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Since you have the things you have to do, be wise to do some of the things you want to do *Malcolm Forbes*

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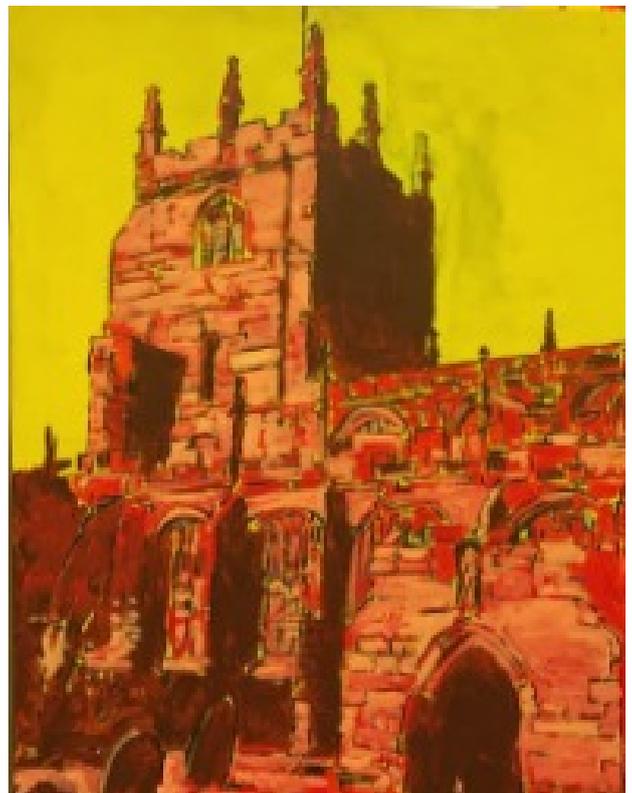
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Community news

Warmest congratulations to **Rebecca Shears** and **Rory Hesketh** on their **engagement** on 7 December in Heidelberg, Germany.

Congratulations to **Louise Leach** and **Richard Cleary**, married at St Boniface on Saturday 4 January.

In lieu of gifts, the couple asked guests to donate to the British Heart Foundation in memory of Louise's father, John

Benjamin Leach. She and Richard then matched the total donations and together raised an amazing £9,350.

Many congratulations to **Jeannie France-Hayhurst**, who celebrated her 70th birthday in January.

A police surgery will be held in Bunbury on Sunday 16 February 1-2pm in the Pavilion.

On Thursday 13 February at 7.30pm the **WI** will hear about the Neuromuscular Centre in Winsford, the centre of excellence for people and families affected by a neuromuscular condition. Visitors welcome £4 including refreshments. Contact Sue Watson 01829 260642 or via the Bunbury WI Facebook page.

Tuesday Club – Thank you to Henry and team for providing the lunch for £5. All are welcome; some come for lunch and don't stay for games. Popular games are a domino game called Chicken Feet and Scrabble. Last week a large group went to see *Little Women*. Our next trip may be to see *The Secret Garden*. Come along – we are a friendly lot and enjoy ourselves. For details ring Elaine Crotty 01829 260648.

Bunbury Gardening Club – The February a talk is on "The story of the humble snowdrop" by Steve Halliwell on Tuesday 18 February at 7.30pm in the village hall. New members and visitors are welcome.



A **coffee morning** will be held on Tuesday 18 February 9.30am-12pm at Gosland House, Bowes Gate Road, Bunbury (250507) to raise funds for **MIND** and **FAIR** (Funding for Auto Immune Research). Good company, homemade cakes, a raffle and a book stall on offer. Donations of raffle prizes, recipe books, biographies and "chick lit" appreciated on the day or in advance.

Many thanks to **Pat Holmes-Henderson** for delivering the Link in Peckforton for many years. **Can anyone volunteer to deliver eight copies in Stonehouse Lane from Garden Cottage?** Contact Vicky Riley 01829 260579 or bunburyparishoffice@gmail.com

Thank you for all the generous donations to our local **foodbank**. They still urgently need: long-life milk; fruit juices; tinned cold meat; and coffee at the moment.

Sunday School helpers sought - Many thanks to Amber and Kay for many years of service at our Sunday School club. We are looking for new volunteers to help with our provision for children and young people on Sunday mornings. Please contact Beth, our youth worker, if you can help. Please email: bunburyyouthworker@gmail.com

Everyday Faith is a Church of England discipleship campaign starting Sunday 12 January. 21 days of reflection and prayers to help you find & follow God in everyday life will be available through campaign emails, an app, social media, audio and a booklet from Church House Publishing.



Friday at Tilly's – Coffee and cake every Friday, from 10am–11.30am. Coffee £1. Contact Amber Middlemiss 261437.

Bunbury Youth Club – Monday nights 7–8.30pm at St Boniface. Contact Rev Tim revtimhayward@gmail.com for details.

A word from the editor

Let's hope for some drier weather soon. Although we are thinking of the events that the church is planning, all organisations are planning events and we must remember Village Day on 20 June. Organising our mini festival (I am sure my hair is even whiter than before!) has made me realise how organised the Village Day committee is. Volunteers are key to making village events a success. Thank you to all those people who give their time to make Bunbury such a special place to live.

700 Years

Event planning is gathering momentum!

25 April Belle Voci (from 'The Voice') in concert at St Boniface.

9 May VE Day weekend – Cycle Sportive and family fun at Beeston Castle.

4 July St Bonifest – a day of live music on the playing fields.

17–19 July Flower Festival at St Boniface.

13 Sept Meet the Bells event at St Boniface, with afternoon tea and art exhibition.

19 Sept Classical concert at St Boniface with the acclaimed pianist Kathryn Stott.

The Sportive will start and end at Beeston Castle. The routes will be 50 miles and 25 miles. Tickets will be sold on Eventbrite. Keen cyclists: please spread the word.

Help needed

If you can help in any way or would like to sponsor any event, please go to the St Boniface website: <https://www.stbonifacebunbury.org/copy-of-700-years>. To find out more about what we can offer you in return, please contact coachbellis@gmail.com

If you would like to knit poppies (we need lots) please contact Elaine Crotty 01829 260648.

Are you creative? We are looking for someone to make a crown for Elizabeth I.

If you have any information on the names of those listed on the war memorial, please pass it on to Margaret Bourne on 01829 260944.

The Flower Festival ~ Flower Arrangers experienced or inexperienced needed. First meeting in March.

The copy deadline for the March issue of the Link is Friday 7 February. The magazine should be in church on Saturday 29 February. Notices to bunburyparishoffice@gmail.com



TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar

2020 — celebrating 700 years of St Boniface

Celebrating 700 Years of Village Life



The following sermon was preached in January to mark the significant year ahead.

2020 is a significant year in the life of our parish. We will be celebrating 700 years of God's faithfulness with us in our beautiful building, as well as in the lives of Christians throughout the generations. I've often said, "If walls could talk, these walls would tell us a thousand stories!" — of faith, of hope and of love — of this place being at the heart of our communities for 700 years and counting.

As we worship in this building surrounded by its pillars, I want us to think about the building up of our lives and five key pillars that will continue to support our faith and the building up of the communities we represent. I want to share with you five key statements of our faith. They're not rocket science, but they have the power to transform our life together. And if you're like me, already struggling with New Year resolutions, let these five key statements sink deep within your soul and power your life and Christian commitment. These statements are not just for you, but key messages we must share with our wider community during this special year.

The first key statement, key pillar is this: **God created you**. That's created, not manufactured. Everything manufactured is a product. But everything created is a miracle. Yes, we give thanks for this remarkable building and the labour of love it represents. But more importantly we give thanks for each other. You and your neighbours are all a walking miracle.

Our creation in the womb is like the creation of the world: it's a thing of limitless wonder, complexity, care - a mixture of biology and poetry, a blend of the physical and the spiritual - and it happens not randomly, but for a reason. God made you because God wanted you. So creation isn't a once-for-all thing: God continues to craft you, like a potter with clay on the wheel, deftly and painstakingly, with wisdom and skill and attention.

The second key statement is this, the second pillar for our lives is this: **God has set you free**. This part really goes into the depths of your soul. It says, 'Don't be afraid!' Throughout the Bible, whenever people encounter God they're terrified. They're terrified by God's holiness – but also by their own shortcomings. 'Do not fear' means God sees you, God knows you, God understands you, and God forgives you. You don't have to have any secrets from God. You don't have to play games. God's beyond all that, and sees beyond all that. God has redeemed you.

I don't know if you've had the experience of being in a restaurant or pub with some friends and the bill costs more than you meant it to and you start the edgy process of asking for the bill and wondering how

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From the potting shed

I know it's cold and wet, but there are still jobs to be done in the garden.

In the vegetable patch I have garlic and shallots which have overwintered and are now beginning to take off. The birds are having fun pulling out the shallots!

The late cropping raspberry canes have now been cut back and the patch has been tidied ready for new planting.

The new seed catalogues have begun dropping through the door and I enjoy choosing the crops I want to plant throughout the year.

If you have a bowl of hyacinths which are beginning to go over don't discard them. Let

them die down and then plant them in a corner of your garden for some colour next spring. Your daffodils, tulips and iris should have been planted last autumn ready for a beautiful display in the spring.

I like to see a tidy garden, a light mowing with the cutters of the mower raised and the edges cut will make all the difference to the look of the lawn.

So happy gardening. Don't forget there is always a job for you to tackle during the winter months either in the garden or in the potting shed.

Listen out for "From the Potting Shed" on CAT 107.9 radio, the Jeff Allan show on a Thursday lunchtime at the end of February.

Walking for health report

January 2020

The Walking for Health group met for their annual Christmas lunch on the 11 December after completing their usual walks. The lunch took place at The Nags Head in the centre of the village where they were well looked after by Henry and his team.

This year, Christmas and New Year's days fell on Wednesdays and consequently walks did not take place on these days. December and January saw heavy rainfall which rendered many of the cross-field walks unusable and so the majority of walks took place on lanes and village footpaths. Thankfully the weather did not force

any of the regular Wednesday walks to be cancelled and a good number of people have been able to attend.

With the Christmas festivities well behind us, now is a good time to consider increasing regular exercise, not just in order to shed those extra pounds that we have put on, but to improve overall health and wellbeing. Walking in the fresh air is a great way to help to clear your mind and simply make you feel more alive. The Walking for Health group is an easy way to start. Walks are arranged to cater for all capabilities including those who need walking aids to get around.

The Walking for Health group meet every Wednesday morning at Bunbury

Methodist Church. Walks start promptly at 10:30 am and are finished by noon. Look out for the sign on the church door. There is no fee to pay and no special equipment is required.

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A day in the life of...

It's an early start for day two of our Christmas tree collection. With 48 teams there is lots to co-ordinate, so we are in the office at first light.

Trees are collected from over 3,000 addresses with an average donation of £11.40 raising over £34,000. In the Parish Link area 234 trees will be collected. The trees in the CW6 area are collected by Tarporley Rotarians and this year the normal village trio of Kevin Thompson, Derek Pegg and Keith Parkes are having time off and so SP Energy Networks are supporting the cause. Each team nominate a small local charity or organisation to receive part of the income. In CW6 it will be Tarporley Cottage Hospital.

All is going well so I 'go off piste' and spend some time with the team in the office looking at the marketing of our main events which have just been released. The biggest events are the Midnight Walk which has a special place in the heart of many Bunbury people as it was only started because our lovely friend Claudia Maclauchlin. She badgered me into to creating it. Thank goodness she did. It is still our biggest fundraiser. We look at our Bubble Rush event which we created five years ago in conjunction with local company Extreme Adventure. This event is now nationwide and raises hundreds of thousands for hospice care. Our newest event is Woof Mudder which is a dog and owner muddy obstacle course at Dorfold Hall in Nantwich. Over a cup of tea we have a giggle watching the antics of some of the dogs and owners from last year's event.

BUT... we speak too soon! A call comes to say we have a situation with one of the vans that local 'good egg' Richard Warriner of Event Equipment loans us for our volunteers. It's a bit of a nightmare and it's our fault! Taking the van off the road for the rest of the day

... St Luke's Jane Thompson

and for the weekend means around 500 of our trees won't be collected.

Bunbury folk to the rescue again: Chris Merton of D&M Motors responds to Richard's call for help. They agree to forgo their Friday early doors drink in the Yew Tree to get the van on the ramp. With lots of effort the van is back in action for Saturday.

The panic has put us behind so we decide to grab a bowl of soup from the hospice (lovely food always on hand) and work into the evening. I am so lucky to have a dedicated team who love the hospice and give so much more than their paid time. It is such a humbling experience to do a job that you know makes a real contribution to the wonderful care St Luke's Hospice can offer to patients and their families and which is completely free at the point of care. It does however cost over £9,000 a day to provide.

Every day is different. I love our big events but also some of the diverse



things we do to raise money. One of my favourites is the development of our own amazing AT30 gin which has been a huge success for us and we are now into our second run of another 1000 bottles.

We will be collecting locally on 15 February which is our annual bucket collection day. We hope to have permission to be in Bunbury so you will probably see Jill Robey and me shaking buckets. Please be kind to us.



WOOF MUDDER 2020
Dorfold Hall, Nantwich
Sunday 29th March 2020

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Sue Briggs-Harris was born in Bury, near Manchester, in 1965 and moved to Knutsford when she was six. After leaving school at 18, she followed her father into journalism. She worked for the Knutsford Guardian for four years as a reporter before joining the Shropshire Star and then the Manchester Evening News as a news sub-editor. When the editor of the paid-for Knutsford Guardian retired, Sue took an £8,000-a-year pay cut to return to the paper she loved. Together, she and her small team went on to achieve record newspaper sales. When Newsquest finally closed the office after 180-odd years, Sue turned down the opportunity to edit five newspapers, and opted for voluntary redundancy. She went on to launch Britain's first-ever gay wedding magazine and in March last year launched The Paper in Bunbury. Sue lives in the village with her civil partner Caroline and their two young children Joseph and Harriet.

If you had a motto what would it be?

Adversity makes you stronger.

It's a celebrity beer call who would you invite?

Jesus, Adolf Hitler, Joan of Arc and Neil Armstrong. I am not sure how they would all get on but I wouldn't be short of questions for all of them.

What would you call your autobiography?

Be nice to people on the way up because you may meet them on the way down.

What was your first job?

My first real job was as a trainee reporter on the Knutsford Guardian which I joined when I was 18. At 16, I sold fruit and veg from the side of the road in Knutsford.

What would you change about Bunbury if you could?

Bunbury is an amazing place to live and work and the people here are so friendly. If I could change anything, it would be to see an end to the parking problems

outside the Co-op and a new sports centre to replace the pavilion.

What is the best book you have read to date?

Wild Swans by Jung Chang.

What is your biggest regret?

Not being brave enough to be open about who I was when I was younger.

If you were granted one wish, what would it be?

That we could all remember that it's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice.

What is one thing people would be surprised to learn about you?

The American singer Barry Manilow delayed the production of his album, Live in Britain, so he could feature my review of his Manchester concert on the album cover.

What would you like to achieve most over the next 12 months?

I would love The Paper to become a real part of people's lives.

What is your favourite place and why?

The Lake District. I have always loved it up there ever since my parents started taking us on holiday to Mungrisdale every October. There's nothing better than standing on top of a mountain and gazing at the view. If God exists, I think that's where you will find Him.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

On the top of a mountain in the Lake District with Caroline and our two young children Joseph and Harriet.



Sue Briggs-Harris

From my bookshelf

Redemption by Thomas Pendrie

Thomas Pendrie was born in Cheshire just after the war and now lives in Australia. His Cheshire roots mean that references to our small corner of England come through in this book with some of the action set in Nantwich and at Beeston Castle.

Redemption tells the story of Robert Faulkner who is drafted into a top-secret experimental facility during World War 2 with catastrophic results for the rest of his life. As Robert gradually rediscovers his past he finds evidence of great harm and sets out to seek the redemption of the title on behalf of society at large. Along the way, he discovers love and how he can reshape his future.

The book can best be described as a mixture of science fiction with new age mysticism. The author has, in my view, a habit of pronouncing on issues and the line between his views and those of the characters can be blurred. One of those issues is religion, which Mr Pendrie has no time for, but that could just

be my unconscious bias. I suspect that if you are a fan of Paul Coelho, you will enjoy this book. Some of the issues raised in the book are very important and are sensitively handled. The story does move along at a good pace and, as mentioned, has many references to nearby Cheshire locations that will keep us locals entertained.

Paige Turner



Celia Smyth's recipe for February



Split pea and ham soup

Ingredients

- 1 ham hock
- 200g split peas, soaked overnight
- 2 onions, roughly chopped
- 2 carrots, roughly chopped
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 or 2 sticks of celery, roughly chopped
- 300g frozen peas

This is one of our favourites over the winter months – a thick, warming and utterly delicious soup. I think it originally came from a recipe by John Torode of MasterChef fame, but it is ideal for these colder months.

Put the ham hock in a very large pan with all the other ingredients except the frozen peas, add about 2 litres water to cover it all and bring to the boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook for 1–2 hours, topping up the water as and when you need to, to a similar level it started at (or, if you have one, put it in the bottom over of the Aga for several hours). When the ham is tender enough to pull into shreds, it is ready.

Lift out the ham, peel off and discard the skin and bone. While it is still hot (wear a clean pair of rubber gloves), shred the meat. Remove bay from the soup and stir in the frozen peas. Simmer for 1 minute, then blend until smooth. Add a splash of water if too thick, and return to the pan to heat through if it has cooled, or if you are making ahead.

When you are ready to serve, mix the hot soup with most of the ham – gently reheat if made ahead. Serve in bowls with the remaining ham scattered on top, and eat with crusty bread and butter.

Bunbury school news

New Year, new term, new topic...

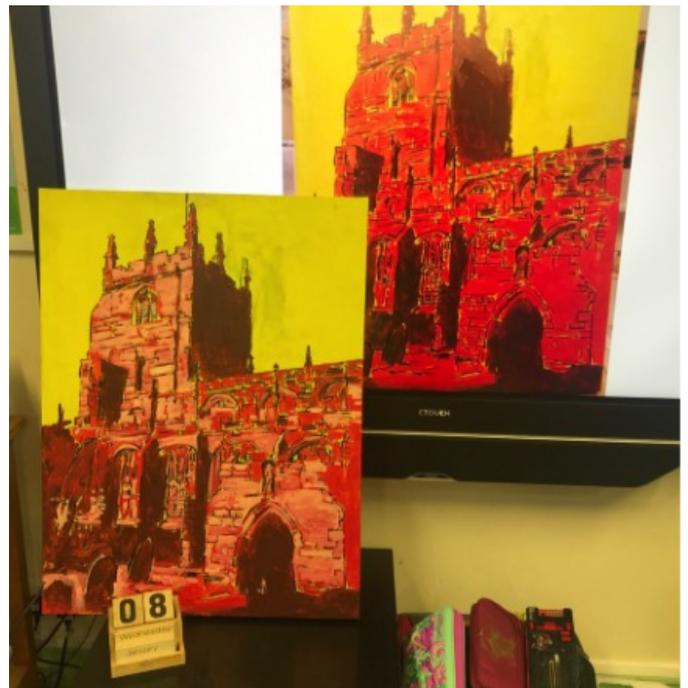
Happy New Year from everyone at Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School.

During the first week back in the new year Bunbury school received a full section 5 Ofsted inspection. The inspection took place under the new inspection schedule which came into place in September 2019.

I am incredibly proud of all the staff and children at the school. During the inspection all the school staff worked tirelessly to demonstrate to the inspectors through conversations and lessons, life at Bunbury Primary school. We are delighted that the school has been rated Good overall, and Outstanding in three out of five categories. I feel incredibly privileged to work with such an inspirational group of professionals who on a daily basis uphold our school's vision for primary education. I would like to thank everyone connected with the school for their support.

During the spring term learning across the school is based around the following text: **Timelines**. The children will be looking at different periods within history comparing them with life today. Finding out key facts and knowledge from that time.

As part of our History work, year 6 enjoyed an art workshop with Jon Clayton, from Kelsall Primary School.



The artwork, which links to the children's history project and also the 700th anniversary of St Boniface church, can only be described as amazing. The artwork, created as part of the two-day workshop, provided the children with the chance to explore different techniques and media building on previous learning in art.



History of St Boniface

The year 2020 marks the nominal 700th anniversary of the founding of the present church, the third church building believed to occupy the site. It is unfortunate that an actual founding date cannot be given, due to the absence of documentary evidence; the nominal date, therefore, derives from architectural considerations. However, as the building clearly took very many years to complete a precise date becomes less significant. This point is described by George Ormerod (1785-1873), Cheshire's premier historian, in the slightly shortened extract, as follows:

"The building dates from the earlier part of the 14th century, the year 1320 having been assigned as the approximate date

date of the erection of the older parts—the tower and the chancel. The style of these portions is consequently the decorated, the tracery varying from a very fine pure style of decorated in the west window to a kind of semi-flamboyant in the windows of the chancel. The east window presents a beautiful specimen of decorated tracery, the stone work being in remarkably good preservation.

"The nave, however, is perpendicular, of a period of at least a hundred years later than the tower and chancel the pillars and walls of the arcade being about one-third less in thickness than the original arcade, as can be seen from the remains left at the tower end."

This description of Bunbury church indicates that the evolution was none too simple. There are several features of interest such as changes in fashionable architectural styles, together with alterations in the nave design and that building operations continued for many years. Thus, within the limitations noted above, 1520 marks the start of the building of the third church on the site – of the gothic, decorated pointed-arch, style – from the then existing Norman, round-arch, style church standing on the site. Building thereafter continued, off and on, until 1527 when the Ridley chapel completed the church ground plan known today. Even by 1320, the church and parish of Bunbury had undergone two previous phases in its history, the first of which is described here.

Phase 1: The Anglo-Saxon period c.750-1066

It is not unreasonable to suppose that Bunbury parish was established towards the close of the seventh century when the parochial system was introduced in England. Even though the exact dates of the founding of the church are unknown, they are possibly linked with the influence of St Boniface, which would explain the rather rare dedication to that saint. St. Boniface was an important missionary to Germany and the Low countries. Apart from the patronal dedication there is no evidence to connect him with Bunbury. Nevertheless, a later Bunbury vicar and historian, Rev Maurice H. Ridgway, asserted: "The evidence seems to point to the fact that Ethelbald, king of Mercia, may have been responsible for the establishment of the first church on the site shortly after 755 A.D." The evidence, however, was not revealed, though Bunbury is almost certainly the most northerly church in England dedicated to St Boniface. Almost certainly the first Bunbury church would have been of wooden construction and may have been similar to the only surviving English Saxon church at Greenstead-juxta-Ongar, Essex. It is believed that there is just one possible Saxon stone relic in Cheshire – a sarcophagus – and is to to be found in Bunbury! This can be seen outside, close to the south nave wall. To be continued...

John Elsworth, Churchwarden 1992-2001

Church diary for February

Sunday 2 February	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
Wednesday 5 February	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 9 February	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 12 February	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 16 February	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.00am Third Sunday brunch 11.00am Morning Worship 6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface
Wednesday 19 February	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 23 February	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 26 February Ash Wednesday	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 1 March	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley

Sky notes for February



line from Orion's belt through the Hyades and about half the distance again. The Pleiades are much further away in space; the stars are also younger and hotter. How many stars can you make out in the Pleiades? Older eyes can generally see six, whereas younger eyes can sometimes make out a dozen or more. In fact, many of the stars are too faint to be seen with the naked eye, so try using binoculars or a small telescope. In total there are over 3,000 stars in the cluster and they were formed

The February evening sky is dominated by the bright constellation of Orion in the south. If you follow the line of the three stars that make Orion's belt upwards and to the right, you will get to a small V-shaped group of stars. In Greek mythology these make up the head of Taurus the Bull and the brightest star, Aldebaran, is his baleful blood-red eye. Aldebaran is a red giant star, slightly heavier than our Sun, but much larger.

The Bull's head is a cluster of stars called the Hyades. Taurus has another famous star cluster: the Pleiades, sometimes called the Seven Sisters. You can find them by continuing the

about 100 million years ago.

In Japan, the Pleiades are known as "Subaru". It was chosen as the brand name of Subaru motor cars to reflect the origins of the firm as the joining of several companies and is depicted in the company's six-star logo (the logo designers apparently could only see six stars!).

Venus continues to shine brightly in February. Look for out in the south-west after sunset. It will be obvious at the brightest "star" in the sky.

Clear skies!

Bunbury Stargazer

Parish Council pursuits

Parish Meeting held 8 January. Seven Councillors in attendance plus Sarah Pochin, Ward Councillor. Councillor Mark Ireland-Jones took the meeting.

The Royal British Legion made a presentation of a certificate to Nick Parker in recognition of his 26 years loyal service supporting the Remembrance Services in Bunbury.

A number of highways issues were discussed including pot holes, gully emptying, street cleaning and speeding along school lane. Cllr Pochin has taken a number of specific issues back to Cheshire East Council. Residents are

reminded that potholes or flooding can be reported on the Cheshire East website. A Highways study on traffic flow was completed last year by Cheshire East Council and we are awaiting the results of these.

The Council will be delivering food waste caddies to all homes with a garden waste bin. Residents should transfer food waste from the kitchen to the garden bin, rather than leaving out the food caddy on bin day.

Happy New Year to all Bunburians...keep a smile on your face!

Leila Potter – Local Press Officer

Calveley pupils design inspirational Christmas cards

At Calveley Chapel the popular Nine Lessons and Carols Service held on 15 December, supported by the choir from St Boniface, celebrated a Christmas tradition that was first started in 1880 by Bishop Benson (later to become the Archbishop of Canterbury) and the best known version of which is at Kings

College Cambridge. The beautiful card designs on the "follow the star" theme that helped to decorate the Chapel were done by young pupils at Calveley School. The winners were Harry Weaver for KS2 and Beau Hall for KS1/EYFS. Well done to all the entrants.





The 700 years of St Boniface celebratory events will raise money for three charities: Hope House, St Luke's Hospice and Tarporley War Memorial Hospital. These events will attract significant crowds and fantastic corporate sponsorship opportunities are available (more on that soon). The proceeds from the Beeston fete will go to St Boniface as usual.

If you feel able to help in any way, or would like to find out more about what we can offer you in return, please contact Elaine Crotty.

Dates for your diary

Celebrations start with a special service on Easter Sunday 12 April and end with the Harvest Festival on Sunday 27 September

25 April – **Belle Voci** (the opera duo from 'The Voice') in concert at St Boniface

9 May – VE Day weekend- **Cycle Sportif** and **family fun** at **Beeston Castle**

4 July – **St Bonifest** – a day of live music on the playing fields.

17–19 July – **Flower Festival** at St Boniface

13 Sept – **Meet the Bells** event at St Boniface, with afternoon tea and art/photographic exhibition.

19 Sept – **Piano concert** featuring internationally recognized **Kathryn Stott**, whom *The Times* described as "one of the most versatile pianists on the circuit"

Date TBA – '**Alive**' event in the day followed by a Harvest supper at St Boniface



Bunbury Bowling Club



We are looking for new Members to join our club

The green is open for practice on Monday afternoons
Come along for a trial and a cup of tea
1.30 pm
Free tuition

Contact : Brian Blake 01829 260700

St Luke's Hospice is one of the charities that St Boniface is fundraising for this year.

Jane Thompson who is the fundraiser for St Lukes lives in Bunbury and has very kindly written 'A day in the life of' column in this issue (see p7), the column written by Jill Robey in December, who also works at St Luke's. St Luke's is a very special place and needs to raise £9000 a day to keep going.

At St Luke's, quality of life is at the heart of everything we do; we understand that curative treatment is not always an option, but bringing life to days is.

St Luke's offers a wide range of services to support people living with life limiting illnesses in mid and south Cheshire. The focus is on caring, so whether you come for symptom control, end of life care or complementary therapies, you will find a positive environment staffed with professionals who support your individual needs.

Their 24-hour helpline staffed by qualified nurses or doctors will answer any palliative care queries from healthcare professionals, carers and patients on 01606 555489. For specific enquiries regarding symptom control please contact your GP.

Referrals for any of their services can be made via your GP, Macmillan Nurse, District Nurse or any other healthcare professional involved in your care.

Please support the 700 Years events this year.

Celebrating 700 years of St Boniface

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you'll divide it up; and then one of your friends comes back from the loo and you find they've already paid. Paid the lot. You feel embarrassed and grateful and relieved all at the same time. I have a wonderful friend like that, who demonstrates real generosity, real grace regularly.

Friends, God has redeemed you. You've been set free; the wrong you've done is forgiven, the damage you've done God is putting right, the hurt you've inflicted God is healing.

God says, 'I have called you by name, you are mine.'

You know how they say a mother can recognise her baby's cry even in a crowded room? That's how God knows you. God made everyone, but regards you as if you were the only one. God has no favourites but has called you by name. Family and friends may say, 'There's always a place for you at my table, always a place on my sofa, always a bed if you're in trouble.' But that's what God says to you all the time. With God, it's forever.

And this leads me to the third statement, the third key pillar of our faith: **God is always with you.** Notice what this says and what it doesn't say. It doesn't say bad things won't happen. Tragedy, disaster, conflict and loss will happen. There's no promise here that you'll live a charmed life and nothing will worry you. But see what it does say: you'll be deluged by seas: but you'll pass through them, and God will be

with you. You'll be flooded by rivers, but they'll not overwhelm you, and God will be with you. You'll face pain, loss, grief, shame, calamity: but God will be with you. God will hold your hand. God will walk with you. God will be there. God will never leave you alone.

I love the story of Sir Hugh de Calveley - the mercenary who paid for the construction of this medieval church. He was coming back from one of his crusades and was on a ship carrying 3,000 men when a storm whipped up and threatened all on board. Legend has it only eight men survived the storm, and Sir Hugh was one of them. He held on to the mast of the ship and cried out to God, "If you save me from this storm, I will build you a church in my beloved Cheshire!" The rest is history - our history.

The fourth statement is this: **God gave everything up for you.** Yes God made you, God saved you, God will always be with you, but God gave up everything for you. And we see this fulfilled in the life of Jesus.

And it begs the question: Why?

Knowing what we're like, why would anyone say such things to us, let alone God? What's the catch? Why am I, and why are you, all these things to God? Why did Jesus give his life for you and for me?

And so we come to the fifth and final statement, the fifth pillar: and this is God's answer, if you like. They are the words at the centre of today's gospel, at the heart of Jesus' baptism, and at the essence of Christianity:

God says to you, '**You are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you.**'

Precious, honoured, loved: you need all three.

We're all familiar with the phrase 'God loves you,' and how shallow and superficial it can sound. But it's not shallow here, because it's the climax of these five statements, these five pillars of faith.

God created you; God set you free; God is always with you; God gave up everything for you; and God loves you - or, in reverse order, God loves you, God gave up everything for you, God will always be with you, God saved you, God formed you.

Imagine at the foot of these pillars, three large stones with the words: 'precious, honoured, loved.' The cornerstones of our faith if you like, and they represent the life of our chief Cornerstone: Jesus. At Jesus' baptism the voice from heaven says almost the very same words: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Precious, honoured, and loved.

Let the Spirit whisper these words to you now. Let the ancient sandstones of our magnificent church whisper them to you now. Remember them in the scariest moment of your life and remember them in the good times. They're at the heart of it all. You are precious, honoured and loved. And in this special year, may all our events and special services speak to our wider community and remind us all: that we are precious, honoured and loved.

Happy New Year!!

Contemplative Prayer is on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Ridley Chapel of St Boniface church.

Contemplative Prayer is a way of praying which involves silence rather than the spoken word, thereby giving God a chance to speak to us rather than the other way round. For more details call Rev Mike

Tel no: 01829 261682 or email: mandmrogers@btinternet.com

Monday prayers 9.30am in Ridley Chapel; start the week with ten minutes of quiet reflection.

Prayers

We continue to pray for **Hazel Wilkinson, Cody Bagshaw and Geoff Dickens.** We also pray for all those who are mourning a loved one especially the family and friends of **Senga Carman, Julia Ray and Robin Goodyear.**

Lord, as we approach this season of Lent we ask you to remind us of what is important and what is not; of where we are wandering away and what we need to change: so that by Easter we will be renewed and strengthened for your service in this world.
Susan Sayers



Pat Ellis - Reader Emeritus The Return of the Light

By the end of January, we in the northern hemisphere are getting a bit fed up with the long winter nights and short days.

But whatever the weather may throw at us, minute by minute the days are getting longer and the darkness of winter is turning towards the promise of spring to come.

On the second of February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, when Mary, his mother went to be purified and the baby Jesus had his first meeting with the community.

Throughout Europe the day is celebrated as Candlemass, "La Chandeleur".

It began when Gelasus 1, Bishop of Rome, (died 496), distributed pancakes to the poor, the shape and colour representing the return of the sun after the dark cold winter.

All candles in the house would be lit, and crib decorations would be left up



until this day, the last feast of the Christmas season.

People would bring their household candles to Church, and they would be blessed along with the church candles for the coming year.

These blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

*O Christ,
Saviour most sweet to us,
Kindle our lamps,
That they may
Shine continually in your
house,
Constantly receiving light
from you,
The eternal Light,
So that our darkness may be
driven from us.*

St. Columbanus, c. 543 -615.

Mike Rogers writes...

An extra day



We all know that the standard calendar year is 365 days. However, the Earth actually takes 365 days 5 hours 48 minutes and 46 seconds to go around the sun completely and if we did nothing, our calendar would eventually fall out of synchronisation with the seasons. To prevent this happening, every four years one extra day is added to our year as 29th February making such a year a Leap Year.

When I was in the Royal Air Force, this extra day was greeted with great joy; we were paid on a daily basis, so the arrival of a Leap Year also heralded the arrival of an extra day's pay!

Nowadays, unless one's birthday happens to fall on 29th February, we tend to take little notice of the additional day.

So, let me ask, what are you going to do with this gift of an extra day (which this year, is a Saturday)? Will it be 'just another day' or will you make an effort to use it constructively - perhaps to visit relatives, to read a book, to renew a friendship or to simply spend some time in peace and quiet?

No matter what you decide to do or where you elect to go, no matter what you believe or what you doubt, no matter what you feel or what you don't feel, no matter whom you love, know that on this extra day and indeed on every day you are able to meet a God who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows your mind and, most importantly, who loves you.

And for that, thanks be to God.

Calveley Chapel chancel – why look up?

Do we always really see what is before us?

Calveley Chapel assumed its present form in 1911 due to the generosity of the de Knoop family, the tenants at Calveley Hall. Amongst the remodelling and renovations that took place the pièce de resistance was undoubtedly the richly wrought oak screen which marks the entrance to the chancel. Your eyes are drawn to the altar table beyond the screen, a replica of an old Jacobean table in the side chapel of St Mary's Church Chester, and the Whitefriars stained glass over the reredos. The pilasters supporting the arched opening in the screen have a stunning ornamental cornice. When visiting St Boniface or Calveley Chapel, take a moment to raise your eyes upwards and look at the details and history



World Day of Prayer in March: focus on Zimbabwe

"Rise! Take your mat and walk!"

You are warmly invited to the World Day of Prayer service at St Boniface on Friday 6 March. People all over the world will be following this inter-denominational service, which has been organised by women - please come and join in! The service starts at 10.45am and everyone is welcome: a particular welcome to men, please come along and enjoy the service and lunch. Toddlers are welcome too; there will be activities for them.

The theme of this year's service is: "Rise! Take your mat and walk" and the service has been prepared by women in Zimbabwe. In the picture above, the artist, Nonhlanhla Mathe, portrays a transition from the darkness of a difficult past to a more promising future. Stone huts refer to Zimbabwe's ancient culture; the leaves reflect the country's rural economy; and the people show love, healing and reconciliation.

Zimbabwe is twice the size of England, and gained its independence in 1980. There are high literacy rates but also the highest occurrence of AIDS in southern Africa. In the service we will learn more about the current



situation in Zimbabwe and its hopes for the future. We will also pray for the country.

Please join us for all or some of the following:

10:45am WELCOME CAFÉ with refreshments

11:30am SERVICE led by the Revd Alex Sanders

Followed by LUNCH: Soup and sandwiches provided.

For more information, please contact Martina Phillips (01829 261143) or Alex Sanders (01829 261622 or alex@oftheriver.com)

Tributes

John "Arthur" Taylor



Born in St Helens in 1930, Arthur was the middle child of three: younger brother to Roy and older brother to Sheila. His father was a railway clerk and the family moved to Crewe in 1935. Arthur had a happy childhood attending local primary schools and then the grammar school.

Whilst at school his flair for art was obvious and after school Arthur studied technical drawing and became a draughtsman.

After completing his National Service with the RAF, Arthur worked as chief draughtsman until his retirement, in the mid 80s. But retirement didn't mean stopping work as he then went into social care, working at Winsford in the Youth Centre and then a care home. His sense of humour was

much appreciated; he was always making people laugh with his bad jokes.

Arthur married Jean and they had two sons: Peter and Mike, and family life was very important to him. He was a proud father, would always encourage and support his sons and in later life was a devoted grandfather.

Despite a busy working and family life he found time to enjoy his hobbies of gardening and photography. Everything was done to the highest standards: Arthur was always thorough and patient, ensuring top quality.

Arthur was an avid fan of football and ardent "Alex" supporter. A special moment for his son, Pete, was a surprise announcement over the tannoy before kick-off at Gresty Road, welcoming Mr Taylor and his son who had been watching the Alex for combined total of 100 years – Arthur for 65 years and Pete for 35 years!

Arthur will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

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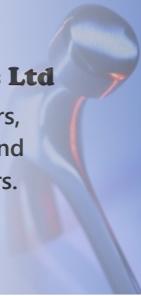
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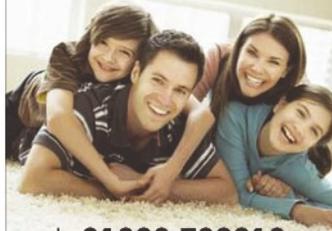
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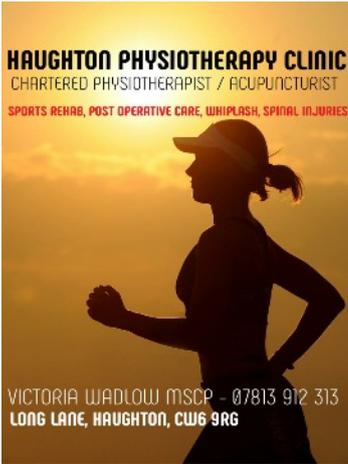
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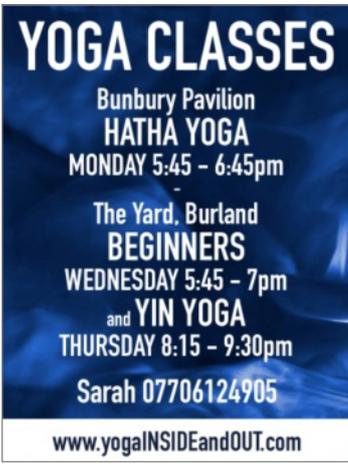
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