

# BISHOP'S HULL PARISH MAGAZINE

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**A THRIVING VILLAGE COMMUNITY IN THE  
HEART OF SOMERSET**

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**A**re you a weather forecast watcher? In our house it is the last thing we watch before switching off the TV and making our way up the 'wooden hill'. I guess it is a habit honed over the years but I sometimes wonder why we do it. We cannot alter the weather but I suppose we can plan our day/week around the forecasts and hope to stay dry if we plan to go out. I never truly believe what we are told because, even though the forecasters have masses of computing power, do they actually take into account that butterfly taking off in the Amazon jungle?

With the advances in communications and a plethora of satellites circling the earth no corner of the globe can escape the all-seeing eye and forecasting is a well developed science. But, when did it officially 'take off' and why?

Weather forecasting in the UK began in 1861 when Vice-Admiral Robert FitzRoy established the first public weather forecast service. This was part of his efforts to improve safety at sea following the sinking of the *Royal Charter* in 1859. In 1874, the Meteorological Office in the United Kingdom started to publish regular weather forecasts. Within the historical context of the time, the need for weather forecasts increased with the Industrial Revolution. Making weather predictions to ensure the safety of sailors had become critical. At the time of the event, meteorology as a science was still in its developmental stages. Efforts to predict weather events in advance were limited, and the knowledge base in this field was quite restricted.

Among the short-term effects of this step were safer journeys for sailors and the development of weather-based planning in sectors like agriculture.

In the long run, the establishment of the Meteorological Office improved the accuracy of weather forecasts and led to a better understanding of weather events. Societally, the proliferation of weather forecasts enabled people to make more informed decisions when planning their daily lives.

Today, weather forecasts have become an important service worldwide. The step taken in 1874 laid the foundations for modern meteorology and shaped people's expectations regarding weather in their lives.

The establishment of the Meteorological Office enhanced the reliability of weather forecasts, creating positive impacts in sectors such as agriculture, transportation, and construction. Additionally, the ease of access to weather information continues to be a significant factor in people's travel and event planning, not least amongst us gardeners.

So, there you have it. All I hope is that 'Mother Nature' will be cooperating with me this year and that my vegetables will be even better than last.

# The Vicar writes .....

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*Welcome to February! I often think of this month as the "waiting room" of the year. The initial burst of New Year energy has faded, the mornings are still bitingly cold, and we're all squinting through the wintry sun wanting warmer days and signs of new life.*

*But there is something beautiful about this quiet season. This month, we mark Ash Wednesday. It's a day for honesty. Many will receive a simple smudge of ash—a down-to-earth reminder that while we aren't perfect, we are deeply loved by a God who meets us exactly where we are, in the middle of our messy, everyday lives.*

*This month also brings **Valentine's Day**. Beyond the cards and roses, it's a lovely opportunity to celebrate the greatest love of all—the kind that is patient, kind, and never fails.*

*Ash Wednesday kicks off Lent, which I like to think of as spiritual gardening. It isn't about being hard on ourselves; it's a chance to clear out the "weeds" of worry or busyness to make room for something better. Faith is a living thing, and Lent gives us the space to breathe, to pray, and to remember we aren't walking this path alone.*

*Whether you've been a regular for years or haven't stepped through our doors in ages, there is a place for you here. Come as you are—muddy boots, tired minds, and joyful spirits are all welcome.*

- **Sunday Services:** Join our church family every week at 8am and 10am.
- **Coffee Morning:** Our monthly social is on Saturday, February 28th. Come along for a proper brew, treats, and a warm catch-up with friends.

*Let's share the warmth of friendship and shake off the winter chills together.*

*Your brother in Christ,*

*Rev Phil Hughes*

*Vicar, Chaplain and Friend*



## The Frank Bond Centre

84 Mountway Road, Bishop's Hull.

### A place for the over 50s to meet new friends

Contact Carolyn 01823 283941 /Nadia 07958 246046

Come along to FBC Coffee morning on a Friday morning 10:00-12:00 and discover what activities could lie in store for you.

**The cafe is open to members and non-members.**

The centre is centrally heated and open 10:00-16:00

Monday-Friday

### Weekly Activities:

**Monday -** The Painting Group 10:00-12:00,  
Whist Club 1:30-4:00  
Bridge Club 1.30-4:00

**Wednesday –** Flexercise & Tai Chi 10:00-12:00

**Thursday -** Bridge club 10:00-12:00-Beginners welcome,

Croquet 2:00-4:00

**Friday -** Pétanque 10:00-12:00,

**Friday -** The FBC Coffee morning 10:00-12:00

### Monthly Activities:

**1st Monday in month** Family History 2:00-4:00

**2nd Tuesday in month** Parchment 10:00-3:30

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in month** Games 2.00-4.00

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in month** Music Appreciation 2.00-4.00

**2nd & 4th Thursday in month** Mahjong 2:00-4:00

**NO MONTHLY LUNCHES**

**Annual membership £25** Find us on Facebook (& 'Like' us)

## Prescription Time Frame

To help us provide an efficient, safe and effective service to our patients, we ask that you follow the guidance below:



**- Use the table below to work out when your prescription will be ready for collection,**

- Order early for bank holidays, or if you are going on holiday,
- Let us know in advance, if you require our prescription delivery service

Due to permanent closures of some pharmacies in the area we are experiencing high volumes of prescriptions. We offer text message and a phone call service to let our patients know when their medications are ready. Please ask a member of staff about details.

We are a small but very busy pharmacy, so be prepared to queue. Please sign the back of your green paper prescription on arrival and tick the exemption box if it applies to you (there are pens available on the counter). Our waiting time for a walk-in prescription is usually up to 20 minutes, but it can reach to one hour depending on how busy we are. We are always extremely busy before bank holidays, so please order your prescriptions earlier and be prepared to queue.

Prescription Ordered	We normally receive	Ready for collection
Monday	Thursday	Monday
Tuesday	Friday	Tuesday
Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday
Thursday	Tuesday	Thursday
Friday	Wednesday	Friday
Weekend	Thursday	Monday

When you enter the pharmacy please turn right in order to join a queue or otherwise feel free to browse the shop. Whilst waiting for your prescription to be prepared please wait in the pharmacy, if you leave at any point, please queue again on arrival and ask the member of staff if your medications are ready. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

These are the expected days when your prescription will be ready, however sometimes delays occur due to medication queries, items out of stock and increased workload. Please be aware that this guidance is for regular repeat medication. Please collect your medications after receiving your text message or phone call. Prescriptions that are urgent from the GP surgery can be dispensed when needed.

Opening hours: Monday- Friday: 9:00- Saturday: 9:00-13:00  
Sunday: Closed. Bank Holiday: Closed Tel. 01823 256 056

**Address: 2 The Comeytrowe Centre, Pitts Close, Taunton, TA1 4TN**

### **St Peter's & St Paul's Church Bridge Coffee Mornings**

The **Bridge** is what we have called the Welcome Area.

The Church has opened **the Bridge** for the return of the Monthly Coffee Mornings to be held on the last Saturday of each month and the next one is in January 2026.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all at the next coffee morning on **Saturday 28 February 2026**

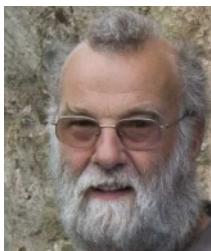
Come along to have a Coffee/Tea and cakes, with a friendly chat and SWAP a book.

From 10am till 12noon.



### **Bell Ringing**

We are very proud of our Bell Ringing team and our bells! There are 6 bells in the tower and ringing is done from ground level. The Bell Tower is accessed on the North Side of the church. Ringing happens for the main service on Sunday (usually ringing starts at 09.15am and rings until the service starts at 10am). Practice night is Wednesday at 7.30pm. Quarter peals (50 minutes) may be attempted up to twice a month at 11.30am, usually on Tuesday or Wednesday. Our Tower Captain is Giles Morley and he can be contacted on 01823 430710



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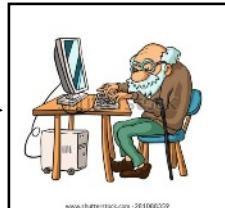
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Editor Bob

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I know how expensive it is to send a letter so I would be happy to receive an email instead.

Editor Bob.



## **Bishop's Hull Parish Council News**

Please find below an update from the December Parish Council meeting. Full minutes can be found on the website <https://bishopshullparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

**Kinglake** - The PC are still awaiting the tree report and completion of play equipment repairs.

The Clerk had reported the **street lights** not working in various roads to Persimmon and they advised that engineers have been called to carry out the repairs.

**Play Park** - Inspections have been carried out by the Chair and Clerk and final requirements will be passed to the PF Trust before the park will be taken on.

**Additional Maintenance** - It was agreed to get a quote from Parsons landscapes to paint the edge of the steps leading from the playing fields to Gillards.

**Speed indicator Devices(SID)** - The devices have proven to reduce speeding in the village and along Silk Mills Road. It was agreed to move the SID from Silk Mills and put it on the dedicated post on Wellington New Road. The SID on Bishop's Hull Road will remain in place. Occasionally the SID will look like it is not working, but even if it is not showing the traffic speeds it is still collecting the data. The locations will be reviewed again in January.

**Policies** - The amended standing orders (rules of the Council) and freedom of information policies were approved by Councillors - these are available to view on the website.

**January PC meeting** - In January the Parish Council decided on the amount of precept they request from Somerset Council. This is the element you will see in your Council tax bill. The Clerk has already prepared a draft budget and this will be finalised at the January meeting. Prior to the January PC meeting the Clerk will hold a briefing session for the Councillors to discuss the budget in detail and to analyse all proposed receipts and payments this will help to determine if there is a need to raise the precept.

Everyone was welcome to attend the January PC meeting and there was a chance to "have your say" before the meeting started.

Next meeting date was set for **Thursday 22nd January, 7.00 pm** at the HUB, all are welcome to attend.

### **Councillor vacancies:**

The PC has two vacancies available for new Councillors. If you are interested in making a difference to your local community, helping decide how funds are spent and can give a little time, please contact the Clerk for more information

[clerk@bishopshullparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bishopshullparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **No junk mail or leaflets**

As many homes are now displaying "no junk mail or leaflets" on their letter boxes, our Community News distributors are torn as to if they should deliver you a newsletter?

I have asked all distributors to continue to deliver the newsletter, and please can I ask that you contact me directly with your address if you **do NOT** wish to receive it.

Please email [clerk@bishopshu|Iparishcounci|.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bishopshu|Iparishcounci|.gov.uk)

### **Bishops Hull Belles WI**

Next meeting at the HUB **Thursday 22nd January at 7.30.**

Members Club Evening

### **Bishop's Hull 100 Club**

December 2025 winners

1st Roger & Linda Suchley - £36

2nd Angela Davis - £18

3rd Lesley Farthing - £9

The next draw will take place at the Hub café on the 10th January 2026.

Tickets are £2 per month

Join our 100 club today and you could be our next winner!

Email [bhhub100club@gmail.com](mailto:bhhub100club@gmail.com) for further details

You must be 16 years or older to purchase a ticket

The 100 club supports the Bishop's Hull Hub

### **Bishop's Hull HUB**

Youth Hub - every third Saturday of the month 7:15pm -9:15pm . £1 entry.

Age 11-16. All welcome, email [claire.plumbly@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:claire.plumbly@hotmail.co.uk) for info.

### **IMPORTANT UPDATE ABOUT HUB CAFES**

For the duration of 2026 we will be changing the format of our hub cafes.

The main cafe will not be run every month but we will look forward to welcoming you to these fun events once a season:

**Spring Hub Cafe - March 14th, 10-12, Bike Hub Cafe - June 13th, 10-12**  
**Apple Day - Oct 10th, 11am -2pm, Christmas Cafe - 12th December, 10-12**

**The HUB gardening club** would like to run a small cafe from 10-11:30am for those who enjoy the opportunity to continue coming for a cuppa. You would be welcome to join them. These smaller cafes will occur on the second Saturday of the month in January, February, April, May, July, Sept, November.

The first one will be on 10th January. We will review this for 2027 depending on volunteer numbers. if you feel you can help with this please get in touch at **[BishopsHullHubCafe@gmail.com](mailto:BishopsHullHubCafe@gmail.com)**

**Bishop's Hull Hub FISH AND CHIP QUIZ NIGHTS for 2026**

Saturday 7th February. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Quiz starts at 7:30 pm

Saturday 12th September. Doors open at 7.00pm, Quiz starts at 7:30pm

Tickets available here: [www.bhhub.co.uk](http://www.bhhub.co.uk)



**Bishops Hull Belles WI**

Bishops Hull Belles is a group of friendly women with meetings held on the 4th Thursday of the month (except August) at 7.30pm at the Bishops Hull HUB

- These monthly meetings have a speaker or other activity together with business items
- Topics for future meetings will be published here each month.
- Lunches and coffee/brunches are organised monthly.
- Additionally there is a walking group arranged fortnightly (except mid winter and August) and a scrabble group meets on a monthly basis.
- A day trip usually takes place in August.
- Why not come along to one of our monthly meetings where you will be warmly welcomed. The cost is £4 per visit (up to 3 meetings) which is then deducted from the annual subscription upon joining.
- Further information can be obtained from Heather Blackmore the group's secretary. Tel:01823-283884 mob 07963834365

**Bishops Hull Belles WI**

Next Meeting at The HUB

Thursday 26th February at 7.30

Guest Speaker - Nick King

Goats of the Gorge

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Products made in Somerset)

If you missed John's Christmas/New Year message please see below.

***Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.***

*Yes, I realise that this is January's (February) edition of our glorious Community News, however, as it is delivered to you around Christmas time, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy 2026. I would also like to highlight some of those who have given their time to make our village a real community.*



*Starting with our Parish Council, giving a big thank you to Chair Tony Taylor and his fellow councillors. In a year of big decisions made for the benefit of us all, they have worked tirelessly, always putting Bishop's Hull first. Most of us have used and enjoyed our village playing field and our children have had fun in the playpark. These facilities are provided by the Playing Field Trust, run by long-standing Chair Paul Bulbeck and his trustees, many thanks. Since its completion in 2011 (doesn't time fly), the Hub has become the community facility that we all hoped it would be. Thank you to the Hub Trust's Chair Jon Lee and his fellow trustees, together with the superb group of volunteers who continue to organise so many wonderful events for us all to enjoy. If you have not been to the Frank Bond Centre recently, then I would thoroughly recommend that you did. A warm thank you and congratulations to Chair Carolyn Bulbeck and her dedicated team of trustees on creating a welcoming community facility for those over 50s. Next is David Gurr for his overall contribution to our village. It is difficult to pin him down to a particular organisation. Suffice to say that David, strongly supported by his wife Jane, has been the driving force behind so much of what has brought our community together. He is very involved with the Hub and in his official roles as Chair of both the Friends of Netherclay Community Woodland Trust and the Bishop's Hull Gardening Club. Together with his ever expanding team of hardworking volunteers, he has done a wonderful job looking after and improving our natural habitat, thank you all.*

*Our Parish Clerk Helen is doing an excellent job for the village, not only in her official capacity, but as editor of this Community News, which is delivered by a dedicated volunteers, door-to-door in all weathers, well done everyone. Thank you to Rev Phil Hughes for his ongoing support and Bob Coombs for bringing us the Parish Magazine.*

*Finally, a huge thank you to Richard Holland, without whom so many of our village projects would never have seen the light of day. Thank you, Richard. We get to enjoy our wonderful village facilities, without always seeing the 'backstage' work that it takes to produce and take care of them. So, whilst you are enjoying your festivities, please raise a glass and toast the members of 'Team Bishop's Hull'.*

*Take care, stay safe, John Hunt*

## **BISHOPS HULL NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT TEAM (from village WEB site)**

**PCSO Tony Wearmouth 8413 - 07889 655312**  
**tony.wearmouth@avonandsomerset.police.uk**

**PCSO Catharine Richards - 07710 026191**  
**catherine.richards@avonandsomerset.police.uk**  
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### **LATE NEWS**

**A**t around 4:45 PM on 17th December, an unknown offender attempted to gain entry to a property on Wiveliscombe Road, Norton Fitzwarren.

- The suspect, described as wearing all black with a hooded top, climbed over a garden fence and first tried to open the garage door. An attempt was then made to enter the residence, but this proved unsuccessful.
- Residents are advised to:
- Ensure all doors, windows, and garages are securely locked.
- Consider installing motion-activated lighting and CCTV covering garden areas.
- Report any suspicious activity immediately to Avon & Somerset Police on 101, or 999 in an emergency.

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### **Can private e-scooters be ridden on public roads?**

No – they can only be ridden on private land, with the landowner's permission.

### **What about on the pavement or cycle lanes?**

No. The law says they cannot be used on public places, including roads, pavements, parks or cycle lanes. If you are caught using a powered transporter (e-scooter) on a public road, pavement, or other prohibited space you are committing a criminal offence and could be prosecuted.

### **So why was I allowed to buy one, if I can't actually use it?**

You are allowed to buy or sell e-scooters, and you can use them on private land (with permission).

### **Why aren't private e-scooters legal to use in public?**

E-scooters are classed as powered transporters and fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1998. This means that the same rules that apply to motor vehicles, apply to e-scooters. This includes, but isn't limited to:

driving with a licence  
driving/riding with insurance  
driving/riding other than on a road

It is not currently possible to get appropriate insurance for privately owned e-scooters, meaning it is illegal to use them on the road or public spaces.

### **Why don't you work with retailers so that customers know the law before buying?**

We are working with retailers to explain the law. But, of course, the

buying and selling of e-scooters is allowed.

### **Is there any way to ride an e-scooter legally?**

Yes. Some areas in England, including parts of Avon and Somerset force area are undergoing a government trial where their use is allowed (but regulated) on public land and roads.

In Avon and Somerset, trials are being run in Somerset West (Taunton), South Somerset (Yeovil, Chard and Crewkerne) and Bristol and Bath.

More information on local trials can be found at Voi (Bristol and Bath).

All of these trial schemes have terms of use that riders are expected to abide by. A user agreement may be revoked if the rider breaches the terms of use.

### **Are e-scooters seen as more dangerous than pedal cycles?**

E-scooters and pedal cycles are classified differently under the law. As Mechanically Propelled Vehicles (MPVs) or Personal Low Emission Vehicles (PLEVs), the law says e-scooters can't be used on the road or any other public place, unless part of a government trial scheme.

### **Why are electric bikes legal to use, but not e-scooters?**

Electrically assisted bikes are allowed in public places – provided they have pedals to propel it, the electric motor's power doesn't exceed a specified limit, electrical assistance cuts out when the vehicle reaches 15.5mph, and the rider is not under 14 years old.

All other electric bikes are treated the same way as e-scooters: read more here

### **What about mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs?**

You don't need a licence to drive a mobility scooter or powered wheelchair, but you may have to register it. Only certain types can be driven on the road:

### **What happens if police stop me when I'm riding an e-scooter on a public road or land?**

The scooter may be seized, and you could be liable for prosecution for driving without insurance.

### **What if I'm stopped riding an e-scooter and I don't hold a driving licence?**

If you don't hold a provisional or full licence and are stopped riding an e-scooter, you could be prosecuted for driving other than in accordance with a licence, as well as having no insurance.

Penalty points can still be issued where a licence isn't held. These points would take effect when you apply for a driving licence.

Trial e-scooter schemes are only open to UK driving licence holders.

### **I'm a parent – if my child is stopped while riding an e-scooter, would I be prosecuted?**

Yes. You could be liable to prosecution for allowing a child to ride otherwise than in accordance with a licence, or with no insurance.

### **Are e-scooter users breaking any other laws?**

There are numerous potential offences that could potentially be prosecuted, including riding

carelessly or dangerously; contravening traffic signals; or for drink/drug-riding. There have been prosecutions for drink driving on an e-scooter within the Avon and **Somerset force area**.

### **Why can't police concentrate on more important crimes?**

We have a duty to enforce the law. We also react to community concerns, which do include the nuisance and danger being caused by some e-scooter users. Officers can take specific action where scooters are being used in a way causing a public annoyance.

### **Isn't this just an easy way for police to raise some revenue?**

Police don't benefit from seizing e-scooters or taking other action against their users. However, it helps keep our roads, pavements and communities safe.

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### **Introducing Dame Sarah Mullally - the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury**



The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE officially became Archbishop of Canterbury on 28th January 2026, when she was legally confirmed at St Paul's Cathedral.

Most people know that she had been Bishop of London for several years, and that she is the first woman to ever become Archbishop of Canterbury.

But what else do you know about her?

1. She was born in Woking in 1962, and is one of four children, with two sisters and one brother.
2. She attended Winston Churchill Comprehensive School and Woking Sixth Form College. She went on to South Bank Polytechnic and Heythrop College, University of London
3. She worked as a nurse in the National Health Service, which she has described as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God". She specialised as a cancer nurse and became a ward sister at Westminster Hospital, before being made Director of Nursing at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.
4. In 1999, at the age of 37, she was appointed the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England in the Department of Health. She was the youngest person ever to be appointed to the post. Bishop Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing.
5. She had become a Christian at the age of 16. While working as the Chief Nursing Officer for England, she discerned a call to ordination and entered training ministry at the South East Institute for Theological Education.

6. She was ordained in 2001 and served her curacy in St Saviour's Battersea Fields, initially as a self-supporting minister, before leaving her government post in 2004, which she has described at the time as "the biggest decision I have ever made".
7. In 2012 she was installed as Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral and three years later took the role as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter, the fourth woman to become a Bishop in the Church of England.
8. On 12th May 2018, Bishop Sarah was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral, the first woman to hold the role.
9. Bishop Sarah sits in the House of Lords as one of the Lords Spirituals, having been introduced on 24th May 2018. Her maiden speech paid tribute to the NHS on its 70th anniversary, telling the Lords: "I am the Bishop I am today because of that first vocation to nursing, and compassion and healing are constants at the heart of who I am."
10. She was sworn in as a member of the Privy Council in March 2018 and became Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal in July 2019.
11. As Bishop of London, she led the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith process from 2020 to 2023. This included the formative stages of discernment and decision making which saw the introduction of the Prayers of Love and Faith for same-sex couples.
12. She has served on the Church's National Safeguarding Steering Group and is also Lead Bishop for Health and Social Care issues.
13. As a Lord Spiritual, she has drawn from both her pastoral experience and her background in nursing and healthcare and has played a key role in the ongoing debates on assisted dying.
14. This year, she chaired the Triennium Funding Working Group that developed the Church of England's three-year spending plan that led to significant investments in local churches and parish clergy.
15. Archbishop Sarah is married to Eamonn, an Irish-born IT and Enterprise Architect who enjoys beekeeping and volunteering as a London tourist guide.
16. The couple have two grown-up children, Liam and Grace.
17. Archbishop Sarah has continued her interest in the health service having been a non-executive director at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust then at Salisbury NHS Foundation Hospital.
18. She is Chair of Christian Aid.
19. She has spoken openly about her dyslexia, describing her difficulties with writing and reading.
20. In her spare time, she loves cooking, walking and pottery.



## BISHOP'S HULL IN TIMES PAST

### 100 years

Colonel Hamilton Gault MP addressed a well-attended meeting of Bishop's Hull Conservatives, arrangements for which were made by Mrs Watts, at the Conservative Club. Mr GU Farrant extended a hearty welcome to Colonel Gault and that he was voicing the feelings of all those present. In his address, among other subjects Colonel Gault, dealt with the gold standard and the rise and prospects of the beet sugar industry. On education, he said he was not one of those who believed in higher education - the teaching of a lot of higher education subjects to every child. He believed nevertheless in every child being well grounded in the 'three Rs' and in being taught the principles of good citizenship. Another thing they might usefully do was to give a boy or girl at the age of 14 some technical knowledge of whatever trade he or she was going in for at a later date. He would also like to see the school leaving age of the elementary scholar raised, for he felt that 14 years was a very early age at which to throw a child, either boy or girl, into the maelstrom of life. Mr EE Sibley also spoke. On the motion of Mrs Leslie Fox, seconded by Mr E Dimond, the cordial thanks of the gathering were accorded Colonel Gault and Mr Sibley for their addresses. On the proposition of Mr Sibley, the chairman was also heartily thanked for presiding.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

A very successful whist drive was held at the club in aid of the Girl Guides. Nineteen tables were in play and the prize winners were: Ladies - 1. Mrs Govier; 2. Mrs Bodger; 3. Miss L Osborne. Gents - 1. Mr C Wadham; 2. Mr F Carpenter; 3. Mr Payne. The travelling prizes were won by Miss Balman and Mr F Carpenter. The prize in a guessing competition for a live chicken given by Mr Dimond was won by Mrs Lawson. Mrs Scobell, captain of the Guides, tendered thanks to the donors of prizes, also to all who had helped to make the evening a success.

The National Omnibus & Transport Co Ltd, based in South Street Taunton, published revised times for their Service No. 2 between Taunton and Beam Bridge, which passed through Bishop's Hull.

The dedication of the new colours of the Bishop's Hull troop of Boy Scouts, which had been recently presented by Mr Mallalien of Upcott House, were blessed and dedicated at a well-attended special service in the parish church. The vicar, the Rev George Raban, was the Scoutmaster of the troop and took a keen interest in its work and recreation. He had the help of Assistant Scoutmaster H Powell and three patrol leaders. The scouts were proud of their new colours and the patrol leaders were the bearers of them in the procession to the sanctuary before the service commenced. The Rev B Lamplugh, chaplain to St Mary's troop, performed the dedication ceremony and delivered a very appropriate address in Scout ideals. Other visitors from Taunton were Scoutmaster F Sharp and Assistant Scoutmaster C Ham (St Mary's), together with patrol leaders Albion, McHardy and Woodman (carrying their troop colours) and Scouts of St Mary's

troop. The service opened with the processional hymn 'Onward Christian Soldiers' and a shortened form of evensong followed, the lesson being read by Assistant Scoutmaster Powell. Patrol leader Weaver afterwards advanced into the chancel and recited the Scout law and all the Scouts present responded by giving the Scout promise. Patrol Leaders Weaver, Bantock and Coombes then repeated their pledge to place their patrol before themselves, their troop before their patrol and to be a Scout worth following at all times. Seconds Rudd, Oaten and Hartnell similarly gave their promise to be loyal to their patrol leader, to help him and to set a good example to other Scouts in the patrol. The hymn 'Fight the good fight' was next heartily sung and the solemn dedication of the colours by the Rev B Lamplugh followed. He prayed that the colours might serve 'as tokens of loyalty to God and King and as symbols of unity, friendship and true concord'. Suitable prayers were read by the Vicar, including supplication for God's blessing on all Scouts everywhere. An effective rendering of the anthem 'Let God arise' was then given by the choir, Mr WR Dyer ably presiding at the organ. The Rev B Lamplugh delivered the address. The hymn 'O Jesus I have promised' followed, and the Blessing having been given by the Vicar the service closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

#### 50 years ago

Married at St Augustine's Church, West Monkton, were Mr Michael Cyril Chedzoy, a motor mechanic, and Miss Joy Patricia Best, of Ham House, Ham, Creech St Michael. The groom was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs TRG Chedzoy of Mountway Road. Officiating at the ceremony was the Rector, Prebendary HF Warren. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Donald Best, who also made her bouquet and those of the bridesmaids. She wore a gown with fitted bodice, embossed with flowers, and a full train of organza trimmed with lace daisies. Her full-length veil, similarly trimmed, was held in place by a floral headdress. She carried a bouquet of mauve orchids, rosebuds, lilies of the valley and stephanotis. In attendance, Miss Avril Sharp, the groom's Godchild, Miss Jayne Breed, the bride's Godchild, and Miss Carolyn Heathfield, wore mauve and white floral dresses and held bouquets of mauve carnations and stephanotis, edged with leaves. The best man was Mr Graham North and the ushers were Mr John Dyke and Mr Rodney Chedzoy. About 95 guests attended the reception at the Creech Castle Hotel. The bride chose a blue suit with cream blouse and accessories for travelling to Bournemouth for the honeymoon.

Mr Stanley Chaplin, steward of the Bishops Hull Constitutional Club, retired after 28 years' service. He and his wife, Mrs Lily Chaplin, had helped build up the club to its present prosperity and popularity. Mr Chaplin said that when they started at the club, they had to wait for the money to come into the till before they could pay the brewery. The club now had three skittles teams, two snooker tables and a good bank balance. At an informal ceremony, Mr Chaplin was presented with a cheque from the president, Mr T Berry and Mrs Chaplin received a basket of flowers from Mrs Berry. A presentation was also made to the retiring secretary / treasurer, Mr KAG Stone. The new treasurer was Mr Michael Spicer.

## The Boffins and the Technocrats

The boffins and the technocrats  
Help folk like me and you  
Inventing lots of clever things  
That tell us what to do!

My car now has a clever light  
Dispelling doubt or fear,  
Without it I'd have not a clue  
When to shift up a gear!

Of course there is the Sat Nav  
To help me find my way  
The time I learned to read a map  
Was just a wasted day!

My PC's a law unto itself  
So busy telling me  
To upgrade this or restart that –  
The net I never see!

And sometimes, when my work is  
done  
I turn on my TV  
All chance to watch my programme  
gone –  
“Retune” it says to me.

The oven, fridge, and microwave  
They make a beeping sound  
Or else they have bright lights which  
flash  
To order me around.

And so I am a harassed man,  
I live a hassled life;  
The one who shouts at me the least  
Is my sweet and lovely wife!

By Nigel Beeton



## Some observations on living ...

Why should people go out and pay  
money to see bad films when they can  
stay at home and see bad television  
for nothing? - Samuel Goldwyn

We tolerate shapes in human beings  
that would horrify us if we saw them  
in a horse. - W R Inge

When you begin to wonder if  
something is worth what it costs, you  
have reached middle age. - Herbert V  
Prochnow

Anxiety never strengthens you for  
tomorrow; it only weakens you for  
today. - Anon

To carry care to bed is to sleep with a  
pack on your back. - Thomas  
Haliburton

All arts proceed from God and ought  
to be held as divine inventions. - John  
Calvin

When you were born, you cried and  
the world rejoiced. Live your life so  
when you die, the world cries and you  
rejoice. - Native American saying

We make a living by what we get; we  
make a life by what we give. -  
Winston Churchill

Efforts and courage are not enough  
without purpose and direction. - John  
F Kennedy

The person who never makes a  
mistake must get tired of doing  
nothing. - Anon

## The funeral of Queen Victoria

**E**xactly 125 years ago, on 2nd February 1901, the funeral of Queen Victoria took place.



She had died at the age of 81 on 22 January, having ruled for nearly 64 years, and her death took her family, courtiers and subjects by surprise in difficult times. The Boer war was still in progress, and the previous year the Prince of Wales had been shot at in Belgium, by a boy who was protesting against the war.

Her third adult child –

Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh – had just died, another was near death, and she herself had been confined to a wheelchair, almost blind and often confused. She died at the remote Osborne House on the Isle of Wight, and when it happened there was no-one alive who could remember how to bury a monarch.

Victoria had asked for a full military state funeral, and there were secret instructions concerning mementoes of her personal servant, John Brown. The official service in St George's Chapel was chaotic because of timing errors, but it was followed by an emotional ceremony for the family on 4th February, in the mausoleum the queen had built for her husband at Frogmore, adjoining Windsor Castle, where the Queen was laid to rest beside her much-loved Prince Albert.

The total cost was £35,500 (£4.5 million). Victoria had outlived all the members of her Privy Council alive in 1837; all the members who had sat in the House of Commons at that time; and all nine of her bridesmaids.

What has been described as the godly domesticity of the Victorian era appealed to a mainly Protestant public, centring more on morals than on radical evangelicalism and effective prayer. One historian noted the transformation in the general British attitude from “aggressive, brutal, rowdy, outspoken, riotous, cruel and bloodthirsty” to “inhibited, polite, orderly, tender-minded, prudish and hypocritical”.

## EAT WELL FOR LESS DURING FEBRUARY

### BACON PUDDING



Suet crust      Pepper and salt  
Bacon              Parsley  
Sage and onions

**R**oll out pastry, not too thick. Take thin slices of bacon, cooked or uncooked, place over the pastry. Sprinkle chopped sage and onions according to taste, pepper and salt, roll up tightly, place in floured pudding-cloth (first in grease-proof paper), and boil for 2 hours.

This is a typical (Berkshire) working man's dinner, and it is very nice.

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### A SUPPER DISH

A dried haddock  
A little macaroni  
2 tomatoes or a  
little tomato sauce.  
A small quantity of  
grated cheese  
and plain white  
sauce



**A**fter the fish has been boiled take all flakes away from the bones. Place the flakes in a pie-dish with the tomato, cover with the white sauce, then place the macaroni, which has previously been cooked, on the top. Sprinkle the cheese all over, and brown in the oven.

### STUFFED PANCAKES

**M**ake pancakes in the usual way, but they may be fried in dripping. Have ready any odd scraps of meat, vegetables, etc. A small piece of bacon minced is a good addition to anything savoury.

Heat the scraps carefully in a saucepan, adding a little gravy if necessary, fold the heated mixture in the pancakes and serve hot, with chipped potatoes or mashed potatoes and gravy.

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### BEEF AND SPAGHETTI PIE



**C**hop and fry some onions in a little butter or dripping. Boil half a pound of spaghetti, have ready half a pound of tomatoes. Sprinkle some breadcrumbs at the bottom of a greased pie-dish, then a layer of spaghetti, pepper and salt to taste, then a layer of fried onions, one of minced meat, then tomatoes cut small. Repeat until the dish is full. Cover top with breadcrumbs and butter. Bake until nicely brown. A little grated cheese is a great improvement..

## SIMPLE PUDDING



- 1/4 lb. of flour
- 1 egg
- 2 oz. of margarine
- 1 tablespoonful of syrup .
- 1 oz. of sugar
- A little baking powder
- 1 oz. of breadcrumbs
- A little milk

**R**ub the margarine into the flour; add the sugar, baking powder, breadcrumbs, the egg well beaten, and enough milk to form a stiff batter. Put 1 tablespoonful of syrup in the bottom of a greased basin. Pour in the mixture. Cover well with greased paper and a floured cloth, and steam for 2 hours.

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## SPIKED APPLES



- 6 large cooking apples
- 2 oz. of sweet almonds
- 1/4 lb. of caster sugar
- Strawberry jam

**P**eel and core the apples, selecting them as nearly the same size as possible. Place them in an earthenware stewing pan with enough water to cover them, and 3 tablespoonfuls of castor sugar. Cook slowly, allowing them just to simmer, so that the apples may remain whole. When done, remove them carefully one by one, and place in a dish. Re-boil the juice in which the apples were cooked with more sugar, and stir till it thickens.

Fill the centre of the apples with strawberry jam. Have ready some blanched sweet almonds, slice them in two, and stick them over the apples. Carefully pour the thickened juice over them, and sprinkle with caster sugar.

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## COLD COFFEE' PUDDING

- 6 oz. of fresh butter
- 2 tablespoonfuls of coffee essence
- 2 oz. of castor sugar
- 2 eggs
- 4 sponge cakes

**B**eat the butter to a cream with the caster sugar, add the slightly-beaten eggs and mix well, adding the coffee essence. Put a little of this mixture in a basin, then a layer of sponge cake ; repeat until the basin is full, taking care to keep the mixture well to the side of the basin.



Put in a cold place for 4 or 5 hours. Turn out and sprinkle with baked almonds, or decorate with blanched almonds. Serve with whipped cream, if liked.

## Saints - 8th February - Kew and the wild boar

**S**t Kew has nothing to do with gardens or the 'Q' of James Bond fame. This Kew was a girl who lived in Cornwall in the 5th century, and who should be the patron saint of girls with difficult older brothers.

Kew's older brother was a hermit who felt his younger sister was not worthy to even visit his cell. But big brothers often underestimate their younger sisters, and he was no exception. One day Big Brother saw a wild boar charge out of the woods towards his sister. Kew spoke to it kindly in tones of such purity and sweetness that it immediately slowed down to a peaceful walk.



Big Brother was so shaken by this that he repented of his superior attitude. When he then bothered to spend time talking with young Kew, Big Brother discovered her nature to be of "rare virtue and holiness". Other people thought so too, and after her death they decided Kew had been a saint, and so should have the parish church named after her.

Perhaps the moral of all this is that if you want to win over a difficult older brother, you should first practise on wild boars.

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### 14th February - St Valentine's Day, a poem

**S**aint Valentine's Day, many believe, was named after one or more Christian martyrs and was established by Pope Gelasius 1 in 496 AD. Valentine of Rome was martyred about 269, and this day usually 'belongs' to him.

The first recorded association of Valentine Day with romantic love (1382) is from Geoffrey Chaucer. He wrote, 'For this was Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate.' This poem was in honour of the first anniversary of the engagement of King Richard II of England to Anne of Bohemia. Valentine Day is referred to by Ophelia in Hamlet (1600-1601).

*To-morrow is St Valentine's day  
All in the morning betime  
And I a maid at your window  
To be your Valentine.*

The modern mention of Valentine's Day can be found in a collection of English nursery rhymes (1784):

*The rose is red, the violet's blue  
The honey's sweet, and so are you.  
Thou are my love and I am thine  
I drew thee to my Valentine.*



## Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day 17th February



It's odd, really, to think that that confessing one's sins to God should be linked to making pancakes. And yet the beginning of Lent brings us both – Shrove Tuesday is Pancake Day, and is followed by Ash Wednesday, and so Lent begins. In centuries gone by, the pancakes were made to use up the milk and eggs before the fasting of Lent. More recently, many readers will have childhood memories of the wonder of watching our mothers break an egg, mix it with milk and flour – and out of that gooey mess, to produce a light and delicious pancake.

These days, more of us buy pancake mix, or even ready-made pancakes. It seems we prefer the certainty of ending up with pancakes - to the risk of having made nothing BUT a mess of the kitchen.

In many parishes they used to hold pancake races on the day. Why anyone would want to run around a field while holding a pancake is not clear, but in Olney, Bucks, they have held a pancake race almost every year since 1445.

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### Looking for romance?



**S**adly, for many of us romance is an elusive thing. So, if you are single, and looking

to at least meet other Christian singles, you may care to visit Christian Connection, at <https://www.christianconnection.com>. It doesn't promise to find you the person of your dreams, but you never know!

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### Ideas for Valentine's Day

**V**alentine's Day was begun by Pope Gelasius the 1st in 496, in honour of St Valentine, the saint who had shown such kindness and love to all who crossed his path. It has become the day when we celebrate the joys of human love.

If you have a romance in your life, Valentine's Day is easy: you can celebrate your shared love with everything from a candlelit meal to red roses to love letters, to revisiting the place where you first met each other.

But even if you do not have a romance in your life, that need not stop you enjoying Valentine's Day (after all, the saint had no romance in his life).

Instead, why not seek out and show love and kindness to several people? How about hosting a Valentine's meal to enjoy each other's company and to share God's love for us all? At the very least, why not be on the 'look-out' to do people a random act of kindness this month?

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### Eating Disorders Awareness Week:



23rd February to 1st March

**D**o you suffer from an eating disorder? Or are you close to someone who struggles with one? If so, then you will know the long battle that sufferers can wage with anorexia, bulimia, binge eating and EDNOS (or 'eating disorder not otherwise specified'.)

Eating disorders ruin lives. They ruin relationships. They also ruin careers. They are estimated to cost the UK economy about £9.5 billion a year. This year the annual Eating Disorders Awareness Week website says: "An eating disorder can be isolating, making people feel alone, whether someone has an eating disorder themselves or whether they are supporting someone.

And so it is that "We're celebrating the power of community and the vital role family, friends, and other support networks play in helping someone feel supported, understood, and never alone on their journey from seeking help, undergoing treatment and beyond. How can people with eating disorders be best supported by their employer and colleagues? Visit <https://edaw.beateatingdisorders.org.uk> for details.

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A religious upbringing helps your health in later life

**E**lderly people who had a religious upbringing have been found to be physically healthier, according to a recent study.

Scientists believe that one reason may be that they did not use drugs, cigarettes or alcohol when they were young. The data found that such

people are reporting fewer difficulties with daily activities such as dressing or washing.

The study looked at older people across Europe, and the results were published in the journal Social Science and Medicine.

Many children in Europe who grew up after the Second World War had families who attended church on a regular basis, and who had Christian moral beliefs and values. For many children, this provided a sense of meaning in life, and a sense of belonging. They felt more 'connected', and hence more mentally and physically stable.

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Can you get across the pedestrian crossing in time?



**H**ave you ever had to hurry to make it to safely across the street because the pedestrian crossing light is about to turn red again? If so, you are not alone. A recent study has found that pedestrian crossing timings are simply too brief for many elderly people and especially those with mobility problems.

The length of time given at crossing points usually assumes a walking speed of 1.2m per second. But the study found that the average speed of adults aged over 65 is only 0.77m per second.

So more than half of older people need to increase their normal walking

speed by about 50 per cent, just to reach the other curb safely.

One of the researchers said: "This isn't just a safety issue – it's potentially a barrier to independence, physical activity, and social connection, all of which often decline in later life."

Another said: "Allowing enough time to cross the road can boost confidence, support independence, and help them remain engaged in their communities, all key to a better quality of life."

The study was published in the journal Age and Ageing.

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#### Children's pocket money on the rise



**A** good way to beat inflation these days is to be a child. The amount of their weekly pocket money has been rising faster than inflation, according to a recent survey by the GoHenry banking service for six- to 18-year-olds.

Last year, on average, youngsters earned £10.73 a week. This was about 8 per cent up from the 2024 average of £9.92. (Inflation has been at most about 3%).

GoHenry's survey found some of the ways in which children earn their pocket money. The most common job are: Tidying bedrooms - £1.12; Getting ready for school (includes homework) - £1.35; Helping around the house - £1.18; Looking after

yourself (includes cleaning teeth) - £1.24; and caring for pets - £1.37. The top-paying jobs are: Looking after plants - £1.91; Being good - £1.46; Practising music - £1.44; Looking after pets - £1.37; Getting ready for school £1.35

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#### Five good reasons to eat Greek yoghurt

**R**eal live Greek yoghurt is seriously good for you. Its protein and live bacteria have been linked to stronger muscles, boosted gut microbiome, and better heart, bone and brain health.

Greek yoghurt is high in protein, with up to 10g of protein per 100g. That's about double the protein of low-fat yogurt or Greek-style yogurts. What's more, it is a 'complete' source of protein, with all nine of the essential amino acids that our bodies can't make by themselves.

Greek yoghurt boosts your gut health. Its natural probiotics encourage a wider array of beneficial bugs to live in your gut. That means less inflammation, and probably fewer cancer-causing chemicals.

Greek yoghurt contains the minerals potassium and magnesium, which can help to both support and regulate blood pressure.

Greek yoghurt provides calcium. This can contribute to greater bone density and even re-build bone tissue if we are older or have been injured.

Greek yoghurt includes the B vitamins – thiamine (B1), riboflavin (B2) and cobalamin (B12). These help support memory, critical thinking, and our problem-solving skills.

**G M TREVELYAN'S - English Social History -**  
**A SURVEY OF SIX CENTURIES** Chaucer to Queen Victoria

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The first necessary condition of the recovery and growth of national prosperity under Elizabeth, was an honest coinage. Her father had left behind him untold trouble by debasing the currency in the last years of his reign and so causing under Edward VI and Mary a leap in prices with which neither wages nor fixed rents could keep pace. After the 'settling of religion' in 1559, Elizabeth's next great action was an equally bold grasp of the financial nettle. In September 1560 she called in by proclamation the existing currency of debased coins, to be paid for in new money at a rate somewhat below their nominal value. The skill and success with which this dangerous operation was carried through, bore witness that the new Queen and her Privy Council well understood the economic aspects of government, where in many otherwise great rulers have gone fatally astray. From that moment forward, prices steadied themselves. They continued to rise gradually throughout the reign, and more rapidly under James and Charles I, because of the increasing effect of new gold and silver from the mines of Spanish America. But wages were now better able to keep pace, and rents were gradually adjusting themselves as leases fell in. The steady, but no longer catastrophic, rise in prices helped trade and industry to prosper, to start new types of manufacture and to find new markets.

A great expansion of mining of all sorts — lead, copper, tin, iron, and coal — marked the reign of Elizabeth. German miners opened out copper and other diggings in various parts of the remote Lake District. The Mendip hills yielded more and more lead for export by the merchants of Bristol. The innumerable small tin-mines of Cornwall and Devon flourished. Salt pans multiplied. Our iron was recognized as the best in the world. In 1601 an enthusiast told the House of Commons that iron 'appeareth to be a particular blessing of God given only to England, for the defence thereof, for albeit most countries have their iron, yet none of them all have iron of that toughness and validity to make such ordnance of'. And the navy demanded not only cannon but gunpowder, of which the ingredients were still collected at home, till the East India Company in Stuart times brought them back in greater quantities from the East. These industrial activities were a drain on the timber of the island, increasingly felt. Iron, lead', and the new manufacture of glass, all burnt vast quantities of wood or charcoal; 'As the woods about here decay,' said a native of Worcester late in Elizabeth's reign, 'so the glass houses remove and follow the woods with small charge. Salt-works, Camden noticed, had recently consumed Feckenham Forest in Worcestershire. Even the forests of the Weald, in Sussex, Surrey, and Kent, which had supplied the iron furnaces with charcoal for thousands of years, were running short at last, owing to the drain on the timber made by the

increased demand for iron, and by Kent's new agricultural industry which required poles for the hops to climb and charcoal for the oast-houses to burn.

Household warmth and cooking still depended normally on wood fuel. The yearly increase of shipping, and men's now clear perception that the future of England lay on the sea, made it needful but difficult to maintain growing timber within reach of the docks. Already it was noted that in the lands near the sea, even as far away as Pembrokeshire, 'the woods are consumed and the ground converted to corn and pasture'. No doubt there were trees enough in the island to supply all its furnaces, hearths, and shipyards a while longer, if all the timber in the realm could have been used. But it could not. The horse-transport of that day and the soft state of the roads made it economically and

even physically impossible to move great masses of timber for any distance, except by water. In many upland districts, therefore, particularly in the west, the 'youthful poet' of *Il Penseroso* could still find untouched primeval woodlands

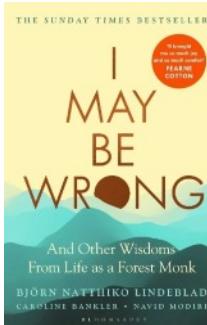
*Of pine or monumental oak,  
Where the rude axe with heaved stroke  
Was never heard the Nymphs to daunt  
Or fright them from their hallowed haunt,*

while in other districts the disappearance of wood fuel gave the cottager a cold hearth and a bread-and-cheese diet, and sorely restricted the output of the manufacturer. Indeed, works had often to be moved to some place where timber could still be found. Ironworks were destined soon to invade and consume the Forest of Arden.

Under these conditions of increasing wood shortage, coal came more and more into use under Elizabeth, both for house-hold purposes and for manufacture. But the difficulty of carriage limited the supply of coal to regions near the pits or near to navigable water. 'Sea-coal' as it was called from its method of transport, was in general use in London and the Thames valley, and among other coastwise and riverside populations, as along Trent, Severn, and Humber. Chimneys and hearths originally constructed for wood fuel had to be remade, and until this was done the 'sulphurous' fumes were a constant nuisance. The great increase in chimneys in Elizabeth's reign was largely due to the increased use of coal. The manufacture of cast-iron fire-backs for coal fires became an important part of the work of the Sussex forges. An attempt to smelt iron with coal was made at this period, but proved premature. Many other trades already used coal where it could be got cheap. In 1578 it was said that brewers, dyers, hat-makers, and others 'have long since altered their furnaces and fiery places, and turned the same to the use and burning of sea-coal'. ###

## BOOK REVIEWS

### **I May Be Wrong:** by Björn Natthiko Lindeblad



We like to think we can determine the path our life takes, but events rarely unfold the way we plan for or expect. In this international bestseller, former forest monk Björn Natthiko

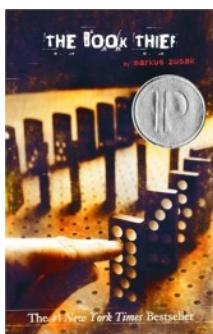
Lindeblad draws on his humbling journey towards navigating uncertainty - helping you, with kindness and good humour, to:

- Let go of the small stuff
- Accept the things you cannot control
- Manage difficult emotions
- Find stillness at busy times
- Face yourself - and others - without judgment

Infusing the everyday with heart and grace, this is a wise and soothing handbook for dealing with life's challenges.

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### **The Book Thief** Markus Zusak



It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will be busier still.

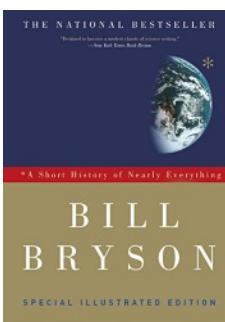
By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed when she picks up

a single object, partially hidden in the snow. It is The Gravedigger's Handbook, left behind there by accident, and it is her first act of book thievery. So begins a love affair with books and words, as Liesel, with the help of her accordian-playing foster father, learns to read. Soon she is stealing books from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library, wherever there are books to be found.

But these are dangerous times. When Liesel's foster family hides a Jew in their basement, Liesel's world is both opened up, and closed down.

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### **A Short History of Nearly Everything** By Bill Bryson



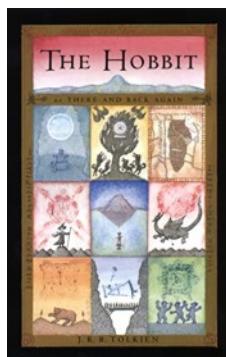
In Bryson's biggest book, he confronts his greatest challenge: to understand—and, if possible, answer—the oldest, biggest questions we have posed about the universe and ourselves. Taking as territory everything from the Big Bang to the rise of civilization, Bryson seeks to understand how we got from there being nothing at all to there being us. To that end, he has attached himself to a host of the world's most advanced (and often obsessed) archaeologists, anthropologists, and mathematicians, travelling to their offices, laboratories, and field camps. He has read (or tried to read) their books, pestered them with questions, apprenticed himself to

their powerful minds. *A Short History of Nearly Everything* is the record of this quest, and it is a sometimes profound, sometimes funny, and always supremely clear and entertaining adventure in the realms of human knowledge, as only Bill Bryson can render it. Science has never been more involving or entertaining

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### **The Hobbit**

J. R. R. Tolkien



Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure. They have launched a plot to raid the treasure hoard guarded by Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon. Bilbo reluctantly joins their quest, unaware that on his journey to the Lonely Mountain he will encounter both a magic ring and a frightening creature known as Gollum

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### **The Alchemist**

Paulo Coelho

Paulo Coelho's enchanting novel has inspired a devoted following around the world. This story, dazzling in its powerful simplicity and

inspiring wisdom, is about an Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago who travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of a treasure buried in the Pyramids.

What starts out as a journey to find worldly goods turns into a discovery of the treasure found within. Lush, evocative, and deeply humane, the story of Santiago is an eternal testament to the transforming power of our dreams and the importance of listening to our hearts.

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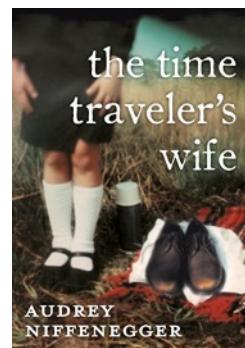
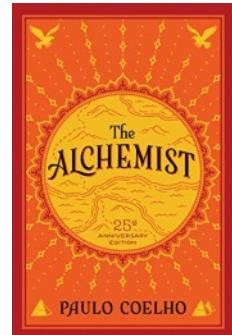
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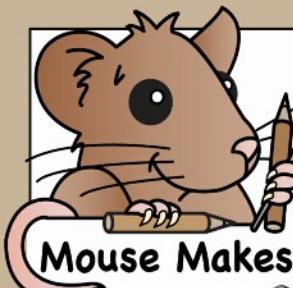
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A MOST UNTRADITIONAL LOVE STORY, this is the celebrated tale of Henry DeTamble, a dashing, adventuresome librarian who inadvertently travels through

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Read the story in  
Luke 4:1-13



### THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan where did the Holy Spirit lead him to? v1

How many days was Jesus being tempted by the devil? v2

What did Jesus eat? v2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?

What did Jesus say? v3-4

What did the devil offer Jesus if He worshipped him?

What did Jesus say? v7-8

What did the devil ask Jesus to do?

What did Jesus say? v9

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### SECOND TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."

JESUS REPLIED:  
"Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him."

Read Deuteronomy 6:13

WE LEARN:  
Put God first  
Worship only Him.



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### FIRST TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son order this stone to turn into bread."

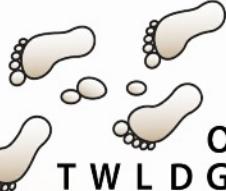
JESUS REPLIED:

"Man shall not live on bread alone."

Read Deuteronomy 8:3

WE LEARN:

Read the Bible  
Learn God's word.



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### THIRD TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son throw yourself down, the scriptures say God will take care of you."

JESUS REPLIED:

"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Read Deuteronomy 6:16

WE LEARN:

God cares, trust  
Him do not test Him.





## **Generations growing in faith together**

**O**ur extended family recently got together for a celebration. We were nine adults from 24-68, one toddler, and one dog, and it was glorious! The joy was simply in being together, whatever our age.

*I sometimes wonder what would happen in the life of our churches if we could adopt the same outlook there? Each generation glad that the other is there. Each generation contributing something to the whole. Each generation looking to the interests of the others, making sure there was something that spoke to the others even if not to them.*

*The writer of the Chronicles records something you could miss if you weren't looking for it. In 2 Chronicles 20, when Judah was facing attack from Ammon and Moab, King Jehoshaphat proclaimed a fast and summoned the people. This is what it says in verse 13:*

*"All Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children."*

*At a time of great peril, when the king was seeking the LORD, all generations came together to pray.*

*We often think of intergenerational meaning us older ones passing on wisdom to the younger ones, and that's certainly part of it. But a truly intergenerational family, which the church is, means all generations welcoming one another, valuing one another, learning from one another, and praying with and for one another. It's not a one-way thing.*

*Our younger generations are ambassadors from the future, with wisdom to give us about their culture, and how to share the timeless truths of the gospel with their peers. They are leaders and learners, just as we all are.*

*What might it look like across our diocese if we committed to making room for other generations? What might it look like if, like the people of God in ancient times, we came together in our year of especial focus on prayer - adults, young people, and little ones - and sought the power and wisdom of God together? I have a feeling we'd be surprised!*

*The Rt Revd Dr Fiona Gibson  
Bishop of Taunton*

## Gardening in February

### **Spring is in sight**

This month there are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as day length and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month to prepare for the season ahead. Outdoors, as the garden comes to life again, it's time to prune certain shrubs and climbers, such as Wisteria.

#### Top gardening jobs this month

Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover.

Knowing which vegetables to sow where, when and how means you can maintain constant supplies throughout the season.

#### Chit potato tubers

It's important with earlies, and a good idea with maincrops, to 'chit' the seed potatoes before planting. This means allowing them to start sprouting shoots.

#### Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches

Most top fruit and soft fruit are very hardy but once they start into growth in spring, flowers and buds are especially vulnerable to frost and may need protection to crop well.

#### More jobs for this month

- Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off;
- Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering;
- Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green';
- Prune Wisteria;
- Renovate overgrown hedges with pruning;
- Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea;

• At end of month, start cutting back deciduous ornamental grasses to allow new growth to come through.

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#### Lawns

- Mow if the weather is warm – grass will start to grow at temperatures above 7°C – but set the cutting height to its maximum, and only mow when the grass is dry.
- If you have bulbs planted in your lawn, such as daffodils and crocuses, they may be starting to come up now, so avoid mowing or walking on those areas.
- Repair bare patches, especially around lawn edges, using turf cut from other areas of the garden if available.
- Re-cut lawn edges using a half-moon edging iron or flat-bladed spade, to neaten up the appearance of the garden and save work next season. Also maintain a 7.5cm 'gutter' around the lawn edges to prevent grass spreading into your borders.
- Avoid walking on a frosty lawn, as this can damage the blades of grass, which go brittle in the cold. It may even leave brown footprints, which can take a few weeks to disappear.

## What is the average weather for February?

We look at averages using the 30-year average data from 1981-2010. Using this we can see changes in temperature, rainfall and sunshine hours in February. Maximum air temperatures for February across the UK average 6.6 °C, while minimum air temperatures average around 0.7 °C, actually colder than the equivalent temperature for January and around 1.4 °C cooler than the average minimum in March (2.1 °C). In February we would expect to see air frost on 11 days and grass frost on 17 days, again comparable with January. But these figures vary across the UK with Cornwall seeing around 11 days of air frost and with Eastern Scotland seeing over 14 days of air frost on average during the month. Average sunshine hours increase during February, with an average of around of 70 hours of sunshine across the UK compared with over 101 hours in March. The average rainfall for February across the UK is 89mm, the driest winter month. However, there are huge regional contrasts with southern England receiving an average of 55 mm of February rainfall over the 30-year period and northern Scotland receiving over 152mm over the same period.

## What to do in the garden in February

1. Plan for an early vegetable crop  
Gardeners with greenhouses or polytunnels can begin planting early carrot, broad bean and beet varieties in border soil, containers or growbags that will crop well ahead of those grown outdoors. At the end of the

month those fortunate gardeners in the warmer and drier parts of the UK with well-drained, sheltered and sunny outdoor locations can at least begin to contemplate sowing early pea varieties or broad beans if weather conditions allow and if the soil is warm enough.

### 2. Net fruit and veg to keep birds away

Wildlife has been struggling through the harshest season of the year, and it's only natural for individuals to cash in on the gardener's labours for an easy meal. The woodpigeon is by far the worst offender and these large birds – whose numbers are swollen by winter migrants from Scandinavia and other cold regions – can strip cabbage and pea foliage, soiling what they don't destroy.

### 3. Protect fruit trees from frost

Our fruit trees and bushes, which are virtually dormant over winter, are generally resilient to the worst of weather. However, during the month very early apricots, nectarines, peaches, pears and plums can become vulnerable to frost as their buds and flowers open and shoots develop. Large trees and bushes must take their chances, but dwarf or wall-trained fruit can be protected.

### 4. Divide snowdrop bulbs

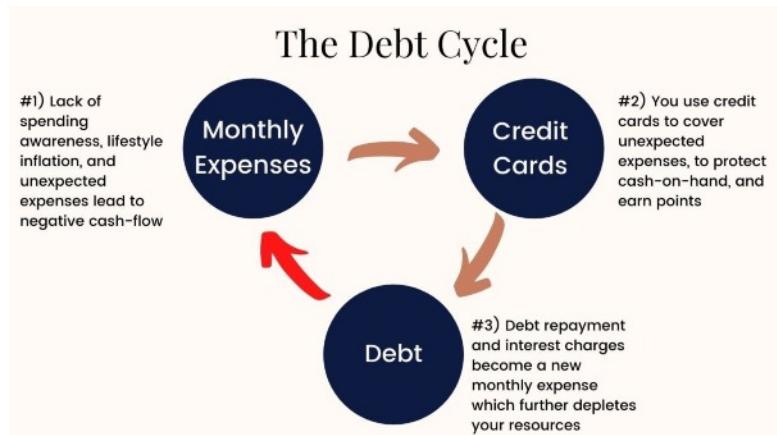
Snowdrops are typically the first en-masse blooms of the new year. To improve the show for the following year, canny gardeners can divide snowdrop bulbs once the plants have finished flowering and before the plants go back underground for the summer in late spring.

### 5. Prune hardy evergreen hedges

Straggling deciduous hedges can be rejuvenated with considered renewal pruning during January and February, before bird nesting begins from March. Vigorous new growth will follow any cutting, so the plan

should be to rejuvenate an old hedge over successive winters by taking out a few of the oldest and poorest-performing branches. Staggering the pruning will pay dividends in the long run.

## **Break the Debt Blues: your path out of debt to a fresh start this year**



**A**s the post-Christmas bills continue to pile up, many of us feel under financial pressure. It can be a lonely time, but you don't have to face it alone.

For Christians Against Poverty (CAP) have launched a new Five-Step Guide which is a roadmap to get you from financial worry to a fresh start. In a nutshell:

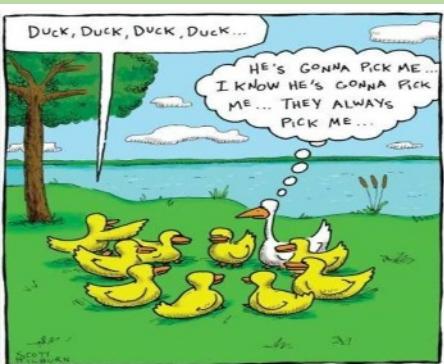
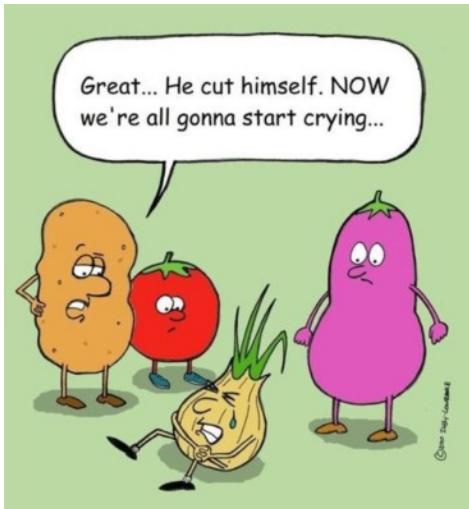
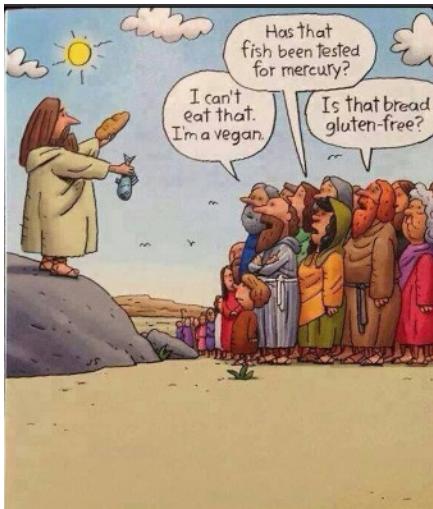
**The First Step:** Reach out to CAP for free, expert advice, tailored to your specific situation.

**Friendly Support:** Their local team will provide face-to-face visits and a supportive hand to hold.

**An Expert Plan:** CAP helps you build a realistic budget that prioritises your essentials, like food and housing.

**A Fresh Start:** CAP can handle the process of creditor negotiations, so that you can focus on building long-term financial stability.

CAP assures people that: "We believe that no one should have to stay awake at night worrying about money. Our local debt coaches are ready to listen, help you organise the paperwork, and walk with you every step of the way. Don't let the "Debt Blues" define your year. Discover how simple it is to start your journey toward peace of mind." More info at: <https://capuk.org>



### **Sanity Test**

During a visit to the mental asylum, a man asked the director, "How do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized?" The director said, "Well, we fill up a bathtub. Then we offer the person a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket and ask them to empty the bathtub." The man nodded, "Oh, I understand! A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup." The director frowned and motioned to the orderlies, "No, a normal person would pull the bathtub drain plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

### **The Patient Truck Driver**

A truck driver is starving and stops at a biker bar to eat. He goes inside, sits down at the bar, and orders a beer and some food. Right after he's served, a biker gang enters the bar, eager for a fight. One walks up to the trucker, and slaps his hat off. The trucker takes a sip of beer. Another biker swats his food off the bar. The trucker takes another sip of beer. So a third biker grabs the beer and pours it over the trucker's head. The trucker gets up, pays the bill, and leaves. The biker leader says, "That trucker sure wasn't much of a fighter." The bartender glances out the window and says, "He's not much of a driver either. He just smashed his truck into a row of motorcycles."

### **Fat-Free Fries**

A boy read a restaurant sign that advertised fat-free French fries. "Sounds great," said the health-conscious boy. He ordered some. He watched as the cook pulled a basket of fries from the fryer. The potatoes were dripping with oil when the cook

put them into the container. "Wait a minute," the boy said. "Those don't look fat-free." The cook said, "Sure they are! We charge only for the potatoes. The fat is free!"

### **Cold Water**

John visited his 90-year-old grandpa, who lived way out in the country. On the first morning of the visit, John's grandpa prepared a breakfast of bacon and eggs. John noticed a film-like substance on his plate and asked, "Are these plates clean?" His grandpa replied, "They're as clean as cold water can get them. Just go ahead and finish your meal." For lunch, Grandpa made hamburgers. Again, John was concerned about the plates, as his appeared to have specks of dried egg on it. "Are you sure these plates are clean?" he asked. Without looking up, Grandpa said, "I told you before, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them!" Later, as John was leaving, his grandpa's dog started to growl and wouldn't let him pass. John said, "Grandpa, your dog won't let me get by!" Grandpa turned to the dog and said, "Cold Water, go lie down!"

### **Tough Old Broad**

Britain's oldest woman turned 114 today. When asked the secret of her longevity, she attributed it to taking a walk at midnight every night. When quizzed on whether she was concerned about the increase in muggings in recent years, she said that she was not, and would continue mugging people as long as her health holds out.

### **Catch of the Day**

A young man passing a bar sees an old woman fishing with a stick and a string in a puddle by the sidewalk. "She must be a poor old fool," he thinks to himself, and out of the kindness of his heart, invites the woman in for a drink. After he's paid for their round and the two are sitting quietly, enjoying their drinks, he asks her, "So how many have you caught today?" The old woman grins, takes a big sip of her drink, and replies, "You're the eighth."

### **New Dentures**

A man caught a really bad flu. As he was recovering, his friend came over to bring him some soup to help him feel better. As soon as the friend walked through the door, the man coughed so violently, his false teeth shot across the room and smashed to pieces against the wall. "Oh, dear," he said, "what am I going to do? I can't afford a new set." His friend patted him on the shoulder. "Don't worry. I'll get a pair from my brother for you." The man thanked him, and the friend said goodbye. The next day, the friend came back with a bright and shiny set of teeth, which fit the man perfectly. "This is wonderful," said the man. "Your brother must be a very good dentist." The friend shook his head. "Oh, he's not a dentist. He's an undertaker."

### **First Child**

A pregnant woman starts to have contractions at home. Her husband freaks out and immediately calls the doctor. "Doctor, help! My wife is pregnant, and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" The doctor

days, "Is this her first child?"

Frustrated, the man shouts, "No, you idiot! This is her husband!"

### **Choose Your Own Hell**

A guy dies and is sent to hell. Satan shows him the doors to three rooms, and says, "Choose one of these doors to decide where you will spend eternity." In the first room, a group of people stands in dirt up to their necks. The guy says, "No, let me see the next room." In the second room, people are standing in dirt up to their noses. The guy shakes his head and says, "Nah, not this one either." Then, Satan opens the third door to reveal a group of people standing with dirt up to their knees, drinking coffee and eating pastries. The guy perks up and says, "I pick this room." He wades in and starts pouring a cup of coffee. Satan turns to leave and then says, "OK, coffee break's over. Everyone, back on your heads!"

### **The Man-Dog**

A man walks into his doctor's office and says, "Doctor, I don't know what to do. I think I might be a dog." The doctor nods and says, "Hop up on the examining table, please." The man replies, "Oh, I'm not allowed on the furniture."

### **Smart Dog**

A man went to visit a friend and was amazed to find him playing chess with his dog. The man watched his friend and the dog play for a while before saying, "I can hardly believe my eyes! That's the smartest dog I've ever seen." The friend shook his head and said, "Nah, he's not so smart. I've beaten him three games out of five."

**St James the Least of All**

*Historically, the Church of England has had its share of eccentric clergy. Clergy such as the elderly, Anglo-Catholic Uncle Eustace, who is incumbent in the small parish of St James-the-Least-of All, somewhere in Very Rural England. Eustace despairs of his nephew, Darren, who has become an evangelical curate in a busy urban parish... and so he writes letters, to try and properly 'educate' Darren in how to run a parish. The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...*

**On the art of drinking well**

*The Rectory  
St James the Least of All*

*My dear Nephew Darren*

*You closed your last letter with the remark that it was time to retire to bed with a cup of cocoa. That may be all very well for the pious intensity of a theological college - although a stiff whisky was always acceptable in my day - but it is not a style to continue once in the parish. I do feel obliged to give you a few hints about what should and should not be drunk in public as a parish priest.*

*Morning visits are to be discouraged, but if one is unavoidable, and you are invited to have a drink, then it has to be coffee. It is the only time of day when a mug is acceptable - provided, of course, that it is bone china or porcelain. In the afternoons one changes to tea, but only from cups. Blended varieties may be all very well for Curates in their first year, but it should be Darjeeling for an incumbent. And fruit teas are for Quakers only.*

*If an inappropriate vessel is offered, then the drink should be accepted, but left untouched. Since the visit will be discussed in the finest detail throughout the parish the moment you have left, your host will soon learn why and not make the same error a second time. It is for the same reason that if you ever want to circulate a piece of news round the parish as quickly as possible, never put it in the parish magazine, just mention it casually during one of your visits. Everyone will know by teatime.*

*Alcoholic drinks must be carefully judged. A sherry - dry, naturally - is probably best if you are invited to lunch. In the early evening, a gin and tonic would be the drink of choice. To ask for whisky would indicate that you are about to go over to Rome, and a mineral water that you have your roots in non-conformity. Beer is never, ever drunk in someone's house unless you suffer from some personal tragedy, such as being the diocesan youth chaplain.*

*However, an occasional beer in the pub with the bell-ringers (who will be real ale fanatics to a man) or after choir practice - which seems to be the real purpose of holding practices anyway - or as a treat for the sacristan, will show you are a man of the people. It is some years since I visited the pub.*

*Understanding wine should be taught at every theological college as an essential part of the ministry. Develop a taste for claret, dear boy, and you will be starting your journey towards high office.*

*And perhaps you should give that tin of cocoa to the verger.*

*Your loving uncle, Eustace*

## Regular weekly events

### MONDAYS

10.00-11am	Nia (Dance fitness)	HUB
10.00-12noon	Painting Group	FBC
1.30-4.00pm	Whist Club	FBC
2.00-4.00pm	Bridge (except 1st Monday)	FBC
6.15-7.15pm	Zumba	HUB
7.30pm	Tone Big Band (1st & 3rd Mon)	HUB

### TUESDAYS

6.15-7.00am	Group Fitness Training	HUB
10.30-11.30am	Qigong	HUB
1.30-2.30pm	Tai Chi	HUB
10.00-4.00pm	Board Games	FBC
7.00-8.00pm	Yoga	HUB

### WEDNESDAYS

10.00-11.00am	Pilates for Everyone	HUB
10.00- 11.00am	Flexercise	FBC
11.00-12noon	Mum and Baby Pilates	HUB
2.00- 4.30pm	Short Mat Bowls	HUB
6.00- 7.00pm	Tae Kwon Do	HUB

### THURSDAYS

6.15-7.00am	Group Fitness Training	HUB
10.00-12noon	Baby Badgers	HUB
10.00-12noon	Bridge Club	FBC
2.00-4.00pm	Croquet	FBC

### FRIDAYS

8.30-1.00 pm	Star Bubs	HUB
10.00-12noon	Pétanque	FBC
10.00-12noon	Frank's Café	FBC
4.45-8.15pm	Martial Arts	HUB

### SATURDAYS

6.30-7.15am	Group Fitness Training	HUB
9.30-11.30am	Hub Gardening Club	HUB
9.00pm	Bingo	Con Club

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Your Member of Parliament  
Gideon John Amos Lib/Dem

### SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS

Taunton Citizens advice - 0808 278 7842

Village Agent - 01823 331 222

Mindline, a 24/7 phoneline available to support people of all ages offering a listening and advice service for wellbeing. You can call Mindline on 01823 27689. Information about childcare <http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Taunton Foodbank

<https://taunton.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

Free support and advice about: Money, food, home, health and wellbeing, domestic abuse, problems with drugs and alcohol and parenting visit:  
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## **REFUSE / RECYCLING /GARDEN COLLECTIONS**

Dates below taken from Somerset  
Council Website.

Please note new day for recycling and  
refuse collections.

## **Recycling: Every Thursday - all areas**

## BISHOP'S HULL, SHUTEWATER, UPCOTT & BARR

Refuse: Thursday

Garden: Monday  
RUMWELL

Refuse: Thursday  
Garden: Wednesday

## STONEGALLOWS

Refuse: Thursday

Garden: Monday

## BH COUNCIL PRIVACY STATEMENT AND POLICY

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## SERVICES AT ST PETER & ST PAUL FEBRUARY 2026

<b>Sunday 1 February The Presentation of Christ</b>	Holy Communion Holy Communion	<b>8:00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.</b>	Paul Curry	Hebrews 2:14-18 (1202); Luke 2:22-40 (1028)
<b>Wednesday 4 February</b>	Holy Communion	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>		
<b>Sunday 8 February 2 Before Lent</b>	Holy Communion	<b>8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.</b>	Tim Venn	Romans 8:18-25 (1135); Matthew 6:25-34 (971)
<b>Wednesday 11 February</b>	Holy Communion	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>		
<b>Sunday 15 February 1 Before Lent Quinquagesima</b>	Holy Communion Holy Communion	<b>8:00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. .</b>	Bob Coombs	2 Peter 1:16-21 (1222); Matthew 17:1-9 (984)
<b>Wednesday 18 February</b>	Holy Communion	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>		
<b>Sunday 22 February Lent 1</b>	Holy Communion Holy Communion	<b>8:00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.</b>	Jan Knight	Romans 5:12-19 (1132); Matthew 4:1-11 (967)
<b>Wednesday 25 February</b>	Holy Communion	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>		



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**Other PCC Members -** Rachel Horder. Mark Dakin  
Sue Martin Hilary Harper. Lillian Priest

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6. Mark Dakin
7. Sue Martin
8. Hilary Harper
9. Lillian Priest



10 And you? The PCC is a great team to belong to and is there to assist the Vicar in the Mission and function of the church. If you think God may be calling you to serve in this way there are lots of opportunities, so do have a chat with one of the fab team!