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## Foreword



Many years ago, when I was a chaplain in Egypt, I was privileged to work with two wonderful American lay readers who rejoiced in the names of Joanne Cummings and Judy Goans. During the next few months there will be a few comings and goings at St John's. Matt Wood will have completed his curacy and will shortly be moving to pastures new. We have loved having him as our Curate and wish him and Clare every blessing in whatever God has in store for them next. Alison has another two

years of her curacy to go but will be ordained priest in Sheffield Cathedral on 1<sup>st</sup> July at 4pm. Please pray for her and come and support her when she celebrates her first Eucharist at St John's on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.30am.

The weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> July is very full. On the morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11am, Peter Pathikritdas is to be ordained deacon at Sheffield Cathedral and will be joining us at St John's as a full-time curate. Please pray for Peter as he moves to Sheffield from Cambridge where he has been studying. Peter introduces himself further on page 25.

Before all this, the church calendar marks a certain amount of coming and going. On Ascension Day, 18<sup>th</sup> May, we mark the day when the risen Jesus went up into heaven. St John's is hosting a joint Mission Area service with St Mark's Broomhill and St Mary's Walkley at 7.30pm. I do hope you can come.

Having ascended to heaven, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit on his Church at Pentecost on 28<sup>th</sup> May. The Spirit leads us into all truth and strengthens us to continue his work of building and proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Though we are blessed with wonderful curates, this is the task of all of us. May is going to be an exciting month with the King's Coronation, the APCM, Christian Aid week and Dementia Awareness. I pray that in all the comings and goings you may find God and help to make Him known.

**Matthew**

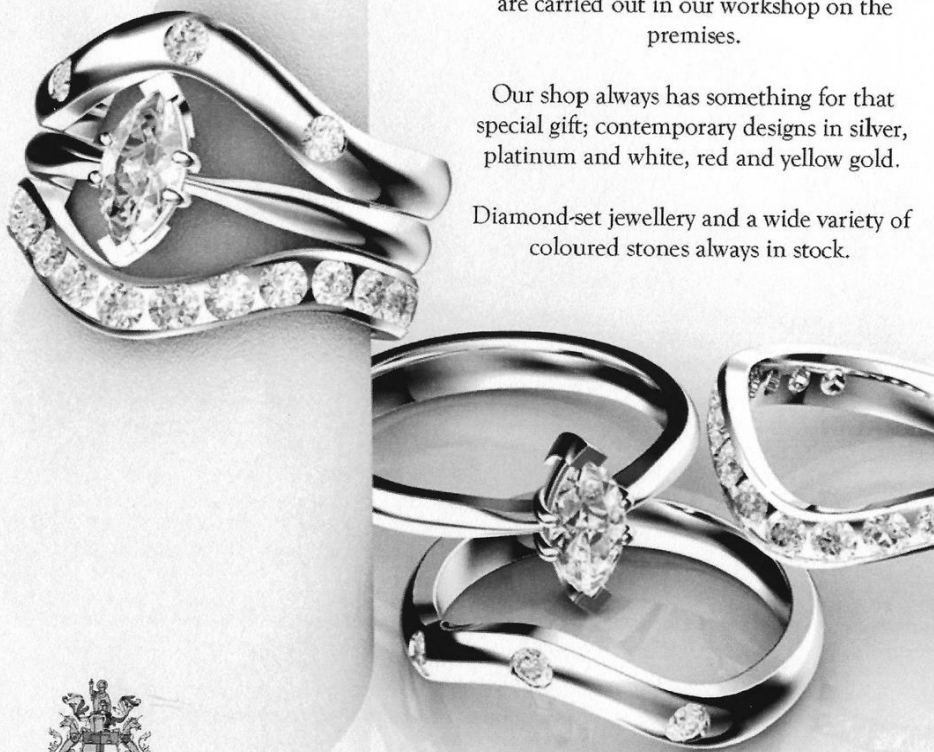
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## From the Editor's Chair



As Christian Aid Week approaches, I am reminded of the oft-quoted phrase “the poor will always be with us” - words that are recorded in the Bible as being said by Jesus. He does, of course, offer advice on what to do about it, but here we are some 2,000 years later and the poor are still with us. I remember in my academic years reading a well-known study on poverty written in 1901 by Seebohm Rowntree, which talks about primary

and secondary poverty, and later books which cover the role of the Welfare State. Not much has changed and it does appear that the causes of poverty will always be with us, as will charities such as Christian Aid.

There are many African countries that Christian Aid tries to help and, as my bother-in-law lives in Zimbabwe, I regularly hear and try to understand the reality of 480% inflation and why, in the former breadbasket of Africa, a third of the population hasn't got enough to eat. Why they have 18-hour power cuts nearly every day. Why hospitals haven't got medicines. Why their best professionals have no choice but to flee to survive and support their families. But most of all, why their once thriving country has turned into a dark hole of corruption, with a staggering tale recently exposed of money laundering and gold smuggling activities, allegedly involving Government officials.

The corrupt will always be with us, and it's an easy opt out for some people not to support foreign aid when hearing stories like these. Page 8 tells us how we can involve ourselves locally in Christian Aid Week. As always, I've volunteered to participate in the Concert of Talents (I barely qualify!), but do come along and support the talented performers, particularly the youngsters from our choir and congregation.

***Philip Walshaw***

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## Christian Aid Week 14th – 21st May, 2023

The annual national appeal for the work of Christian Aid will be taking place this month and, at St. John's, we shall be delivering Christian Aid envelopes to every home in the parish, with information about how to give, and an invitation to our events during that week, at which donations will be invited. This year, the focus is on helping the people of Malawi, who have been badly affected by climate change. Christian Aid will provide help for farmers to purchase and grow drought resistant crops to support their families

We invite everyone to take part in some way, by donating, helping, or walking. There will be a Sponsored Walk (of about 5 miles) round the parish boundaries on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, so the walkers will be looking for sponsors. Anyone may take part. The walk will begin after the Parish Communion and Annual Parochial Church Meeting, starting from the church at about 1pm.

There will be a Concert of Talents on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May in the Church at 7pm. Please support the performers who have given valuable time and effort for this cause, and will give you an entertaining evening.

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a Big Breakfast and Brunch Fair from 10am to 1pm outside the church with many stalls, including books, plants and cakes and preserves and of course bacon butties!

And don't forget Peter Lowe's sponsored charity bike ride from Land's End to John o'Groats which he is doing in aid of Alzheimer's Research and Christian Aid. If anyone reading this wishes to donate, please visit:  
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[www.justgiving.com/page/peter-lowel678656114328](http://www.justgiving.com/page/peter-lowel678656114328) to give to Christian Aid



## The Return of the Woolly FMNs (!)

by Wendy Weeks



The spring garden is at its best about now and among the myriad of wonderful flowers you may have some forget me nots (fmns!). Love them or hate them, the forget me not makes a big statement in our gardens from April to early May. It is, of course, the

symbol of the Alzheimer's Society whose Dementia Action Week runs from 15th - 21st May, during which time we are encouraged to raise the awareness of dementia in our communities.

Unfortunately, our garden fmns are past their best by then. Last year the three churches of our Mission Area (St Mary's, Walkley, St Mark's, Broomhill and St John's) celebrated Dementia Action Week with a special "Songs of Praise" service for people on the dementia pathway, and their carers. This was held at St Mark's. Instead of using faded garden fmns for decoration in our churches that day, we used ones knitted by congregation members.

A week or two before the Songs of Praise service, one Sunday after St John's morning service, many woolly fmns and leaves were being glued onto cardboard discs to become the focus of our decorations. It was a fun experience for those who helped! You may remember seeing the discs decorating the ends of the pews on the Sunday of the Songs of Praise service. Casual piles of fmns and leaves also populated the shelves at the entrance to St John's. They were truly an all age endeavour! The age of those helping to create the woolly wonders ranged from about 7 to 90+. Unlike their garden counterparts, these woolly symbols do not fade and die but have overwintered in a cosy box in my wardrobe. They

will be ready to decorate the church again this year on Sunday, 21st May, the day of St John's dementia "action" which is to be a "increasing dementia awareness through reading" event.

The reason for this relatively small event in May is because this year the Mission Area act of worship for those affected by dementia will not be held in May but will be a special harvest service to be held in October, once more at St Mark's. However, as a church aiming to become more dementia friendly, it is important that St John's joins in the national recognition of Dementia Action Week. On 21st May after both morning and evening services, we at St John's will be aiming to increase our individual dementia awareness by holding a book display in church, highlighting a small number of dementia themed books. They will be available to browse then and may be borrowed from the church library. This will enable members of the congregation, if they wish, to increase their own dementia awareness, in their own time, in their own homes, with a book chosen by them, and hopefully meaningful for them.

The books will range from those giving practical but relevant information about dementia (both for carers and church congregations) to memoirs by people on the dementia pathway, to an exploration of the theology of dementia and even some children's books which explore dementia in a simple, loving way, as dementia in a grandparent may be seen by a child. Particularly moving are the memoirs by people on their individual dementia journeys who, despite their dementia symptoms, are able to experience much that is positive on the journey and communicate it to others.

If there is sufficient interest there will be the possibility of having a discussion group about these books a few weeks later when people have had time to read their chosen book(s). Mary Grover has kindly offered to help facilitate this group.

**The following books on dementia will be available in church from May 21st:-**

- 1) Dementia. Practical advice for families, professionals and people living with dementia (June Andrews).

- 2) In a strange land. People with dementia and the local church. (Malcolm Goldsmith).
- 3) Dementia. Living in the memories of God. (John Swinton).
- 4) Dementia from the inside. (Jennifer Bute).
- 5) Still Alice. (Lisa Genova).
- 6) Somebody I used to know. (Wendy Mitchell).

### Children's Books

- 1) Why does Grandad forget? (Rebecca Oxby and Lorna Humphreys).
- 2) My Grandma has dementia, (Alex Winstanley and Adam Walker-Parker).
- 3) The dementia garden. (Rebecca Clements and Gloria Vanessa Nicoli).

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## A Celebration for the life of Hilary Kirkham 1939-2023

The following is a slightly abridged version of a tribute given by Mary Kirkham at the thanksgiving service in church on 16th March:



Firstly, I wanted to say thank you to everyone for coming today and for all the messages, letters, cards, flowers and the lovely memories you have shared of mum. As you all know the last few years were very difficult for her with losing Dad and being diagnosed with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. But today we remember the good times. Mum was born in London in 1939 and grew up in Sheffield after the family moved

back here due to the war. Work eventually drew her back to London in her early 20s where she worked for the cosmetic brand Innoxia as a secretary to the General Manager.

Dad eventually managed to lure Mum back to Sheffield and they married in 1966, on a snowy April morning. She looked as stylish as ever in her long simple white A-line wedding dress, cut in at the waist, with long sleeves and white fur cuffs. They took off on their honeymoon in mums convertible MG to Ireland and we were fortunate as a family to go back there altogether to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2016.

As we grew up mum started volunteering for a couple of charities: The House of Help, which supported women in need and Homestart, which supported families with young children through their challenging times. I remember helping mum with Homestart when I was on school holidays I think there were about 5 families who she visited regularly at that time. It was lovely to hear from one of those families who she kept in close contact with 'The Odams' a family with triplets: "Hilary gave me

inspiration to cope at times when I was struggling. I often used to think... If this kind, helpful lady wants to help us, out of the goodness of her heart, for free... then I can cope with anything! Over the years our friendship grew and Hilary was seen as one of the family. I know the girls have a lot of respect for her too”

Mum had proudly taken on the roles of both president and secretary of the Ladies Inner Wheel Club. And as part of Rotary both her and dad were regular helpers at the annual Castleton rotary camp. She donned her apron for the week with the other Inner Wheel ladies and cooked daily meals and snacks for 50+ children and 20+ helpers .... usually totally exhausted by the end of it.

Mum was a big part of the family here at St Johns, taking on roles in both the Church and The Parish Centre, delivering the Church magazine and arranging the Church flowers. She was also part of The Sheffield Lecture Club and The Arts society. Mum loved to socialise, she loved her friends, coffee mornings with the girls, dinner dances, parties, family gatherings, holidaying with friends and in particular as a very proud Granny, she loved spending precious time with Eden and Joseph as they were growing up. Mum was always well dressed and always colour coordinated! She had a passion for wearing bright colours and I have fond memories of her numerous applications of lipstick throughout the day. She even wrote in her signature green ink, which I'm sure you'll all remember from the timely birthday and anniversary cards which she never forgot to send.

Having her hair done was also a significant part of her week and Thursday mornings were not to be interrupted at any cost!! Even when offering her a chance to get away for the week we would regularly be met by “ But, I have my hair done on Thursdays!!!” On our last two trips to Scotland we even had to book her in to Annes' the hairdressers in Dingwall...and yes, you guessed it!...it had to be on the Thursday!

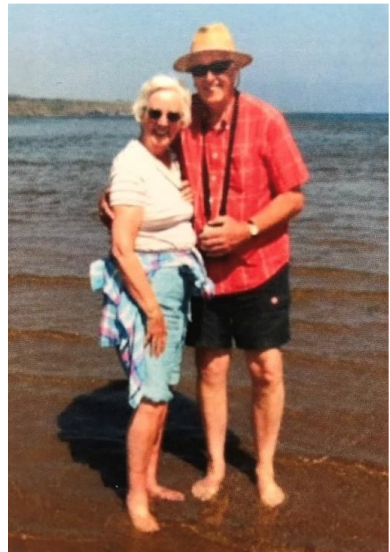
Growing up we ate like kings as mum was a fantastic cook. I remember being banished to the living room at Riverdale Road when it was their dinner party nights and I would wait patiently for the leftovers to come

back into the kitchen at the end of each course. Each time taking longer and longer after much raucous laughter and louder conversations from the group as the night went on. The boys and I somehow even remember with fondness the customary “holiday ready meal” which in those days consisted of The Fray Bentos tinned steak and kidney pie, tinned potatoes and tinned peas, all consumed on the annual half term narrow boat holiday! This being the holiday of dreams, of course, where we woke up to ice on the inside of the windows and you could see your own breath in the morning!

Mum had a wonderful smile, an infectious laugh and a fierce determination...which some might call pure stubbornness! She never flinched or gave in and if her mind was made up, it was firmly made up! You knew if you spoke out of turn or questioned her you were in fear of receiving her famous ‘Kirkham finger’.

In these last few years, this dogged determination was still very much present, especially with all the hospital visits when after some nasty falls we’d still get a call from her to say “When are you coming to collect me?”...swiftly followed by the famous words “I’m fine” But in reality she’d be in hospital for a few more weeks recovering. Even in her final few months none of us could quite believe how she’d be sat up in her chair smiling and taking part in activities. At the end I was with mum and I was relaying the story to Michael Jarratt over the phone. He rang me back soon after and said. I just wanted to say that I think its wonderful that you told her to go and be with your Dad. I swiftly replied – “well Michael, it’s the only time she’s EVER listened to me!”

Mum, Granny, you will be greatly missed but we are all reassured to know you are now at peace and back together with your beloved John, our Dad and Popa.



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## A Celebration for the life of John Bridgwater 1937-2023



Richard, Andrew and I would like to thank all those members of the “Ranmoor Church Family” who attended John’s funeral service and who sent us cards. As I stood at the back of the Church waiting to proceed up the aisle, I could not believe how many people had come to bid their farewells to him. We were overwhelmed by the amazing love and kind thoughts you expressed in your cards. We had no idea how much he was loved.

Thank you to all those who in the last few years of his life took time to speak to him in church on a Sunday. It was definitely the highlight of the week for him. Thank you from all the extended family,

Liz, Richard and Andrew Bridgwater.

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## The Inspire Project – Consulting our Community



This Spring, the Building Project Group will be undertaking a consultation with our community to help inform the plans for the Inspire Project (our name for the building project). The survey is intended to capture feedback on how people might like to see our building used in the future.

We have a very special building which, for most of the week, goes unused. One of the key aspirations of the Inspire Project is to transform our church into a space where many more activities can take place, opening it up to the community and giving more people reasons to come in. This survey will inform the plans for the project moving forward and enable us to develop a business plan to make our building sustainable for the future.

We're hoping to capture a broad range of feedback. Every household in the parish will be delivered a printed copy of the survey and the survey will be available online too. The survey asks general questions about our community and the sorts of things people would like to have access to. It also asks about our building and what changes people think we need to make.

This is the first phase of consultation. As plans are developed for the project, we will undertake further consultation to ensure that the work undertaken through the Inspire Project meets the current and future needs of the St John's community. We hope that you will take part in the survey. Printed copies of the survey will be available in church or the online survey will be accessible via our website, both from mid-May.

For more information about the Inspire Project, do speak to Matthew or one of the Building Project Group. **Sarah Beardsmore**

# **ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR**

## **CALENDAR – MAY 2023**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 10-12.30pm**

Foodbank Collection from the Church Drive

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

8pm Organ Recital

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

10.30am All Age Communion to Celebrate the Kings Coronation

11.45am Bring and Share lunch and street Party on the Church Drive.

6.30pm Evensong

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

10.30am Big Help Out - Litter Pick and Ground's working party

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

11am The funeral of David Kirkwood taking place in St John's

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May – The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**and Christian Aid Week**

10.30am Parish Communion

12noon Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting and AGM

1pm Picnic and 1.30pm Sponsored Walk for Christian Aid

6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

7.30pm PCC meeting in the annexe

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – 10-12.30pm**

Foodbank Collection from the Church Drive

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

7.30pm Ascension Day Communion Service

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

7pm – Concert of Talent - taking place in Church

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

10am-1pm. Big Breakfast / Brunch Taking place on the Church drive.

Stalls including plants, cakes, handcrafted cards, books and preserves  
will be on sale.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May – The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**& Dementia Action Week**

10.30am Parish Communion with prayer for dementia

6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

7.30pm Discussion Group takes place at the Vicarage

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost**

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Other services during the week:**

**Holy Communion:** Every Wednesday at 11.30am in the Parish Centre

**Choral Evensong:** Wednesdays at 5.30pm

**Morning Prayer:** Monday to Saturday 9am in Church and on ZOOM

**Footsteps:** A Sunday school children's group that meets during the Sunday morning service.

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## **Parish Registers**

**Please remember those who have died:**

David Trickett and Chris Powell

*Blessed are those who mourn, for those will be comforted.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the friends and families of those names listed.

## Young People's Pages

### **Episode 37 of the Adventures of the Elephant and Mouse:**



"I've discovered the secret to being happy," the mouse announced with its mouth full. "What is it?" the elephant asked in eager anticipation.

"Eating meals at the wrong time of day." The elephant went silent in its confusion. "So," the mouse explained, "you have breakfast for dinner, dinner for lunch, and lunch when you just wake up."

"And that's the secret?" the elephant asked, only somewhat doubtfully.

"Well," and the mouse had the grace to look slightly embarrassed, "maybe not the secret to happiness in entirety. But it's definitely a bit of a thrill."



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# Vegetable Word Search



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ONION	J H N E T R P E N H T B C I C
POTATO	U A P E A O P R I O E B V C U
CUCUMBER	P R N B W O E E V S V A O E C
ZUCCHINI	E V R S O K R A T E E G O X U
PEAS	A E C I A S S D E C G E B E M
PEPPERS	S P I N A C H A T H E T B T B
BROCCOLI	R T S N C A R R O T T N A R E
ASPARAGUS	S U N O U M P K I H S I D A R
CORN	C G R N E N O D H S B H L B M
CABBAGE	I N S E O O C E L E R Y R A E
CELERY	L H O I N I H C C U Z C R B R
RADISH	R A N D E N A D R A Z Z W L B
OKRA	A O B E M B R O C C O L I H L
SPINACH	G G N I R P S T O M A T O L E
BEETS	
GARLIC	

## Restaurant Review: **No Name, 235 Crookes, Sheffield 10**



Wedding anniversaries can be tricky affairs. Certain rules apply to these auspicious occasions of which those of you married are probably aware. First don't forget the date, second book a nice restaurant to wine and dine your beloved – actually this is beginning to read like a second-rate marriage guidance advice leaflet, so if you really feel the need for any further matrimonial advice stop reading this rubbish and phone “Relate” to try and get your matrimonial bliss back on track. Having considered the above self-proposed advice (the “nice restaurant” bit, not “get your matrimonial bliss on track” bit) *No Name* seems a pretty safe venue for an imminent wedding anniversary.

On re-reading the previous sentence there seems to be quite a few negatives and some rather cautious rhetoric - which could suggest potential traumas, should the evening prove to be somewhat less than successful! Anyway, G seemed cheerful with the suggested choice of

venue (we had had a previous visit just prior to the big Covid switch off - which was ok) so a reservation was made for the due date, and hope, as always, seemed to spring in its usual eternal manner.

Actually, *No Name* has now been operating (successfully) for several years. It resides high on the Crookes road amongst a conglomeration of shops, filling stations etc. and has an outward appearance of someone's house (which it probably was) with a very inconspicuous entrance leading into an original "front room" dining area. This dining area is small! Twenty covers only - which tends to present a tricky commercial problem for the management in that two "sittings" are needed to make any financial return viable. These "sittings" operate evenings only; first from 6.15pm until 8.00pm, followed by second from 8.15 pm until about 11.00pm. This would suggest further financial consideration is needed as there are no "lunch" or "take away" menus available to increase potential income.

So how does *No Name* survive in the harsh world of ever-failing hospitality venues? The obvious answer is that it has to be good. Not only good in all of the various aspects of restaurant presentation - but popular. In fact very, very popular!

### **The Meal**

Arriving early for our 6.15pm first sitting booking was a good move. Arriving early is useful as the first person through the door has choice of table. This is significant as a table close to the door can be pretty chilly as customers come and go throughout the evening with door opening door closing, cold draughts emanating – you probably get the picture – so a table away from the door was chosen (difficult in very small room) with the approval of a cheerful young waitress. Cheerful young waitress apparently was the only front of house person – so a pretty busy night! Perhaps another cheerful young waitress replaces number one waitress for the second shift?

Suitably ensconced, the first move is to organise the pouring of our BYO wine (corkage charge £1.00) – a good Bandol red, plus a decent Waitrose white Burgundy (a good buy at £9.50 –try it), followed by a

perusal of the menu – blackboard only – which displays the modest selection of “today’s offerings”.

A shared portion of marinated olives to accompany the initial tasting of the BYO wine worked well at a modest £4.00 (the olives not the wine!) following which I decided to start with Breaded ham hock, parmesan sauce, pickled onions and Henderson’s (presumably relish?) £9.00. G, with a lean towards the vegetarian, ordered Charred spring onions with whipped goat’s cheese, romanesco (I don’t know either!) plus lemon oil (£8.00). Both these dishes were extremely good - fresh, and well presented. An extra bonus was that the restaurant was now full (not difficult with a modest 20 covers) which created a healthy “buzz” from the cheerful diners enjoying an initial taste of their BYOs! Also the room temperature had moved from fairly cool to quite warm as more bodies radiated heat! So far so good –marital relations still firmly intact (mine that is, don’t know about the other punters!)

Enjoying the white Burgundy (see above for details), I felt that Fillet of Sea Bream with Brown shrimps and tender stem broccoli accompanied again by the ubiquitous “Hendersons” would be a suitable accompaniment – which it proved to be. This was a skilfully prepared, tasty dish - again fresh and very well presented at reasonable £23.00. Actually, a fairly pricey £23, but hey, if it’s good it’s worth paying the price! Now well into the mood, the Vanilla Panna Cotta with rhubarb and mango proved to be an irresistible culinary climax (£9.00). Delicious! The final stage of the evening’s entertainment – coffee sadly didn’t happen as the Cinderella magic hour of 8.00 pm suddenly appeared, and we were (very) politely ushered out into the wilderness of Crookes.

### **Verdict**

Great meal, great ambiance, great night out, great anniversary. Just remembered, payment is cash only – ATM cash machine about 60 yards down the road.

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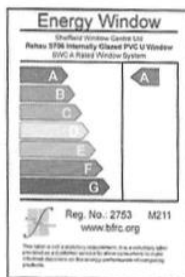
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## Welcome to our own new curate



I am Peter Pathikrit Das, commonly called 'Peter Pat' by my friends. I was born and raised in India but moved to the U.K. nearly five years ago. I am the youngest of the three and have two elder sisters. My family, including my parents and my sisters, currently live in India. I grew up seeing both of my parents working. My mother is a senior teacher in a higher secondary school and is also a local politician, and my father is currently enjoying his retirement after working for nearly 35 years. I also grew up seeing my grandmother who lived with us, and we had several pets of which

Bruno, a golden labrador, was the dearest.

Religion and faith have been a pivotal part of my life since I was introduced to the chapter on Reformation during my school years. This was an awakening moment during which I discovered a curiosity for the theological and anthropological study of religion. This was accompanied by an interest in choral music. I eventually became a chorister at the school chapel. Singing choral music and reading books on theology drew me on a journey which eventually led to my conversion to Christianity in my teens.

My participation in choir continued during my undergraduate study at St Stephen's College at the University of Delhi where I read history. Through active participation in the regular life of the college chapel

under the guidance and encouragement of the Chaplain, I decided to pursue a postgraduate degree in theology. This brought me to the University of Durham where I read for an MA in Christian Theology. During my time at Durham, I worked at Durham Cathedral as a verger and eventually discovered a fondness for liturgy.

Apart from choral music and liturgiology, I am also interested in classics, global politics especially in the post-colonial South Asia, linguistics and semiotics, and anthropology. I am also a keen rider and rugby player. During my free time I am often found either cooking or socialising with friends.

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by email to [jpwalshaw@gmail.com](mailto:jpwalshaw@gmail.com) or by post to 19 Cairns Road, S10 5NA to reach me by Wednesday, 18th May, 2023.

1. Throw around (5)
2. Nerves shattered (6)
3. Part of a car, many and various (8)
4. Found in shop, exquisite jewellery (4)
5. Blossom in front of pasture (8)
6. Father messed up after retuning horn (7)
7. Lengthy valley with shelter in middle (11)
8. Cheese fest (7,5)
9. Strange voles have fame here (4,2,7)
10. Established in protocol, never changed (5)
11. Fake University teacher (6)
12. Reshaped pewter under pressure, initially (5,7)
13. Sonny's old singing partner in good health (8)
14. Crescent shaped figure (4)
15. English river, Scottish stream (8)

**Answers to April Quiz:** 1. Easter or Spring Parade 2. Hamilton 3. Rocky Horror Show 4. Carousel 5. Fiddler on the Roof 6. Cabaret 7. Barnum 8. Paint your Wagon 9. The Greatest Showman 10. Little Shop of Horrors 11. West Side Story 12. Company 13. Everybody's Talking About Jamie 14. A Little Night Music 15. A Chorus Line

**Entries were received from:** Janet and Malcolm Anker, Pam and Ian Dall, Helen and Brian Gillham, Michael and Rosemary Hannon, Alan and Pauline Heath, Lynn and Steve Lawless, John and Brenda Staniforth, Marion Taylor, Helen Valentine, Barbara and Peter Wozencroft.

**The winners** were Michael and Rosemary Hannon, who receive a box of chocolates.

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