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RIP - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

We join with our Catholic brothers and sisters across the world in mourning the death of Pope Benedict XVI on 31st December.

Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger was born in 1927 and was ordained a priest alongside his older brother, Georg, in June 1951. Recognised as a highly-talented theologian, he took part in the Vatican II Council in 1962 which had a huge impact on worship both in the Catholic Church and beyond. The most visible of the changes introduced by Vatican II was to turn around the altar so that the priest faced the congregation when leading worship, a change also adopted by the Anglican Church. This was also a landmark moment in developing ecumenical dialogue between the Catholic Church and other churches.

Pope Benedict was regarded as a moderniser and reformer with the Catholic Church and was appointed as Archbishop of Munich in 1977. In 1981 he took charge of the Congregation For The Doctrine Of Faith, a Papal Commission dating back to the 16th Century which promotes and maintains the integrity of the Catholic Faith. It was in this post that he acquired the nickname "God's Rottweiler". He continued in this office for 25 years until being elected Pope in 2005 at the age of 78. He was the first German priest to become Pope for 1,000 years.

Benedict showed himself to be a relentless opponent of any kind of sexual misconduct amongst clergy and effected the resignation of the Austrian Cardinal Hans Groer. In 2008, he travelled to the World Youth Festival in Australia and asked for public forgiveness of priests who had committed sexual crimes.

Benedict was a controversial Pope, and often suffered criticism from the media who took short extracts from his often lengthy and closely-argued theological writings.

In 2012 he was embroiled in the 'Vatileaks' scandal when it emerged that his butler was found to have been leaking documents alleging corruption within the Vatican. It was shortly after this, in 2013, that Benedict ended his period as Pope by announcing his retirement from a position which was normally regarded as a job for one's entire life.

He took the title 'Pope Emeritus' and continued to wear white robes.



In retirement, Benedict lived quietly in the seclusion of the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery within the grounds of the Vatican and met regularly with his successor Pope Francis. Francis organised a ceremony for him in 2016 to celebrate the 65th anniversary of his ordination.

Sadly his health deteriorated and he became very frail. He left Italy only once after his resignation, to visit his brother Georg on his deathbed.

With his funeral taking place today, 5th January as we publish this edition of ECHO, we invite our readers to join in prayers for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALET LES BAINS

We are delighted to be beginning the New Year by offering an enormous Thank You to the people of Alet Les Bains, as well as to their supporters who live further afield, who again came together to create Christmas parcels for distribution by Secours Catholique in Quillan to families in need in the area.

The community raised over €800 to buy 'treat' items of food, including chocolate Santas, to help their neighbours celebrate Christmas.

The Secours Catholique team at Quillan have written to Patricia Gillespie, who kindly co-ordinates the work of the Alet team saying that:

"Everyone was amazed at the presents which we were able to distribute on your behalf. The families, and especially the children, were delighted that you had included "Pere Noël" for them. We have given these parcels to the people in the greatest need, and thanks to you, they will have a more festive Christmas".

Secours Catholique operate throughout France, as well as overseas, and have organised many special activities around France over Christmas. Last year, this included using 5 Parisian "Bateaux Mouches" - the boats which normally carry tourists up and down the Seine to enjoy the Parisian sights - to organise a Christmas Eve Dinner for 300 people facing a lonely or meagre Christmas.

The (mainly voluntary) teams in Quillan and elsewhere work tirelessly throughout the year to bring help and support to their neighbours. If you would like to help financially with the work of Secours Catholique at any time, you can find out how do so on their website:

www.secours-catholique.org



Quillan le 21/12/2019

Chère Patricia,
d'équipe du Secours Catholique de Quillan
vous remercie pour tout ce que vous faites
pour nos bénéficiaires.
Tous ont été émerveillés par les présents
que nous leur avons distribués de votre part.
Les familles, avec les enfants ont été ravis
car pour eux vous avez été le "Père Noël".
Nous distribuons les colis aux plus démunis
qui grâce à vous auront un Noël festif.
Merci mille fois de nous tous.

Elvis Presley's Birthday January 8th 1935 to August 16th 1977.

Janet Varty

Did you get to see the Biopic directed by Baz Luhrmann made in 2022 starring the hugely talented Austin Butler who managed to capture Elvis with his voice and body language?

The opening sequences reference the singer's childhood experiences of the Pentecostal Church services that influenced his faith and his music so much. I can't think of anyone who doesn't know an Elvis song, the Evangelical singer whose love for Gospel music propelled him to secular fame is an icon of our era and I loved him.

Elvis was an enigma and so much has been written about him and its authenticity is sometimes questionable but there are some interesting facets to his life that I am drawn to.

Notably he was Baptised three times! A man of complex faith, (aren't we all) he wore a cross and a star of David and prayed every time he went on stage. I have oft quoted his response to being told he was the King, " Oh, thank you darlin', thank you very much. The thought is beautiful dear, and I love you for it...I can't accept this kingship thing because to me, there's only one, which is Christ."

When I was thinking about the Church's teaching on the Baptism of Jesus, for Sunday the 8th January I remembered it was the birth date of Elvis. Elvis was baptised as a child by Trinitarian Pentecostal preacher in East Tupelo, the First Assembly of God, Mississippi, where they followed the Triune formula found in Matthew 28 v19 "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

When Elvis was 13, he moved to Memphis and attended a Church of Jesus Christ led by a oneness Pentecostal preacher. Here they rejected the Triune formula and used instead Acts 2 v38 "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" Elvis was said to have received this baptism, in the name of Jesus only.

Multiple baptisms were apparently not uncommon in the Deep South, a land where Christian beliefs and practices vary widely.

I recently read Elvis was baptised posthumously by members of the Latter Day Saints who commonly baptise like this after death: "so everyone can have a chance." They say Elvis was thinking of joining the Mormons. I'll let him have the last say

"All I want to know is the truth, to know and experience God". Amen to that.



Austin Butler interpreted Elvis Presley in Baz Luhrmann's 2022 biopic

Meanwhile, while Elvis was belting out the lyrics of The Wonder of You in the charts in 1970 two girls were studying for GCSE O Level Religious Studies and attending an Anglican church regularly. The syllabus at school included Acts of the Apostles, and they too were drawn by Acts 2 v 38 and using their initiative, but unbeknown to parents or teachers, they found their way to a Baptist Church in the town. They were welcomed to church and decided they would be baptised by full immersion, it seemed straightforward and in keeping with their understanding of the Gospel generally.

Perhaps they let something slip because the Anglican curate rumbled their plan and an almighty rumpus was created. Parents were visited by the Anglican authorities, and were quite frankly scared and out of their depths! Did the police need to be called?

One of the girls was given a reprieve because she had not been baptised as baby and her full immersion experience went ahead. The other was coerced into giving up the idea because she had been baptised as a baby and it wasn't necessary for her salvation.

This left a lasting impression on the families and their neighbours who wondered what all the fuss was about. One girl renounced her faith in later life, the other didn't but should perhaps have heeded the experience as a warning.



...the good news is - I've found a way of heating the church on unwanted chip-fat!...

A TALE OF EASTER BUNNIES

As directly after Christmas there are always stories about Crème Eggs appearing in the supermarkets, we thought we would add our own story about Easter and chocolate in our January edition....

Foil-wrapped chocolate bunnies have been involved in a massive legal battle in Switzerland's highest commercial court in Lausanne.

Chocolatiers Lindt and Sprüngli were seeking copyright protection for their famous chocolate bunnies from a chocolate bunny being marketed by the Lidl supermarket chain.

The Federal Court has issued an order for Lidl to stop selling its bunnies and to destroy all remaining stocks.

This ruling overturned a ruling in the lower Swiss Commercial Court in 2021 which had dismissed the claim by Lindt.

The chocolate maker submitted surveys as part of its case showing that its Gold Bunny was well known to the public, the federal court said, adding that that the Lindt and Lidl rabbits were likely to be confused, even though there were some differences between them.

The picture on the right demonstrates how similar the two products appear.

The court ruled that destruction of Lidl's stock of bunnies was "proportionate, especially as it does not necessarily mean that the chocolate as such would have to be destroyed", it said in a summary of its verdict, suggesting they could be melted down and reused somehow.

Surprisingly, Lindt's chocolate bunny is no stranger to courtroom battles. Lindt has been to court multiple times in recent years to protect its popular treat, of which it sells tens of millions each year.

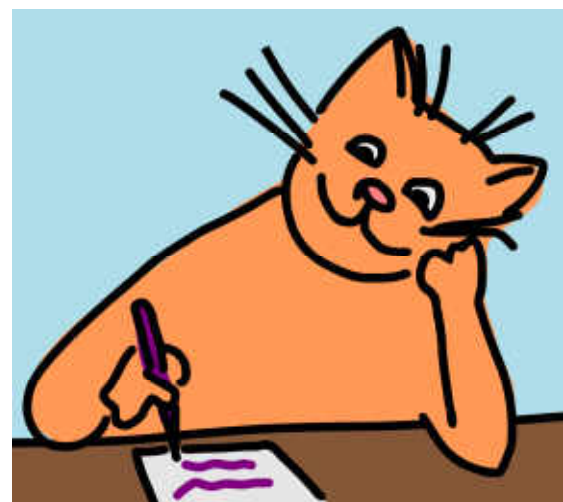
The company applied for a trademark on the three-dimensional shape of its bunny in 2000, which was granted the following year.

The issue of whether a chocolate bunny can be trademarked subsequently came before Europe's top court, the European Court Of Justice, after a long battle between Lindt and Austrian rival chocolate maker Hauswirth, which also made gold-wrapped chocolate rabbits with a ribbon around its neck.

Hauswirth was later ordered by a Vienna court to stop producing its bunnies.

Germany's federal court also ruled in 2021 that the golden shade of the bunny's foil wrapping had trademark protection.

It is not known what has befallen the chocolate which was salvaged when the Lidl bunnies were melted down.....



Your Cat's 10 top New Year's Resolutions

1. My human will never let me eat their pet hamster, and I am at peace with that.
2. I will not use the bath to store live mice for late-night snacks.
3. I will not play 'Thundering Wildebeest Stampeding Across the Plains of the Serengeti' over any humans asleep in bed at night.
4. When it rains, it will be raining on all sides of the house. It is not necessary to check every door.
5. I will not play 'dead cat on the stairs' while people are trying to bring in groceries or laundry, or else one of these days, it will really come true.
6. When my human is typing at the computer, their forearms are not a hammock.
7. TV screens do not exist to backlight my lovely tail.
8. I will not suddenly freeze and puff my entire body to twice its size for no reason after my human has watched a late-night horror movie.
9. I will not perch on my human's chest in the middle of the night and stare until they wake up.
10. Above all, I will not walk on the key board when my human is writing important adagfsg gdjag ;lnk*?!

LOT House Group

Janet Varty

We met on December 22nd for our Carols and mulled wine, with the fire roaring and lots of lights it was atmospheric. We spoke of Swedish traditions around St Lucia, who is known for bringing light and appears on horseback wearing a wreath with lighted candles.

We kept our candles firmly on the table!

In an interlude Nils had us singing a responsorial Swedish language song called the Grooms Song. The grooms (boys) would follow St Lucia in the procession. After taking refreshments and some perusing the Christmas market/gallery we continued singing carols by request. We had such a good afternoon thanks to Nils our host and to Howard Bould for playing for us.



Our next meeting is on 26th January.

If you would like to come along to a meeting of the Lot Group, please send an e-mail to

lot.group@ourchurch.fr

Who was St Lucia ?

Alongside Midsummer, the Lucia celebrations represent one of the foremost cultural traditions in Sweden, with their clear reference to life in the peasant communities of old: darkness and light, cold and warmth.

Lucia is an ancient figure with an abiding role as a bearer of light in the dark Swedish winters.

The annual candlelit Lucia procession on 13 December is perhaps one of the more exotic-looking Swedish customs, with girls and boys clad in white full-length gowns singing songs together.

The real candles are now sometimes replaced with battery-powered ones, but there is still a special atmosphere when the lights are dimmed and the sound of the children singing grows as they enter from an adjacent room.

Tradition has it that Lucia is to wear 'light in her hair', which practice today means a crown of electric candles in a wreath on her head. Each of her handmaidens carries a candle, too. Parents gather in the dark with their mobile cameras at the ready.

The star boys, who like the handmaidens are dressed in white gowns, carry stars on sticks and have tall paper cones on their heads. The Christmas elves bring up the rear, carrying small lanterns.



The Lucia tradition can be traced back both to the martyr St Lucia of Syracuse (died in 304) and to the Swedish legend of Lucia as Adam's first wife. It is said that she consorted with the Devil and that her children were invisible infernals. The name may be associated with both lux (light) and Lucifer (Satan), and its origins are difficult to determine.

The present custom appears to be a blend of traditions. In the old almanac, Lucia Night was the longest of the year. It was a dangerous night when supernatural beings were abroad and all animals could speak. By morning, the livestock needed extra feed. People, too, needed extra nourishment and were urged to eat **seven or nine** hearty breakfasts. The last person to rise that morning was nicknamed 'Lusse the Louse' and often given a playful beating round the legs with birch twigs. In agrarian Sweden, young people used to dress up as Lucia figures (lussegubbar) that night and wander from house to house singing songs and scrounging for food and schnapps.

The first recorded appearance of a white-clad Lucia in Sweden was in a country house in 1764. The custom did not become universally popular in Swedish society until the 1900s, when schools and local associations in particular began promoting it.

The old *lussegubbar* custom virtually disappeared with urban migration, and white-clad Lucias with their singing processions were considered a more acceptable, controlled form of celebration than the youthful carousals of the past. Stockholm proclaimed its first Lucia in 1927. The custom whereby Lucia serves coffee and buns (lussekatter) dates back to the 1880s.

In mid December a friend kindly made and donated Christmas wreaths to be gifted to local people. Many thanks for that generous act. Here are some of them.

Janet



Thought for Food

The 19th Century Scottish missionary John Paton brought Christianity to the people of the Pacific Islands. He taught them about the love of God and faith. Years later some Communists arrived and told the people they had been listening to mere fables and lies. "There is no God."

"Well, you should thank the God that you do not believe in," the Chief retorted. "For if you had arrived before John Paton, we would have eaten you!"

Remembering Lewis Carroll, creator of *Alice in Wonderland*



Just 125 years ago, on 14th January 1898, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, an English author, poet, photographer and mathematician, died of pneumonia.

His pen name was Lewis Carroll, and he was best known for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, *Through the Looking Glass* and the poems *Jabberwocky* and *The Hunting of the Snark*.

A brilliantly inventive writer, Carroll was also a deacon in the Church of England, and a firm Christian – some have even claimed that Alice is a biblical allegory, with the Cheshire Cat as God. (Carroll was born in Cheshire.)

Carroll was a maths lecturer at Oxford, and Alice Liddell – who provoked the story of Alice – was the daughter of one of his colleagues. She had two sisters, Lorina and Edith, who were also close to Carroll, a bachelor who remained celibate throughout his life. He was known to be good with children, unsurprisingly for an eldest son with eight younger brothers and sisters – and at one point was invited to entertain two grandchildren of Queen Victoria.

The book *Alice in Wonderland* and its sequel have been subject to huge numbers of unlikely interpretations, ranging from drug use to being the outpouring of migraine aura symptoms. But most people continue to regard them as masterpieces of fantasy literature, produced by a highly intelligent and sensitive man.

The Alice books might never have seen the light of day, had not novelist Henry Kingsley come across the first version on a visit to the Liddells, and urged Alice's mother to persuade the author to publish it. Carroll consulted another author – his friend George Macdonald, whose son Greville, aged six, apparently said he "wished there were 60,000 volumes of it".

By the time of Carroll's death, the two-volume Alice was the most popular children's book in England.

Church Mice



New Year's Resolutions

Linda Trew

Do you follow the tradition of making New Year's resolutions?

If so I wonder how good you are at keeping them? I used to make them every year - the usual: eat healthier, exercise more, never let the ironing pile get out of control etc.

They would normally last a few weeks (if I was lucky!) before I fell back into my normal routine of life.

However, there is one thing that I have stuck with, admittedly I do lapse every now and then, but when I do, I am aware as it affects my mental health. I feel low, fed up, overwhelmed, sad etc – so I quickly pick up the habit again. It's easy to do as it takes no time, costs nothing, you don't need any special equipment, you can do it whenever, and wherever you are.

So, what is it? I hear you ask – it's having 'an attitude of gratitude'. What do I mean by that?

Well for those of you that know Monty Python, I simply do my best to 'always look on the bright side of life'.

When tackling the ironing pile and feeling fed up, I give thanks to God for the fact that I have so many clothes, more than I need, how lucky am I!

When I can't decide what to cook and really can't be bothered, I give thanks for the abundance of food and how easily accessible it is. When work seems too much, I remember to be thankful that I have a job at all, and that it is one that I find fulfilling. You get the gist.

This 'attitude of gratitude' has turned my life around. It has helped me to appreciate all that I have, to be thankful. I know that sometimes it can be hard to find something to be thankful for, especially during big life events such as financial challenges, relationship breakups, bereavements etc.

However, even during these periods I urge you to look for the glimmer of light, the friend that has offered you a home cooked meal, the person who listened carefully to you as you spoke about your situation etc. By finding something to give thanks for each and every day the world becomes a much brighter place.

Prayer

God, You have provided so much.

I am sorry that I do not always see all that you have done for me, I am sorry that I can easily take things for granted.

Help me to be more conscious and to have an attitude of gratitude, giving You thanks daily.

Amen

With beginning a New Year in mind...

Sin has turned the world from a paradise into a thicket; there is no getting through without being scratched.

- *T Boston*

God loves us; not because we are loveable but because He is love; not because he needs to receive but because He delights to give. - *C S Lewis*

God gives wherever He finds empty hands. - *Augustine*

We Christians are miserable indeed if we grow old in making no improvement. - *John Calvin*

A glimpse of the next three feet of road is more important than a view of the horizon. – *C S Lewis*

The search for happiness is one of the chief sources of unhappiness. - *Eric Hoffer*

A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle. - *Anon*

Many who are climbing the ladder of success have their ladders leaning against the wrong walls. - *Erwin Lutzer*

Time is nothing to God. - *Oswald Chambers*

You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you. - *James Allen*

Trials are the resistances God gives us to strengthen our spiritual muscles. - *G SeEVERS*

Peace is not the absence of conflict from life, but the ability to cope with it. - *Sun Dial*

We know not what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future. – *Willis J Ray*

The fruit of the Spirit is not push, drive, climb, grasp and trample... Life is more than a climb to the top of the heap. - *Richard J Foster*

Friendship flourishes at the fountain of forgiveness. - *Anon*

Feel a failure because you don't get everything on your list done each week? Don't worry – the only person who ever got everything done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe! - *Anon*

The Feast of the Epiphany

In our first Online Service of the year, on 5 January, we will be including a celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, which will actually occur on 6 January.

The Epiphany celebrates the visit of the Wise Men to the baby Jesus. But who were these Wise Men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them 'Magi', and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia. It wasn't until the third century that they were called kings - by a church father, Tertullian.

Another church father, Origen, assumed there were three - to correspond with the gifts given.

Later Christian interpretation came to understand gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing - and even embalming. Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things. Since the 8th century, the Magi have had the names Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior.



Magi from the East – it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi had originally been a religious caste among the Persians. Their devotion to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams led to an extension in the meaning of the word, and by the first century the Magi in Matthew's gospel could have been astrologers from outside of Persia. Some scholars believe they might have come from what was then Arabia Felix, or as we would say today, southern Arabia.

It is true that in the first century astrology was practised there, and it was the region where the Queen of Sheba had lived. She of course had visited Solomon and would have heard the prophecies about how one day a Messiah would be born to the Israelites and become their king.

Matthew's gospel (chapter 2) is clear that the Magi asked Herod: 'Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.' So it is possible that in southern Arabia the Queen of Sheba's story of how a Messiah

would one day be sent to the Israelites had survived. Certainly, there are a number of other early legends that connect southern Arabia with Solomon's Israel.

To many people this makes sense: that the ancient stories of a Messiah, linked to later astrological study, prompted these alert and god-fearing men to the realisation that something very stupendous was happening in Israel. They realised that after all these centuries, the King of the Jews, the Messiah, was about to be born.

One more interesting thing that gives weight to the theory that the Magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.

The Magi were not, of course, Jewish grandees, but foreign Gentiles. And so it was clear, from as early as the manger in Bethlehem, that Jesus was not just the Messiah for the Jews, but the Saviour of the whole world.

In many parts of the world, 6th January is celebrated as Christmas Day. As we Western Christians are packing away our tree, the Greek Orthodox world and Catholic Spain are giving presents and celebrating the wise men, or magi. For what better time to give presents to each other, than on the day the wise men presented gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Jesus?

What do we make of these presents? Gold is for kingship, proclaiming a royal child. Frankincense carries a feeling of worship about it: it was used in the temple worship and indicated access to the presence of God. Frankincense is thus for worship and incarnation.

The third gift, myrrh, finds its place at Calvary. After the crucifixion, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea prepared Jesus' body for burial, using myrrh as an embalming fluid. Thus, when the wise men visit the baby Jesus, the shadow of the cross already falls across the crib. But myrrh is also symbolic of love, so you could say that the third gift is about adoration as well as death. And Christ's death on the cross is for love of the Church, His bride.



NEW STATISTICS MAKE DEPRESSING READING FOR CHRISTIANS IN ENGLAND.

For the first time ever, the results of the 2021 Census have found less than 50% of the populations of England and Wales describe themselves as Christian.

At the same time, the Church of England has published its statistical analysis of trends in worshipping for 2021, which shows that although numbers of people attending Church began to rise again in 2021 after Covid restrictions were relaxed, substantially fewer people are attending Church of England services than did so in 2018 - before Covid struck.

In addition, more than 150,000 (or 1 in 6 people left Church of England Electoral Rolls after they were renewed in 2018). These are the members of the congregation who traditionally the most active within their Churches and who vote to appoint Church Councils as well as on many other important matters. This number is not particularly affected by the Covid pandemic and is more indicative of lower numbers of people committing to their churches.

Across Europe, the number of members of Electoral Rolls fell from 11,600 in 2017 to 9,500 in 2021.

Comparing Sunday attendances across the Church of England, an average of 509,000 people attended Church Services on a Sunday in 2021, compared with 707,000 in 2019 and 730,000 in 2018. This does, however, represent a substantial recovery from the very low levels of attendance due to Church closures in 2020.

It is becoming apparent, however, that considerable numbers of people are continuing to rely on, or are switching to, online worship.

The Church of England is reporting large numbers of people accessing their daily podcasts, and here in the Occitanie, ECO is noting continuous increases in the numbers of visitors to our three-times weekly broadcast services.

In contrast however, a survey of churches about their plans for worship at Christmas in 2022 revealed a substantial drop in the number planning to offer online worship. The 2022 statistics will show whether or not this had any effect on attendances.

In England and Wales, the new Census figures show that only 46.2% of the population have described themselves as 'Christian' while 37% now describe themselves as having 'No Religion'.

While the UK tabloid press have leaped on apparent large rises in the number of people describing themselves as 'Muslim', they have chosen to ignore the much lower proportional percentage rise when taking into account the general increase in population numbers.

The fall in Christian numbers, however, is creating some far wider-reaching reactions.

Various groups are now calling for the Church of England to be 'disestablished'. The effects of this would be to remove the right of 26 Archbishops and Bishops to have seats in the House of Lords, as well as potentially removing the requirement for all State schools to hold acts of Christian worship. King Charles would no longer be required to make an oath to preserve the Church of England.

Barrister and King's Counsel, Geoffrey Robertson, who is an Honorary Associate of the National Secular Society, has also suggested that it was no longer necessary for King Charles to have a coronation ceremony, describing it as "just a silly and superstitious Church of England ritual. Charles has no need at all to be crowned by a minority church."

Statistics for 2022, when they are published, will provide some indication as to whether the recovery in Church attendance numbers after the 2020 lockdowns will continue, or whether the Church of England will level off at a much lower level than pre-Covid.

The figures from the National Census can be viewed and downloaded from:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/culturalidentity/religion/bulletins/religionenglandandwales/census2021>

The Church of England's 2021 Statistical Analysis can be downloaded from:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/statistics-mission-2021-published>



**DEAR GOD, GIVE ME PATIENCE.
AND GIVE IT TO ME RIGHT NOW!**



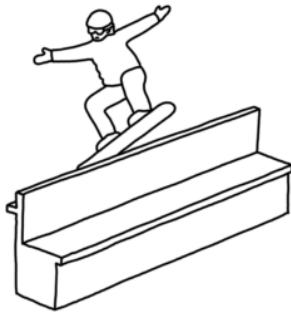
ECO WORSHIP CALENDAR JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1		2		3		4		5	19:00	6		7	
								Evening Service of Prayer for Epiphany					
8	10:30	9		10	19:00	11		12	19:00	13		14	
Online Morning Prayer for the Baptism of Christ				Online Service of Compline				Online Service of Prayer for Healing					
15	10:30	16		17	19:00	18		19	19:00	20		21	
Online Communion Service for Epiphany 2				Online Service of Compline				Online Service of Prayer for Healing					
22	10:30	23		24	19:00	25		26	19:00	27		28	
Online Morning Prayer for Epiphany 3				Online Service of Compline				Online Service of Prayer for Healing					
29	10:30	30		31	19:00								
Online Communion for Candlemas				Online Service of Compline									

Sadly, low levels of snow have hindered winter sports in the Pyrenees this year, but Dave Walker has come up with some ideas to enjoy your favourite winter pursuits in Church.....

THE WINTER GAMES

AT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH



SNOWBOARDING

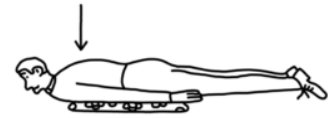


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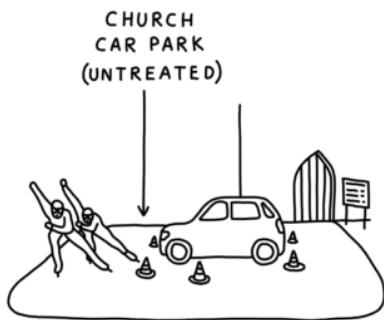


TRAY FROM THE CHURCH KITCHEN

THE CURATE IS VOLUNTEERED TO HAVE FIRST GO



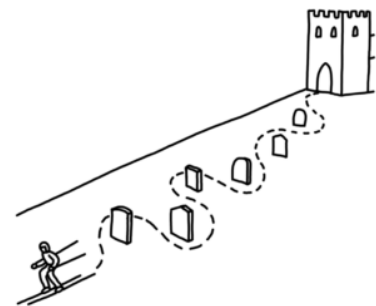
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