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## Foreword



St John's continues to discover what it means to be an inclusive church. Recently, we have enjoyed anthems by female composers from the new book given in memory of Tom Dakin. In October, during Black History Month, we also had some wonderful music written by black composers. This month that journey of inclusion has national implications as the General Synod of the Church of England will consider blessing same sex marriages. Please pray for the

Synod and for all who are affected by its decisions.

Inclusion takes many forms and in this month's All Age Service we will be thinking about how we can be more inclusive of people who are neuro-diverse. We are gradually becoming aware that not everyone experiences the world in the same way. Some members of St John's would describe themselves as neuro-diverse and Ruby, a member of our choir, has kindly agreed to write about her experience in this month's Inspire.

As I write, the details of the service have yet to be ironed out. There are likely to be different areas of the church where varied things happen – music, quiet, crafts. I hope we can all find a space where we feel comfortable and that we will learn about what it means to be neuro diverse. We may also learn something about ourselves.

In his Letter to the Galatians, St Paul wrote 'Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.' I hope that as a diverse body of Christ we can grow further together in love and fellowship, bearing each other's burdens and so fulfilling Jesus' commands.

***Matthew***

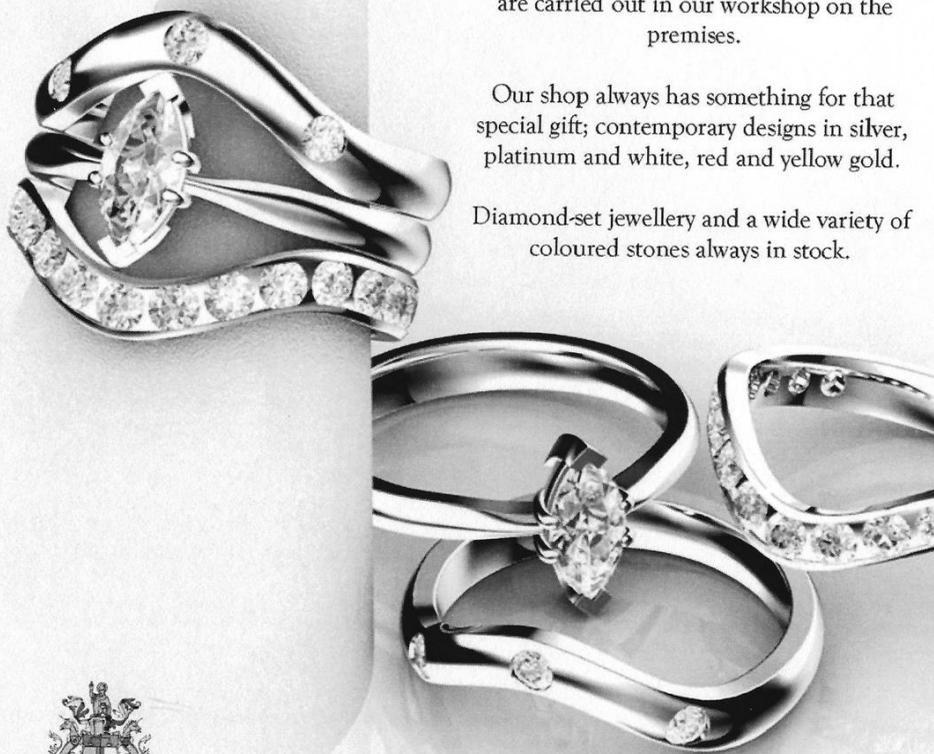
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## From the Editor's Chair



The lead up to Christmas seems a long time ago now, but it was a different experience to previous years and I'm not just talking about the extended cold spell of weather - and the Christmas Extravaganza in Church went ahead despite the heavy snow showers late afternoon and early evening. We also had an excellent and well-attended (sold out!) Nativity and Christingle Service amongst all the other events that were going on. But there was something else that was competing

with the preparations for celebrating the birth of Jesus: the Football World Cup! For me it wasn't a distraction and I know I wasn't alone in enjoying every minute of it, despite the date of the Final match clashing with most Churches' Festivals of Nine Lessons and Carols.

For many people, there was disappointment as the football competition progressed and, for the team that won the coveted cup, I couldn't help but compare it to the elation the Magi might have felt in reaching their goal in Bethlehem after a long and difficult journey. We shouldn't, of course, compare football and religion, even though the Messis of this world (not quite the Messiah!) are treated as gods by many of their fans.

But then, after Christmas, we find ourselves mourning the death of Pele, the most famous footballer of all, who was idolised around the world, only to be followed by the death of Pope Benedict XVI, who also made a big impact on the world stage. Some people leave a lasting legacy after they die and it won't be long before we will be commemorating the death, and celebrating the resurrection of, Jesus Christ. We should not forget, therefore, that God so loved the World that he gave his only begotten son that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

***Philip Walshaw***

# Neurodiversity

by Ruby Hart

At our All Age service this February we are celebrating our neurodiversity and making the worship style more accessible to those who are neurodivergent. Neurodiversity is a term used to refer to the different ways in which the brain functions, such as with socialising, learning, processing emotion, and other functions. To be neurodivergent is to have a brain that functions a different way to what would be considered typical. Examples of neurodivergencies are autism, dyslexia, Tourette's syndrome, ADHD and more. I discovered I am autistic in March last year. In an effort to understand myself more, I have been learning as much as I can about neurodiversity. I've been shocked to learn how inaccessible the world can be for those who aren't neurotypical.

Everyone should have the opportunity to take part in worship in a way that is comfortable. The church, in many ways, can be a very soothing environment for people who are neurodivergent. I have felt the warmest welcome here at St John's, and I find the regular routine of weekly services to be very comforting. That being said, there can be difficulties with certain aspects of attending church. To name a few, the expectation to sit still and quiet can be anxiety inducing for many neurodivergent people who have tics. It can also be distressing for those who stim, a term used to describe repetitive movements or vocalisations, which can soothe anxiety, aid concentration, express emotion and more. For people who struggle with their attention span, it can be difficult to concentrate when listening to someone else speaking. I get very anxious if I don't know exactly what will be happening next in a service.

Many neurodivergent people face discrimination and don't receive the support they need, making it even more important that we create a more accessible space for all. One of the main causes of this is a general lack of understanding of what neurodiversity is. For example, many

people have a narrow and perhaps outdated view of what autism is, mainly due to less research being done on autistic adults and women. People hear the word autism and think of a boy who is hyper sensitive to light and sound, who struggles to socialise, and who has loud and frequent meltdowns. This is one very specific way autism can present, but autism presents in many other ways and everyone is different in how affected they are by sensory issues, social functioning, executive functioning and more. I encourage anyone to learn more about what neurodiversity is because we can't make our society more accessible to all until we learn more about the varying needs of those around us.

For too long the responsibility has wholly been put on neurodivergent people to learn the communication style of neurotypical people and modify their behaviour accordingly. Sometimes it is helpful to adjust communication style if another person is being negatively impacted, however, many neurodivergent people are told to modify behaviour to an unreasonable degree. Many are told to give more or less eye contact than what comes naturally to them, they are told not to stim, they are told they must express emotion in a way that's obvious but not too over the top. These, plus many more, are all unnecessary changes that only cause more anxiety.

We now know that those who are neurodivergent are born this way and it is damaging to make neurodivergent people feel as though they need to change or be fixed. I wouldn't have myself any other way, there are so many wonderful things about being autistic. I love the intense feeling of joy I get when I am engaging in a special interest, such as singing in the choir here at St John's or listening to the music of Billy Joel. I love that when I'm excited I flap my arms about like a bird. Since realising I'm autistic, I know and love myself more than ever and I love God more than ever for making me who I am. I struggle in many ways, however this is mainly due to my autistic traits being incompatible with a world that has been built for neurotypical people.

The expectation for neurodivergent people to modify their behaviour and to fit into a certain mould in order to be socially accepted has a devastating effect on the mental health of many people. When I

reached high school, I was unknowingly masking a lot of my autistic traits, in other words I acted in a way that I observed was socially acceptable, but it wasn't me. I told myself I didn't like fairies or cuddly toys, I hid my discomfort at being around lots of people I don't know, loud noises and bright lights to the point where I didn't even realise they were often the cause of my anxiety. I didn't understand why people didn't jump for joy at the announcement of David Tennant returning for the 50th anniversary episode of Doctor Who, so I made sure to only do this in the presence of my other nerdy friends.

I lost huge parts of my identity, I developed low self esteem and I've been through many bouts of depression. I experienced, and still experience, a lot of anxiety in most social situations. My obvious insecurity made me an easier target for bullies and abusers. I can trace back the difficulties I have with my mental health to trauma I experienced from not receiving the support I needed, not knowing or liking myself, and being abused by people who saw me as an easy target. I am one of so many. I have heard many stories from neurodivergent people that are almost identical to mine. It is very common for neurodivergent people to face abuse in the way I did, particularly as many neurodivergent people struggle to see when someone is lying or manipulating them.

It is therefore, sadly, no surprise that it is common for neurodivergent people to also have mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety and PTSD. Suicide rates in neurodivergent people are alarmingly high. On average, autistic people die 20 years earlier than those who aren't autistic, most commonly from suicide. In Denmark, a study on 6.5 million people showed that autistic people were four times more likely to die by suicide than those who aren't autistic. There are many more grim statistics like this that only motivate me more to talk everyone's ears off about neurodiversity.

Making our world more accessible and inclusive to neurodivergent people, enabling people to be their authentic selves without judgement, and spreading a deeper understanding of neurodiversity will save lives. One of the things I love most about this spectacular

world that God has created is how diverse everything and everyone is, it is the greatest work of art ever made. Each and every diverse brain is a part of that rich tapestry, made with purpose and love. By celebrating our diversity and being inclusive to all, we can honour one of the most fundamental values we hold dear: to love one another as God loves us.

## Lent Groups

This year we shall be following a course for our Lent Groups which will be used throughout the Mission Partnership and also at Sheffield Manor Parish. The course is called **‘Act Now!’ - A contemporary encounter with five moments in the Book of Acts : how God shaped, shapes and will shape the life of God’s people.**

It looks at five moments in the life of the earliest church as found in the book of Acts. The course has been devised by St Mark’s Broomhill and draws on Willie James Jennings commentary on the Acts of the Apostles.

There will be a number of courses available to join across the Mission Partnership including several on Zoom. St Johns will be hosting two courses on Wednesday evenings 7.30 - 9.00pm and Thursday afternoons 2.30 - 4.00pm. Both courses will be held in the Parish Centre.

The courses comprise five sessions, which start in the week beginning Monday 27th February. All courses will be available to everyone. Full details can be found in the news sheet or on the website.

We do hope you will want to join one of the courses.

**Sandra Green**



## Activism and Christian Faith

by John Green

How far would you go to highlight the Climate Emergency to your friends and neighbours? Turn down the heating, eat less meat and dairy, go vegan, go on a protest march, sell your car or glue yourself to a motorway? These are all degrees of activism and we're probably all on that spectrum, albeit at the lower end. Being a Christian is a form of activism - rejecting some current norms and values and seeing caring for creation as an expression of faith.



These thoughts were prompted by this year's Christmas Tree Festival at the Cathedral. If you're not aware of this - the Cathedral has been filled with lots of (smallish) trees, each sponsored by an organisation or business, to raise awareness and encourage giving. My favourite was from Hendersons, decorated with miniature bottles of Hendo's.

One tree in particular caught my eye - tucked away at the back. It was a 'Thank You' to the C of E from Shell Oil, for supporting them in their contribution to net-zero

emissions and for (the Church Commissioners) continuing to invest in fossil fuels. You soon realise that the text is highly satirical when you see the words of explanation on a stand alongside the 'letter' from Shell. The tree was decorated by Christian Climate Action (Sheffield) - the faith wing of Extinction Rebellion. Sheffield Cathedral write to explain their decision to allow this 'spoof' message to be included, in that they wish

to “engage with groups such as CCA and ensure the Cathedral is doing all it can to achieve the C of E target of net-zero emissions by 2030” and “acknowledge that activism such as this is often necessary to move the argument along - which is why this tree remains in the 2022 Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival”.

You may or may not agree with the Cathedral and CCA but the issue of fossil fuel use is rarely out of the news, with Putin’s Russia using energy as a weapon of war. Moving fully to renewable energy sources is still some way off but economics and activism (“Just Stop Oil”) are both pushing us in the same direction.

The Festival has ended, but I’ve put photos of the ‘letters’ on the Church website. We will be celebrating and renewing our involvement with Eco-Church and Climate activism at a service in March and the Lent Study Group will be discussing the Book of Acts and the spread of the Gospel in the early Church - perhaps the greatest story of activism and revolution, of which we are still a part.

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## Book Review: 'Lydia' A Story by Paula Gooder

Following the successful publication of 'Phoebe' (which is in the church library) Paula Gooder, Canon Chancellor at St Paul's Cathedral, has written another wonderful reimagining of the story of a woman from the New Testament. This second book is about Lydia, a seller of purple cloth who was living in Philippi when she met the apostle Paul on his second missionary journey. Lydia is considered the first recorded convert to Christianity in Europe.

Dr Gooder skilfully blends stories from the Book of Acts with St Paul's Letter to the Philippians to create a compelling narrative. It gives us wonderful a sense of the cultural and historical pressures that shaped Paul's thinking and the faith of the early church. The book has extensive notes at the back but can be easily read without needing to look at them. If you find books of theology off-putting but enjoy a good story, this could be the book for you!

'Lydia' will be in the church library alongside many other stimulating and enjoyable works. Do have a look.

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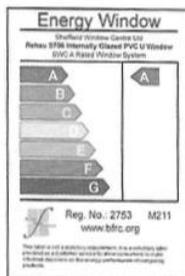
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## Restaurant Review: Piccolino, Millennium Square Sheffield I



This review is actually a “Christmas” edition in which “amusing” references will be made pertinent to the “Festive” time of year. Sadly, due to lack of forward planning, apathy, and snow (always a good excuse!) this tome will appear in February. Totally irrelevant of course as no doubt some elements will be out of date by 2023. So, if anyone is still reading this diatribe – Happy New Year!

Back to December, a month when the great British tradition is to celebrate Christmas by participating in group assemblies at pre-arranged meal - providing venues, consume a “traditional Xmas” offering (usually lunch) and converse with people you know only by sight, have never previously spoken to, and don’t particularly like anyway.

So why choose Piccolino in Sheffield’s city centre? A rhetorical question as this was the venue decided by the “controllers” of a Science and Technology group of which I am a somewhat bemused member (possibly an ex-member should any person relevant accidentally read this article!)

I actually have dined at Piccolino in the distant pre-covid past when a pre-theatre meal (or whatever) was a fairly normal event. Just re-read that last bit - sounds rather like Prince Andrew's "Normal shooting weekend". Pretentious possibly? Memories however were pretty positive, so a re-visit was quite appealing.

### **The Meal (part one)**

In the publicity rhetoric, Piccolino describes itself as an: "Upscale chain restaurant with a contemporary interior and a menu of classic Italian specialities" - so an obvious venue for a "traditional" English Christmas lunch! Actually, that seems a rather harsh example of pre-judgement criticism - especially as I (plus G) have still to enter the relevant portals of said establishment.

The restaurant actually is a pretty smart emporium. Large, airy, warm (cold day!) staffed with attentive Italian waiters, all seemingly keen on maintaining the full "local Italian hillside village" effect. Worked well. Our designated waiter skilfully created a relaxed atmosphere which seamlessly blended into a stylish menu presentation (impressively professional) involving multiple food and drinks orders interspersed with cheerful banter which quickly enveloped the eclectic assembly of a politely socialising S&T group. For those confused by the term "S&T group" re-read the pre-review bit at the start of all this Italian stuff.

The food menu is very much the classic Italian style of rhetoric – incomprehensible unless one has a firm knowledge of the Italian language - ameliorated by a neo-English translation which allows a reasonable guess as to what actually is on offer. G and I had decided to opt for the "Lunch time deal" a seemingly very reasonable £20 per person for two courses from a limited menu, with pudding available for a further modest £5 outlay.

### **The Meal (part two)**

From this attenuated menu I (and G) both chose the Calamari Fritti – an excellent, tasty, fresh dish - the squid, plus courgette slices, were

beautifully deep fried, and came with a good “in house” mayonnaise sauce in a separate small bowl.

Being a fan of linguine, the “Linguine al Gamberoni” seemed an obvious choice as a main course. This was really good! The combination of King Prawns (very good on quantity) with chilli, thin courgette slices and flat leaf parsley immersed in a creamy sauce all of which blended well with the linguine pasta, was beautifully presented, and tasted delicious. G, still with a drift towards the “veggie” option chose an Italian salad dish: Burrata - which presented as a combination of soft Mozzarella cheese, beetroot, rocket, toasted walnuts all enlivened with a balsamic dressing. Didn’t actually taste it, but it seemed to be well received. Forgot to mention drinks. A Sicilian white wine was suggested by our attentive waiter, which at £6.50 a glass provided a good, if not actually outstanding, complement to both courses.

Final expenditure (a pudding for the discounted price of £5.00) was a Tiramisu for me (explanation probably not needed, but just in case, a combination of amaretto and espresso coffee-soaked sponge biscuits with mascarpone cream and a sprinkling of cocoa powder) which was wonderful! The Italian experience finished with a couple of Cappuccino coffees (of course!) at a fairly standard £3.95 each.

## **Verdict**

What a great meal! I think you may well agree that “large group” restaurant meals tend to be pretty average at best, and absolutely diabolical at worst. This meal very much had a feeling of being produced for each individual diner - which should be a standard practice - but seldom is!

So, if you are wandering around the city centre (does anybody actually do that these days?) and fancy a classy Italian lunch, Piccolino is one of the best. Give it a go.

**Roy Stanley**

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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

10.30am All Age Service - Neurodiversity theme  
6.30pm BCP Communion

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 10-12.30pm**

Foodbank Collection

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February – 9.30am-1pm**

Marriage Preparation Morning

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February – 7.30pm**

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

10.30am Parish Communion  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February – The Next before Lent**

10.30am Parish Communion  
12.30pm Baptism of Penelope Denby Hollis Webb  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

7.30pm PCC meeting in the annexe

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 10-12.30pm**

Foodbank Collection

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Ash Wednesday**

11.30am Holy Communion With imposition of Ashes (Parish Centre)  
7.30pm Holy Communion With imposition of Ashes (Church)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Lent I**

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**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

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**We thank you for the gift of the lives of those who were baptised here. May your blessing of peace and joy be with them and protect them all of their days:**

Bruno Sebastian Lee-Owen

**Please remember those who have died:**

Vic Powell, Margaret Morton, David Clines,  
Harold Smith and Harold Fisher

*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.

## Rambling On

with Philip Walshaw



By her own admission (and she is not alone), my wife, Susan, gets confused with place names, particularly when they start with the same letter of the alphabet. It is with her in mind that I describe this circular walk from Bubnell to Curbar, or is it Baslow to Calver, sorry, Curbar?! We start the walk from the SPAR shop on School Lane (DE45 1RZ), which, for the record, is officially in the administrative area Baslow and Bubnell Parish and has been since 1934.

Walk up Bar Road, past Gorse Bank Lane (which you will return on), passing the houses until the road turns into a wide track. Keep going uphill and take the footpath on the left which leads to a wide grassy track shown above. Keep going in a northerly direction past the conveniently located benches until you reach a stile and gate which leads into the conservation area, beneath the dramatic gritstone escarpment of Curbar Edge.

Soon you will see a sign where footpaths cross. Take the lower path to Curbar. Further along this path, look out for the Cundy graves. The Great Plague came to Curbar, some 30 years prior to the more famous Eyam Plague. The Cundy family were from nearby Grislowfield Farm and all perished in 1632. It is not known who buried



the family but Thomas and Ada Cundy together with their children Olive, Nellie and young Thomas each have a slab carved with their initials.



The path soon drops down to the left across a field and at the bottom you will see a little honey pot building with a conical roof. Known as Jagers Keep, this building was used during the 17<sup>th</sup> century as a 'lock up' to secure prisoners

overnight as they were transported to Sheffield Assizes. Turn right onto a metalled road which leads to Bar Road (another one) a steep old Roman Road that climbs up from Carver to the top of Curbar Edge. On this road there are four road sign stones carved in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by a mole catcher for the Duke of Devonshire. A devout Wesleyan, he carved the stones as a token of thanksgiving following his recovery from a serious illness. Turn left down the road and then left again along Cliff Lane. Before doing this, an interesting detour can be made by following The Green into the village of Curbar where you can observe the quaint Curbar Well and Horse Trough. The protected roofed area was for villagers; the round trough is



still used for animals. Further down the road is The Pinfold: stray sheep from the moors were held in the fold until their owners were able to collect them.

Back onto Cliff Lane, keep walking until you see some steps built into a wall on the left. Climb over these and follow the path alongside the wooden fences until it reaches a stream and an ideal spot for a picnic on a nice day.

Turn right and follow the path down and round to the left, past a spring and then up Grislow Field. At the top, keep going right and then diagonally across another field until you reach a track that leads through Gorse Bank Farm onto Gorse Bank Lane which eventually takes you to the other Bar Road and back down to your starting point at Sainsbury's. No, sorry, I meant SPAR (well, it begins with an 'S' and it's easily done!).



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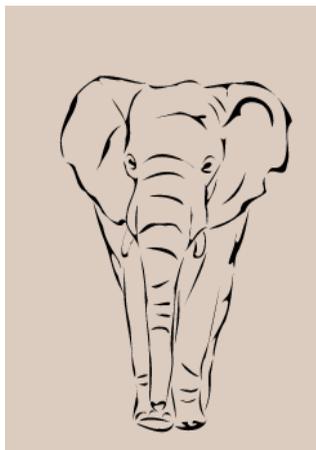
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### ***Episode 34 of the Adventures of the Elephant and Mouse***

"One day," the elephant said, "I should pretend to be



you and you pretend to be me and we'll see who notices first."

"Don't be silly," the mouse said.

"Of course, people would notice straightaway." "Really?"

"Obviously." And the mouse rolled its eyes. "Your voice is so much deeper than mine. The second either of us said

anything, we'd be found out."

The elephant considered this further. "Then maybe," it said, "we can both pretend to have had a cold and lost our voice. And then we can pretend to be one another."

"That'll do the trick," the mouse agreed.



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# Places in the Bible Word Search



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reach me by Wednesday, 15th February, 2023.

1. Whisky bender (6,6)
2. Drunk soft concoction (9)
3. Original service station found in comfort on the M6 ....(6)
4. ....crane last re-assembled here (9)
5. Not coming back to cleaning (10)
6. Lights shining in front of meadow (12)
7. Ruth changed stone (8)
8. Group of trees with everything (7)
9. Rot around water supply (7)
10. The great divide? (7,3)
11. Backwards bit before ledge (8)
12. Find pool after endless crossing (10)
13. Fuzzy border (7,4)
14. Do groan unscrambling this (7)
15. Softer transition following sterile EC amendment (9,6)

**Answers to December Quiz (Peak District Place Names):** 1. Bradwell 2. Castleton 3. Great Longstone 4. Millers Dale 5. Eyam 6. Peak Forest 7. Monsal Head 8. Crich 9. Sparrowpit 10. Hassop 11. Longshaw 12. Yorkshire Bridge 13. Birchover 14. Hope 15. Hathersage

**Entries were received from:** Janet and Malcolm Anker, Ruth Cheshire, Pam and Ian Dall, Michael and Rosemary Hannon, Alan and Pauline Heath, Janet Twigg, Barbara and Peter Wozencroft.

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If you would like to join us, please notify Claire in the office by the Wednesday before. There will be a box for voluntary donations (*for the church refurbishment fund*). The next Sunday Social will be on Sun Feb 26th and then Sun 26th March. We look forward to seeing you.  
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