sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year. The Northern Hemisphere celebrates in June, and the Southern Hemisphere celebrates in December.

Barnabas the Encourager

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the value of encouraging others.

This month we remember the life of St Barnabas. His real name was Joseph, a wealthy Levite from Cyprus. However, he is known by his nickname ‘*Son of Encouragement*’ (Acts 4:36). Throughout Acts we see him encouraging others in different ways.

He was an example of *generous giving* (Acts 4:36-7), when he sold property and offered the money to the church for those in need. In the midst of a caring and sharing community, he was singled out as a symbol of generosity. Are we prepared to be generous to those in need around us?

He later *encouraged a new Christian* in the person of Paul (Acts 9:27). After Paul’s conversion and aware of his reputation, Barnabas came alongside him and brought him into the fellowship of the church. Are we ready to help those who are new in the faith to find a place in our church?

Finally, Barnabas was sent to the church in Antioch where he ‘*saw the evidence of the grace of God*’ (Acts 11:23). It was a church which brought Jewish and Gentile believers together for the first time. Like Barnabas, do we rejoice when we see God doing new things in people’s lives? Are we also willing to embrace these things and facilitate change?

Encouragement is one of the spiritual gifts in the New Testament (Romans 12:8). It can be greatly undervalued, but it is still crucial in growing the church. Like Barnabas, will we nurture gifting; strengthen the doubters and those tempted to give up; show generosity to God’s people and beyond and will we strengthen people to move beyond their own comfort zones to help those in need?

Be prepared to ask the following questions: ‘*Are there people alongside us who will encourage us?*’ and ‘*How can we be encouragers to others?*’

■ With the Solstice in mind....

■ **A Canticle for Brother Sun**

■ Praised be You, My Lord, in all Your creatures,

■ Especially Sir Brother Sun,

■ Who makes the day and enlightens us through You.

■ He is lovely and radiant and grand;
■ And he heralds You, his Most High Lord.

■ St Francis of Assisi ■

A prince's legacy on matters of faith

The Ven John Barton considers Prince Philip's questions on religion.

Just when we thought the last word had been written about the late Duke of Edinburgh, it emerged that he had a genuine interest in theology. That dashing young naval officer, who became the Queen's dutiful consort and accompanied her to thousands of church services, was someone who listened intently to sermons, thought through what was being said, and then asked questions.

Every Sunday when the royal couple were at Sandringham, a diocesan bishop was invited to preach in the parish church. Afterwards, they were grilled by the Duke who, we are told by one of them, showed that he "wanted to be intellectually and spiritually engaged". That's a polite way of saying he wasn't prepared to swallow what came out of the pulpit if he wasn't convinced by it.

Some Christians are suspicious of people who probe the faith. Should it not be taken on trust? Who are we to question the Almighty? For others, doubt hovers uninvited. Honest doubt won't settle for unbelief but will continue to persevere with its enquiries. The Russian writer and philosopher Fyodor Dostoyevsky wrote: "It is not as a child that I believe and confess Jesus Christ. My hosanna is born of a

furnace of doubt." Dostoyevsky had lived a turbulent life, both personally and publicly, and wrestled mentally with himself and God. Some people are like that.

Prince Philip had been baptised into the Greek Orthodox Church and was received into the Church of England just before his marriage. He organised much of his own funeral, and if you followed it, you will remember how traditional it was. Many of the prayers were from the 17th Century Book of Common Prayer, the hymns were more ancient than modern, and the Bible readings confidently proclaimed the magnificence of God's Creation and Jesus' teaching about the resurrection. These are basic to Christianity and it was from such a foundation that he was able to explore.

So, if you wake up one morning questioning everything you have believed, take it as a spur to dig deeper and ask questions. Be encouraged by Philip, who shunned a second-hand faith because he wanted to know the truth for himself.

The next time you hear a sermon which you can't understand or disagree with, don't let the preacher get away with it. And if, in your private conversations with God, you find yourself praying, *'Lord, I believe; help my unbelief,'* you won't be the first. See Mark 9, verse 24.

Give a compliment

Editor: By Colin Hammacott

We all like to receive a compliment from time to time. As Robert Orben, former script writer for President Gerald R. Ford once said, "A compliment is verbal sunshine." Another American, Leo Buscaglia once observed: "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn someone's life around."

At a funeral service, nice things are usually said of the deceased. While

these comments are comforting for the relatives, did the same folks ever bother to say these kind things to the person themselves, when they were alive, to show them how much they were appreciated?

Sadly, not everyone seems able to compliment others. Perhaps they never received compliments when they were young, or perhaps they feel that to compliment someone else is to somehow put themselves down.

For whatever reason, such people miss out on a whole lot of pleasure in life.

The 100th Birthday of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

by Tim Lenton

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was born 100 years ago on 10th June 1921, on a dining room table in Corfu, at a villa called Mon Repos.

He was born Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark and always thought of himself as Danish, though he was in line of succession to both thrones. He was the fifth child of Princess Alice of Battenberg and Prince Andrew of Greece and Denmark. He left Greece at the age of 18 months, travelling in an orange crate crib, when his father was banished from the country as a result of the Greco-Turkish war.

Philip was brought up as a Greek Orthodox Christian but spoke neither Greek nor Danish, though he was fluent in French and German. He lived part of his childhood years in Paris. His maternal grandfather, Prince Louis of Battenberg, who died shortly after Philip's birth, was a naturalised British subject who changed his name to Mountbatten – a "translation" of Battenberg – because of anti-German sentiment following the war. This was the name Philip eventually took.

Philip's mother was diagnosed with schizophrenia and spent little time with her son, being confined to an asylum.

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>

Wonders of the Living World

What are the best metaphors we could use to describe biological things? You might be used to hearing phrases like “your genetic blueprint” or “survival of the fittest”, but are they helpful or even accurate? Some of these words fail to capture the wonder and joy of understanding something new about the nature of living organisms.

I learned that one researcher was using the phrase ‘The Snuggle for Existence’ as a way to convey the idea, familiar to biologists, that cooperation is at the heart of the living world. For example, every cell more complex than a bacterium contains minute energy factories, each one containing their own piece of DNA – which makes them a sort of miniature cell, hidden away inside the larger host cell. These ‘mitochondria’, as biologists call them, turn raw materials from the host into chemical energy. In this way, everyone benefits: the mitochondria now have a safe a place

to live, and the host receives the energy it needs. There are many more examples of organisms working together to produce something that is more than the sum of its parts, where often the individual parts could not survive on their own.

‘The Map of Life’ is a way of describing the regularities we see in biological processes. Eyes, legs and wings have emerged in the living world again and again, and why not? If the properties of light and gravity remain constant, we should expect living things to find the same solutions to seeing or getting around. When we look at these organisms’ family trees, we see they share a common ancestor that had no eyes, or no wings. These structures have developed completely independently, or you could say that the paths of the living world have converged on the same solution. That’s not to say they had a conscious goal, but that the world has certain properties, and those properties have channelled biological processes in certain directions.

None of these stories give us definite evidence for God. Science simply provides data, which can often be interpreted in several different ways. Perhaps the world just happens to be full of mathematical regularities, maybe there’s an

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overarching physical law we don't yet understand, or perhaps there are two multiple universes and ours happens to be the one in which life has arisen. But I believe that the observations

scientists make about the living world are compatible with the existence of the God described by Christian faith.

More at wondersofthelivingworld.org.

The beginnings of Boots the Chemist

by Tim Lenton

Jesse Boot, the British pharmacist and philanthropist, died 90 years ago, on 13th June 1931. He turned the Boots Company, started by his father John – a former agricultural worker – into a chain of chemists branded 'Chemists to the Nation'.

The 1st Baron Trent, as Jesse became in 1929, sold his controlling interest to American investors in 1920, but Boots continues to be a familiar name to all Britons. Ironically John Boot had offered his close friend and business associate John Harston the opportunity of going into business with him, but Harston had felt it was not a good investment.

Jesse Boot was a great benefactor to the City of Nottingham. He gave land for what is now the University of Nottingham and was presented with the Freedom of the City of Nottingham in 1920.

He met his wife, Florence Rowe, in a Wesleyan Chapel in Jersey while he was recuperating from illness. She was also an astute businesswoman, who helped to develop the Boots business, and her home island of Jersey benefited from the couple's generosity. After her husband's death she commissioned the glass artist René Lalique to refit the Anglican church of St Matthew there as a memorial to him.

“It is like driving on the moon”

Some of our British roads are beginning to resemble “the surface of the moon”, according to the RAC. It has recently reported that an average of 52 drivers a day are breaking their cars on potholes and needing to be rescued.

More than 4,000 drivers have needed assistance since January, despite the fact that lockdown has meant many fewer cars on the road.

After years of underfunding and patch-up repair jobs, and despite the fact that councils are currently filling a pothole every 19 seconds, the RAC says that the Government and local councils face an 'enormous task' to get our roads “anything like reasonable” again.

Potholes are nasty to cars. They can break your suspension springs, distort your wheels, and damage your shock absorbers, among other woes.

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.

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.

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Surgery Closure for training -

Wednesdays from 1pm: 9th June &
14th July & 8th September

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

READINGS & ROTAS FOR JUNE 2021

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

Sunday 6th June: Trinity One (Family Service)

Genesis 3: 8-15 *Reader: Theo Porter*
Mark 3: 20-35 *Flowers & Brasses: Fiona Swain*

Sunday 13th June: Trinity Two (Holy Communion)

Ezekiel 17: 22-24 *Reader: Sarah Porter*
Mark 4: 26-34 *Flowers & Brasses: Fiona Swain*

Sunday 20th June: Trinity Three (Holy Communion)

Job 38: 1-11 *Reader: Fiona Swain*
Mark 4: 35-41 *Flowers & Brasses: Barbara Hawksworth*

Sunday 27th June: Trinity Four (Morning Prayer)

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 *Reader: Yvonne Ward*
Mark 5: 21-43 *Flowers & Brasses: Barbara Hawksworth*

June cleaning: Sarah

St. Peter's, Edensor - 10.45am (pre-booked places only)
please phone Canon Dave Perkins 01246 386385 to reserve a place

Sunday 6th June: Trinity One (Holy Communion)

Genesis 3: 8-15 *Reader: Duke of Devonshire*
Mark 3: 20-35 *Stewards: Sue & Roger Wardle*

Sunday 13th June: Trinity Two (Holy Communion)

Ezekiel 17: 22-24 *Reader: Gloria Sherwood*
Mark 4: 26-34 *Stewards: David & Margaret Jackson*

Sunday 20th June: Trinity Three (Holy Communion) (followed by APCM)

Job 38: 1-11 *Reader: John Caws*
Mark 4: 35-41 *Stewards: Duncan & Cynthia Gordon*

Sunday 27th June: Trinity Four (Matins)

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 *Reader: Diana Walters*
Mark 5: 21-43 *Stewards: Diana Walters & Roger Sherwood*

Cleaning Rota for June- 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.

6 Mike Pindar & Jennie Ball	20 Mr & Mrs Jackson
13 Mrs Day & Mrs Walters	27 Trevor & Jackie Grimshaw