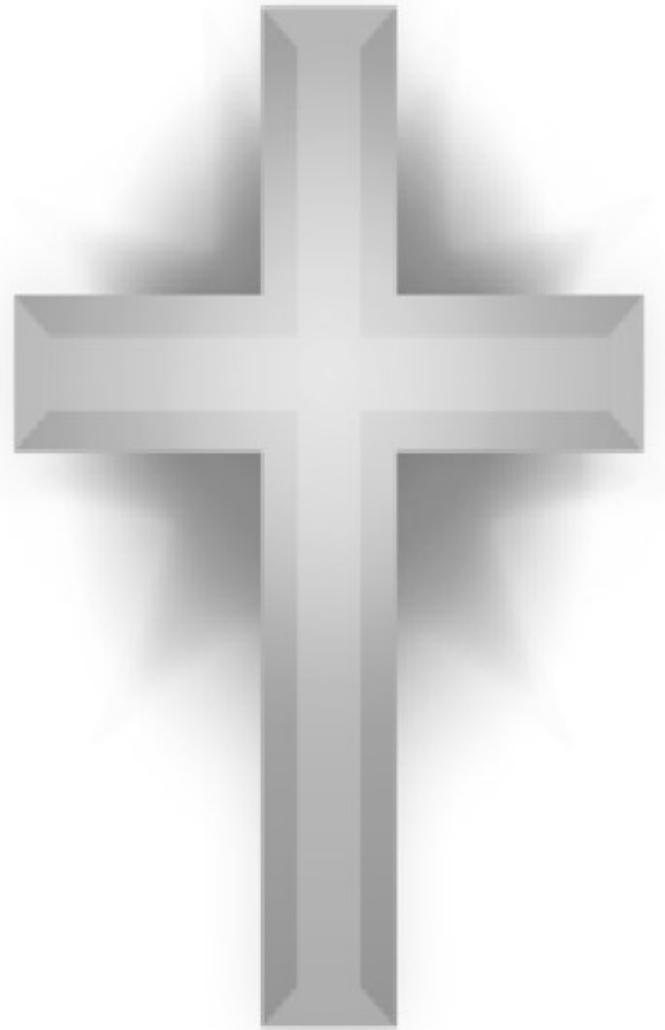
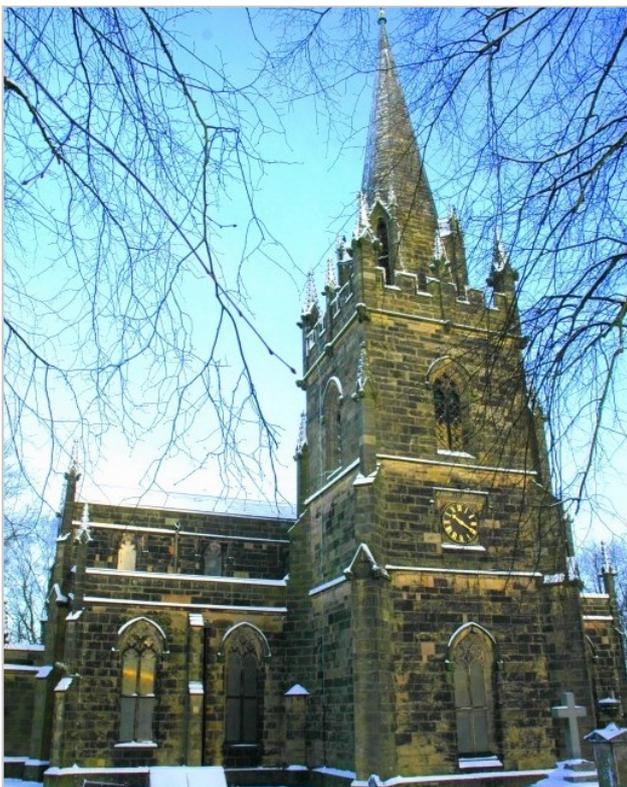


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# **DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2018**

## **Dates for Diary**

5<sup>th</sup> Ladies Society – Pauline Tuner – Around the World in 60 days

17<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night - Tickets £10 for team of 4 see Gail for tickets

Every Monday afternoon Salvation Army Singing by Heart – all welcome - become a dementia friend. Contact Margaret Hollis 07957112393

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## **Baptisms in January**

14<sup>th</sup> Edward Samuel John Wright

28<sup>th</sup> Daisy Ann Evans

28<sup>th</sup> Ottilie Ann Chisholm

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## **Funerals in January**

4<sup>th</sup> Roger Brindley – 70 – Gornal Wood

10<sup>th</sup> Derek Samuel John Saunders –77 - Gornal Wood

11<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Inett – 88 - Gornal Wood

17<sup>th</sup> Joan Blackmore – 95 - Gornal Wood

22<sup>nd</sup> Marjorie Fownes – 77 - Gornal Wood

22<sup>nd</sup> Christopher Jones – 71 - Gornal Wood

26<sup>th</sup> Jayne Elizabeth Watson – 58 - Gornal Wood

# High Days & Holy Days for February

- 1 Brigid of Ireland - compassion and love
- 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/ Candlemas
- 3 Anskar - the busy evangelist
- 3 Blaise – the cure for sore throats
- 4 Phileas – brave bishop/martyr of Egypt
- 6 The Martyrs of Japan - courage in persecution
- 8 Kew and the wild boar
- 10 Scholastica - the persuasive sister
- 11 Caedmon - the poetic shepherd
- 14 ASH WEDNESDAY – mourning our sins
- 14 St Valentine’s Day
- 14 The very first Valentine card - a legend
- 14 Saint Valentine’s Day
- 17 Janani Luwum, Archbishop and martyr of Uganda
- 22 Margaret of Cortona – sad search for acceptance and love
- 23 Polycarp - the faithful servant who would not deny his Lord
- 24 Matthias the Apostle - the chosen one
- 27 Gabriel Possenti – and the enjoyment of romance
- 27 George Herbert, priest and poet 1633

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## CHURCH OPENING



**Friday mornings from  
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The church is open for quiet prayer & coffee and a chat.

## VESTRY HOUR

If you know anyone who wishes to enquire about weddings or baptisms, please tell them that from 1st February, the Vestry Hour will only be held on the first and third Sundays in each month, from 12noon to 1.00pm.

# **A letter from The Archdeacon of Dudley**

Nikki Groarke Archdeacon of Dudley

Do you, like me, love to see people of all ages growing in faith and enjoying the love of God?

One of our four priorities within the Kingdom People vision is to increase our engagement with children, young people and their families across the diocese. Our newly formed team of Calling Young Disciples Mission Enablers are already having an impact in their host parishes and further afield. We now have six, working under the leadership of Project Director Ruth Walker, the final two having started in January.

I have been greatly encouraged to hear stories emerging as this creative team build relationships with congregations and both equip them, and help them to think differently!

Adam, for example, tells of how Messy Church is developing parish-wide as resources and talents are pooled and how it's being increasingly seen as an additional congregation rather than something to feed into the 9.30 am service.

Anne, Helen and Amy have enthused about the willingness to try something new from people who haven't been on the radar of clergy, people who have had a 'holy unrest'. The introduction of a Mission Enabler to poke and shake things up has helped to revive the fire in people. They have had 'God moments', when children, young people and adults have spoken about God and faith, and there has been a strong sense of God preparing the way in the places where they're allocated. They have seen evidence of where people have been working beneath the surface to progress the Kingdom People ethos and are now ready and willing to move with the tide.

Alongside the work of this team, as well as that of our Youth Officer, Simon and Children's Officer, Emma, we also had the privilege of a day's training from Lucy Moore on how to keep the discipleship focus of

Messy Church in November.

Nearly a hundred people were inspired and enthused to take their Messy Churches to the next level, and from some of the tweets I saw leading up to Christmas, this had excellent results.

I long to see churches across the diocese truly engaging with all ages effectively – our churches need to be multi-generational if they are to reflect the welcome of God’s kingdom. I am looking forward to many more encouraging stories as we intentionally focus on this, and hope that all those families who packed out our special Christmas services will be invited back for other events soon. Please join me in praying for the work of the Calling Young Disciples Team, and our Diocesan Youth and Children’s Officers, giving thanks for seeds sown, green shoots appearing, and the promise of more to come. I am sure we have an exciting year ahead.

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## **Living the Prayer - The everyday challenge of the Lord’s Prayer**

By Trystan Owain Hughes, BRF £7.99

The Lord’s Prayer is ‘a comprehensive call to action that relates directly to how we live out our everyday lives,’ writes Trystan Owain Hughes. Our challenge as Christians is not simply to make good decisions, but to make God decisions. ‘When our faith affects our choices and inspires our decisions, the kingdom breaks through.’

Wide-ranging in its references and illustrations, this is a fresh and insightful excavation of 63 long-familiar words.

## Vicars Ponderings Feb 2018

Have you made any New Year's resolutions this year? How are you getting on with it?

Apparently the top 5 New Year's resolutions are;

- 1 Exercise more (38 per cent)
- 2 Lose weight (33 per cent)
- 3 Eat more healthily (32 per cent)
- 4 Take a more active approach to health (15 per cent)
- 5 Learn new skill or hobby (15 per cent)

According to research two thirds of Britain's (63%) plan to make a New Year's resolution; however, nearly a third (32%) say that they have usually broken them by the end of January. I don't usually make New Year's resolutions as I know I struggle to keep them..... however, although not a New Year's resolution, I have decided as part of my spiritual discipline this year to read the Bible in the year.

This is something that I've tried to do before, but really struggled. Once I bought a Bible that was split in to 365 days. I thought it would be helpful, as it was a Chronological Bible, one that was set out in Chronological order. However, I really struggled with it after a while as many books in the Bible repeat the same or similar stories. So you ended up reading the same story several times, at the same sitting (if that makes sense!!!)

The Bible reading I am reading this time, well I say reading, I am actually listening to it, is via an app on my phone called BiOY (the Bible in One Year). You can access it via your app store or <https://www.bibleinoneyear.org>.

The app has three readings, usually a Psalm or Proverb, New Testament and Old Testament readings. There's also a Commentary with each reading by Nicky Gumbel. You may know Nicky Gumbel as he is the one of the pioneers of the Alpha Course. The readings are read by the actor David Suchet, so they are quite dramatic!!

There's also an option on the app to be able to read the text and commentary while you are listening, which I find quite helpful.

So, as I write, I have reached day 18, as its the 18th Jan!! The days are not dated, so you could start reading, or listening, at any point in the year.

As part of their spiritual discipline, many people often give things up for Lent. Why not this Lent think about taking something up? And what better thing to do than to commit yourself to reading the Bible every day? but not only for Lent, why not extend it for the whole year

Blessings

**Catherine**

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## **Historic churches and chapels are set to benefit from 'rescue funds'**

The National Churches Trust, the UK's church buildings support charity, has given 93 churches on the Historic England 'At Risk Register' a total amount of £680,000.

Churches receiving grants include St Botolph, Boston Stump, in Boston, a Grade I listed church towering over the fens as a landmark to sailors and pilots; St James' in Burton Lazars, also Grade I listed, containing the grave of the Zborowski family, whose racing cars were the inspiration for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang; and St Mary de Castro, Leicester, also Grade I listed, and where King Richard III worshipped.

Huw Edwards, broadcaster and journalist and Vice President of The National Churches Trust says: 'At the heart of communities in cities, towns and villages, churches are a treasure trove of architecture, history and faith. I'm delighted that the future of these churches and chapels in England, Scotland and Wales is being safeguarded thanks to the National Churches Trust. 'The grants range from major repair funding boosts to help with maintenance and development projects.

## ‘Lenten Valentines’

During this month Ash Wednesday and Valentine’s Day, share the same date! It seems an odd mix, yet there is an obvious link: love! Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, is about learning how to love God more, as we give Him space in our lives. It’s also an opportunity to reflect on Jesus’ experience in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13).

Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit (1), where He was tempted by Satan, but demonstrated the path of real love. Jesus is tempted to turn stones into bread. Love gets to the heart of human need, not just satisfying physical desires. Satan tempts Jesus to worship him. However, worshipping God is the beginning of love and results in sacrificial service to meet the needs of others. Finally, He is tempted to put God to the test, by jumping off the Temple. Only real love can change hearts by practical love and care.

Lent teaches us how to live out the love of God in practice, as we follow Jesus in the way of the cross.

Valentine was Christ’s follower, committed to sharing God’s love with others. We know little about him, except that he was a priest who lived in the 3rd Century AD and was martyred on February 14th. Emperor Claudius felt that soldiers in the Roman Army were distracted from their duty by their wives, and so attempted to outlaw marriage. It is believed that Valentine married couples in secret. He also helped Christians in Rome during times of persecution. He demonstrated the importance of showing real love in action.

In trying to understand the meaning of her revelations from God, Julian of Norwich found:

‘What, do you wish to know your Lord’s meaning in this thing? Know it well, love was his meaning.’

# MOTHERS' UNION



Every year Mothers' Union has an annual theme that focuses members' prayers and actions on particular aspects of our work and faith. In 2018 our theme, 'In Mary Sumner's Footsteps', calls us to focus on the example of our founder, Mary Sumner and on the core principles of Mothers' Union: Listening to God and each other, and having determination to take steps of faith as we journey together in response to his call.

Mary Sumner was a woman of deep faith, with a heart for prayer and a determination to make a difference in the lives of others. She listened to God and acted upon his call. Contrary to what is often assumed, she was an older woman, a grandmother, when she took the first steps which eventually led to the establishment of Mothers' Union. She was not a natural speaker, but quiet and diffident. However, her faith and resolve to follow God's call to make a difference to families and society, laid the foundations for today's worldwide movement.



Thank you to all who gave items for the gift bags we took to the Women's Refuge at Christmas, they were greatly appreciated.

Our first meeting of the year was an opportunity for members to share in Communion, refreshments and the collection of subscriptions.

The **AGM is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am in church** and it is hoped that all members will be able to attend.

Our February evening meeting, 'Childhood Memories', will be a relaxing evening during which we can share memories from our own childhood. These evenings usually spark off conversations, reminiscences and plenty of laughter.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Dorothy Inett. Dorothy was a dedicated member of the Mothers' Union, who was our Branch Leader between 1991 and 1998. She was also Deanery Secretary for many years and our Mothers' Union Enterprises Representative. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. We pray that treasured memories of Dorothy will sustain Richard, Jonathan, Alan and Sheila in the days to come.

## **Dates**

6<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm A Song for every Occasion, Janice Hickman  
10<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am AGM in church  
20<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm Childhood Memories

Liz Williams

## **CHARITY OF THE MONTH**

As many of you know the Open the Book Team go into Woodsetton School. At present the school is working to raise money for a new mini-bus as the one they have has come to the end of its life. Without transport the dedicated staff will be unable to take children to out of school activities and visits. I know there are a lot of calls on people's money these days, but if you have any loose change, however small, that you could put in the jar at the back of church it would be greatly appreciated.

## **QUIZ NIGHT**

After the successful Quiz Night in November we are holding another on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February. £10 for a team of 4 (including light refreshments). Book your team with Gail – 01902 540289.

## Black and White

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|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Anna's only book                        | Black Beauty            |
| 2. Office workers                          | White Collar            |
| 3. Local delicacy                          | Black Pudding           |
| 4. Jack Sparrow sailed in this             | Black Pearl             |
| 5. Flying vegetable                        | Cabbage White Butterfly |
| 6. He was the best in Spain                | Little White Bull       |
| 7. Smart and fruity                        | Blackberry              |
| 8. You wouldn't want to get one of these   | Black mark              |
| 9. Deer's road                             | White Hart Lane         |
| 10. He was on cue                          | Jimmy White             |
| 11. Criminal post                          | Blackmail               |
| 12. Frightening rides                      | White Knuckle           |
| 13. Sitcom about snakes                    | Black Adder             |
| 14. Useless item                           | White Elephant          |
| 15. He was always in a hurry               | White Rabbit            |
| 16. Ahab's doom                            | White Whale             |
| 17. Not a rosy outlook                     | Black Spot              |
| 18. Farce or power?                        | Whitehall               |
| 19. Illegal buying and selling             | Black Market            |
| 20. Dark sorcery                           | Black Magic             |
| 21. They're almost extinct                 | White Rhino             |
| 22. It cleaned like a .....                | White Tornado           |
| 23. A dwelling of power                    | White House             |
| 24. Every woman should have a little one   | Little black dress      |
| 25. Stop membership to club                | Black Ball              |
| 26. Irvin Berlin dreamt of this            | White Christmas         |
| 27. Popular destination during Wakes Weeks | Blackpool               |
| 28. Decorator's aid                        | White spirit            |
| 29. Innocuous falsehood                    | White lie               |
| 30. He was fast                            | Roger Black             |
| 31. Government document                    | White Paper             |
| 32. This sang 'in the dead of night'       | Blackbird               |
| 33. A shiner                               | Black eye               |
| 34. He knocks at the door                  | Black Rod               |

35. Sent to some during WWI	White feather
36. She started as White	Cilla Black
37. Disastrous day at the market	Black Monday
38. Wilkie's woman	Woman in White
39. Deadly Spider	Black Widow
40. Fishy enticement	Whitebait
41. Cover up	Whitewash
42. He forges a career	Blacksmith
43. You may see blue birds here	White Cliffs of Dover
44. Seen a ghost	White as a sheet
45. Dark knot	Black tie
46. Strike breaker	Black leg
47. If you're in this you won't see anything	White/Blackout
48. Show of surrender	White flag
49. Unseen hazard	Black ice
50. Ne'er do well	Black sheep

Congratulations to Janice Hickman and Jenny Lavender who won the quiz.

A big thank you to all who supported the Christmas Tree Festival. £600 was raised for The Salvation Army and Dementia UK. In addition to this the West Bromwich Building Society very generously donated £500 to each of the charities.

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## All snarled up

With thoughtless and impatient hands,  
 We tangle up the Plans the Lord hath wrought;  
 And when we cry in pain, He saith,  
 'Be still, while I untie the knot.'

Anonymous

# What is TWAM?

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So, if you have **any** tools you know longer need, let me know, and I will take them to a collection point.

Thank you.

**Chris Williams 01902-672880**

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## Christ the Hiding Place

A prayer of Soren Kierkegaard (1813 – 1855)

The birds have their nests and the foxes their holes. But you were homeless, Lord Jesus, with nowhere to rest your head. And yet you were a hiding-place where the sinner could flee. Today you are still such a hiding-place, and I flee to you. I hide myself under your wings, and your wings cover the multitude of my sins.

## Ladies' Society December

In early December, Ladies enjoyed two celebratory events. The first was a "Bring and Share Supper", held in the Meeting Room, and the second, a venture to Upper Gornal's Italian restaurant La Casita where we enjoyed fabulous food and excellent service.

Entertainment at the "Bring and Share Supper" was provided by Ken Gilks entitled "Odes to Life and Laughter".

Ken introduced himself as a man who lived life through humour and in poking fun at many of life's experiences he decided to commit to pen and wrote "Odes" about many of these.

Ken read a selection of his writings to us:-

"Looking at changed values". Was the steam roller and the smell of tar really a good memory, or pure nostalgia?

"The Good Old Days". Were the events of old really the best, or is it that our memories have softened? Would we really like to endure the strict discipline of school days and the uncomfortable homes with no modern facilities? Clearly not!

"The microwave". Life in the fast lane today means everything must be instant but incorrect timing can produce the "well - cooked Christmas Pudding", i.e. a burnt offering!

Ken ended his readings on a theme of Christmas with:-

"Christmas Time". Fun was made here at the greed of commercial adverts and the profit to be made by the big giants Tesco etc. Would they have Winterfest instead of the Nativity?

"Thoughts of Santa's Grotto". Ken recalled the time he played Santa at a school event and the challenge to remain Santa when children poked and pulled his beard and asked: Are you the caretaker?

Finally "Where is Jesus?"

Amidst all the bustle of Christmas preparations a child asks: "Where is Jesus?" and after several unacceptable answers is told, "Jesus is everywhere. He is with you and me!"

Thanks Ken. What a lovely ending!

We meet in the New Year on January 8th to hear more of Mary Zielonka's "Letters from Canada".

"Happy New Year" to you all.

**Anne Wakefield**

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## **Say it to God - In Search of Prayer - The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2018**

By Luigi Gioia, Bloomsbury £9.99

Luigi Gioia provides a welcome encouragement to all those who feel the need to freshen their practise of prayer. For Gioia, prayer is not about methods or techniques, but trusting that God is truly interested in everything that happens to us and wants to hear about it.

The book leads the reader into the theological aspects of prayer and how it relates to Christ, to the Holy Spirit and to the Church. This is done without using complex theological concepts, but simply through scriptural quotations. Chapters are kept brief intentionally to make the book suitable for daily reading over the Lenten period. With a foreword by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Say it to God demonstrates that the everyday, even the most mundane of tasks and situations, can be applied in deepening our practise of prayer.



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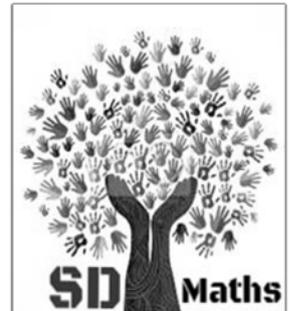


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# On the perils of parish cook books

The Rectory  
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for your contribution to our proposed parish cook book, “My favourite weekday dinner at home” – although I have to say that baked beans on a baked potato was a little unadventurous, even if I suspect, sadly, true.

It is remarkable how many of my parishioners, when they know they will appear in print, apparently dine sumptuously every evening in their own homes. I could not help but feel that Miss Carruthers’ “weekday” recipe for “Gratinee de Coquilles Saint Jacques” was taking imagination rather too far, when everyone knows she lives on scrambled eggs on toast on a tray in front of the television.

Asking the bishop to write the preface for our cook book has not turned out entirely successfully, since the greater part of it extolled the virtues of fasting. I suspect this may have something to do with his attraction to lean, muscular Christianity and his disapproval of my ample waistline. And when attending a social occasion at the bishop’s palace, “lean” would definitely be my description of the size of the sherry he pours.

When you buy a copy of the book – which I am sure you will do as an act of solidarity – do not attempt to follow Colonel Humphrey’s recipe for a Madras curry. His father acquired a taste for it when he was serving in India and, regrettably, he brought the recipe back to England. It is guaranteed to reduce the bravest of men to tears; the Colonel’s four pink gins before dinner seem to give him a certain anaesthetic protection.

The editor returned my own recipe, mentioning that the “two large glasses of red wine” specified in the list of ingredients was not mentioned in the recipe. I had thought it was perfectly obvious that they were there to be drunk while making the meal.

The project is to raise funds to repair our medieval tower, which our architect tells us is largely held in place by its own weight. It is rather comforting to think that we shall preserve it for another generation by selflessly eating our way through roast pork, beef Wellington and chicken cooked in a wide variety of unpronounceable French sauces.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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## **Before the World**

Before the world our lives were planned  
By God, the Lord who loves we two;  
He knew that you would take my hand,  
He knew that we'd be ever true.

And so He brought our paths to meet  
He set ablaze the fires of love!  
He chose to make our lives complete  
He sent His Spirit from above.

I love you more than words can say  
And, though these years have passed us by,  
I love you more each passing day -  
I'll love you till the day I die.

By Nigel Beeton

## **The oldest Bible comes back to the UK**

The world's oldest surviving complete Latin Bible returns to the UK this autumn. It left these shores for Rome 1302 years ago, when monks in the northeast of England sent it as a gift to Pope Gregory II.

The Codex Amiatinus was one of only three produced at the twin monasteries of Wearmouth and Jarrow. (One has since got lost, and the other survives in fragments.) It was kept safe for centuries at the Abbey of the Saviour in Monte Amiata, in Tuscany. Then in the 18th century it was sent to the Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana, in Florence.

It is the Laurenziana which has now agreed to send it back to the UK, alongside the Lindisfarne Gospels, for its exhibition 'Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms', which begins in October.

The Bible is 12 inches thick, and weighs 35kg. It contains both Old and New Testaments, and was written on 1030 leaves made from the skins of at least 515 sheep. It has been called one of the greatest treasures of Anglo-Saxon times.

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## **Fair-trade Fortnight**

Fair-trade Fortnight 2018 February 26th to March 11<sup>th</sup>. Look out for special offers in the Supermarkets, Banners in the Bull Ring and a display in the porch at the Library. The Annual Fair-trade Coffee Morning with Fair-trade refreshments and food and Craft Stalls will take place at the Community Association Hall, Ladies Walk on Saturday February 17th 10.00am till 12.00 noon. All Saints will be hosting a similar one on Friday March 2nd in their church. St Andrews Fair-trade service will be held on Sunday February 25th and All saints will hold theirs on Sunday March 4th.



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## Love is...

What do children know about love? When questioned, some four to eight year olds came up with the following:

- When you're born and see your mummy for the first time. That's love.
- Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.
- If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who hates you.
- Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.
- I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.
- You have to fall in love before you get married. Then when you're married, you just sit around and read books together.
- I let my big sister pick on me because my Mum says she only picks on me because she loves me.
- Love goes on even when you stop breathing, and you pick up where you left off when you reach Heaven.
- Love cards like Valentine's cards say stuff on them that we'd like to say ourselves, but we wouldn't be caught dead saying it.
- When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.

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## Good to volunteer

What is your work-life balance? Ideally, it should be a four-way effort of family, work, leisure and - very important - volunteering.

That is the belief of Sir Nick Parker, who served as Commander of the Land Forces from 2010 to 2012. He argues that young people, of between 10 and 20 years old especially, will themselves be helped by regular volunteering, as it helps them learn new skills, increases their resilience and self-confidence, and can improve their social mobility and life chances.

Now Sir Nick Parker has been calling on the Government to encourage people of all ages to get used to volunteering, as not only could it help revitalise civil society, it also can help young people to grow and mature, and get into the habit of playing an active, useful role in their communities.

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### **Church pledges £24 million for nationwide new projects**

The Church of England's Strategic Investment Board will invest £24.4 million in funding for projects across the country, as part of the Renewal and Reform programme.

An ambitious project in Blackburn Diocese, aimed at opening new churches in deprived urban estates, is one of those which has been singled out for funding. The project will focus on training new leaders, both lay and ordained, with a view to providing a model for other dioceses, while also strengthening mission in the areas where the work is located.

Other schemes to receive Strategic Development Funding (SDF) include projects in Leeds, Liverpool and Sheffield as well as piloting new approaches to mission in rural areas in Winchester Diocese.



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- Memory is what tells a man his wedding anniversary was yesterday.
- My wife says I never listen, or something like that...
- Doctor: 'Has there been any insanity in your family?'  
Woman: 'I'm afraid so. My husband sometimes thinks he's the boss.'
- Halfway through a romantic dinner, my husband smiled and said, 'You look so beautiful under these lights.' I was falling in love all over again when he added, 'We really should get some of these lights.'
- 'Love is when a little old woman and a little old man are still friends, even after they've been married forever.' Tommy - age 6
- For our honeymoon, my fiancée and I chose a fashionable hotel known for its luxurious suites. When I called to make reservations, the desk clerk inquired, 'Is this for a special occasion?'  
  
'Yes,' I replied. 'It's our honeymoon.'  
'And how many adults will there be?' she asked.
- While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace were told by the instructor that it was essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other. He addressed Tom. 'For instance, can you name your wife's favourite flower?'  
Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, 'It's self-raising, isn't it?'  
The rest of the story gets rather ugly, so I'll stop right here.
- First friend: 'Who are you working for these days?'  
Second friend: 'Same people. The wife and four kids.'

# SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

## FEBRUARY 2018

### 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

All Saints	8 am – The Revd Catherine Mitchell
	10:30am - The Revd Catherine Mitchell
	6:30pm – Evensong - The Revd Catherine Mitchell
St Andrew's	9:30am – Worship for All – Canon Jan Humphries
St Peter's	10:30am – Revd Canon Judith Oliver

### 11<sup>th</sup> February, Sunday Before Lent

All Saints	8am – The Revd Guy Hewlett
	10:30am – Worship for All – Canon Jan Humphries
	6:30pm – Evensong – The Revd Guy Hewlett
St Andrew's	9:30am - The Revd Guy Hewlett
St Peter's	10:30am – The Revd Catherine Mitchell

### 14<sup>th</sup> February, Ash Wednesday

All Saints	7:30pm – The Revd Guy Hewlett
St Peter's	10:00am – The Revd Catherine Mitchell

### 18<sup>th</sup> February, Lent 1

All Saints	8am – the Revd Catherine Mitchell
	10:30am – The Revd Guy Hewlett
	6:30pm – Evensong - Canon Jan Humphries
St Andrew's	9:30am – Worship for All - Canon Jan Humphries
St Peter's	10:30am – The Revd Catherine Mitchell

### 25<sup>th</sup> February, Lent 2

All Saints	8am – Revd Guy Hewlett
	10:30am – Revd Guy Hewlett
	6:30pm – Compline – The Revd Catherine Mitchell
St Andrew's	9:30am – The Revd Catherine Mitchell
St Peter's	10:30am – Worship for All – Suzanne Bradley