



this
month
includes...

April
2026

Rector's Journal
Agape supper
"Easter Dawn"
Recorder treat

plus

Northern Saints' trails
Easter Songs of Praise
St Peter's Easter Trail

Grasping, or letting go?

Sunday: Two pairs of eyes scan the biscuit plates which have been duly looted by the fleet-footed early arrivals following the rush for coffee after the service has ended. Me, and one other, glance at a single plate of sad Rich

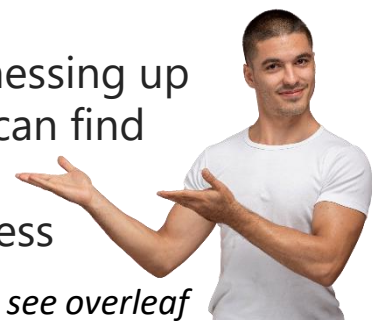


Teas and, glory, a solitary choc chip cookie. Obviously, I lose the battle, and have to nibble a Lenten excuse for baking. The winner grasps the chocolate and departs.

Next week's reading is from Philipians and describes Jesus who, though made out of the same stuff as God, does not count that equality as "something to be greedily grasped". I should have quoted that at the sticky-fingered biscuit bandit.

Friday: an Open Church Meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the church doors, and a healthy turn out of church members. Both parties: HMG (represented chiefly by me and the architect), and the Loyal Opposition (various) clash over the proposals. Which one of us is following Christ's example of not grasping greedily? Christ gave up his divine glory to become a man, and didn't cling on. Is church life so so difficult at the moment that the two sides have to cling and grasp greedily at their ideas, and will not let them go?

By chance, the diocese intervenes by neglectfully messing up the paperwork, and so both Addingham parties can find unity in opposing the central bureaucrats. But, as we head into Holy Week, can we learn to be less grasping about our own desires, less stuck to ... *see overleaf*



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... our own prejudices, and more keen to let go, and to begin walking away and following the humble steps of Jesus?

Mark

The Pastoral Care Team keeps in touch with members of the Church who, for various reasons, might not be able to attend in person. If you'd be interested in making an occasional phone call or visiting someone (in pairs), please give me a ring. Judy Hutton 07989306526



Spring is here – are thoughts turning to holidays, maybe a daytrip or a weekend, or perhaps a week after Easter or in the summer? Now that

St. Peter's is on the *Pilgrim Places* network, have you thought of trying a pilgrim route yourself? It doesn't have to be lengthy (a change is as good as a rest!): see the **Northern Saints' Trails** website* for a varied selection of themed walks, starting from just a mile long, across North East England – and if you do travel any pilgrim route, on your return please tell us about it in Source! *www.thisisdurham.com/northernsaints



Thank you

to

Children's Church for cheering our hearts by distributing the lovely posies on Mothering Sunday



You may have noticed notices like this round Church Field since the start of the school Easter break – it's a family Easter Trail around St. Peter's grounds, following the Easter story step by step, and solving a puzzle to claim a prize. You don't need to be a youngster to join in – get your Trail map from the church porch!

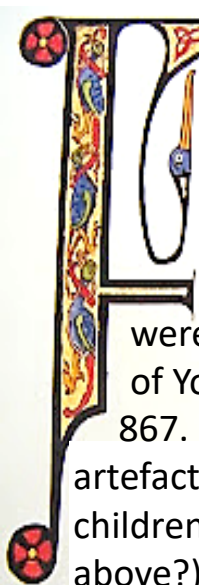


To follow the Easter Trail, pick up a map from the church porch and get started!

Trail is open in daylight hours Saturday 28th March to Saturday 11th April

Please note prizes NOT available to claim on Friday 3rd April between 2pm to 3pm and on Sundays 29th March/5th April before noon

God refuses to give up, and we who are enlisted to be fellow-workers with God know that the only reason we continue is that death did not have the last word; that Good Friday was not the end of the story
Desmond Tutu



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A recent afternoon, organised at the request of the Primary School, saw year 3 pupils visit St. Peter's to find out about the life of the Anglo Saxons of **Adda-inga-ham**, who had to cooperate to survive, were largely reliant of local produce, and welcomed Bishop **Wulfhere** of York to the sanctuary of their village when the Vikings sacked York in 867. With questions, models, pictures, food and drink, poems, activities, artefacts, riddles, recordings and especially our own **Anglo Saxon cross**, the children had a happy time. (Can you decipher the Old English phrase above?)

Thanks to Pat T, Chris and Wendy A, and Judy W for making this possible.



Ceorls!



At the cross

Easter Dawn

a sonnet by Malcolm Guite

He blesses every love which weeps and grieves
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,
Or recognise the Gardener standing there.
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light
That brightens as she chokes out her reply
'They took my love away, my day is night'
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.



Mary Magdalene and Christ the Gardener
kellylatimoreicons.com



John Turner is one of the country's leading **recorder** players, and is known for composing, commissioning, performing and recording many new works for the instrument. He's made numerous appearances and recordings with the *Early Music Consort of London*, the *Academy of Ancient Music*, the *English Chamber Orchestra*, the *Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields* and the *English Baroque Soloists*, and has played as soloist with the *Halle Orchestra*, the *Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra*, and the *Manchester Camerata*. Mr Turner's late wife **Margaret** was a direct descendant of a branch of the Lister family of Addingham. The **"Music for Margaret" concert at St. Peter's on Saturday 25 April at 2.30pm** is a musical thanksgiving for her life, given by Mr. Turner with the *Victoria String Quartet* and friends. It will include works by Schubert, Mozart and Ravel as well as tribute pieces written especially for the occasion. The concert is **free** to attend, with **refreshments**, and a retiring collection for St. Peter's. Also on display will be handmade embroideries handed down through the Lister family from the 18th Century (or earlier) onwards, now in the care of the Addingham Heritage Group.

To say
"Good Morning"
on **Easter Day**
is an
understatement

As we delight in the beauty of this year's daffodils around St. Peter's, let's remember that to be "mistaken for The Gardener", we have to spend time on our knees, and be active in planting and tending seeds of hope which will make people rejoice in new life, and in the life which is to come : may this be true of us.



Though
we cannot think
alike, may we
not love alike?

John Wesley

Messy Easter is on Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) at 10am
this is **YOUR** invitation to join the Messy Church children and families to
learn all about Easter, and share in hot cross buns too.

Wulfherans

We welcomed 2 new members to our Wulfherans group at our meeting on 3rd March, where we learned about the history of chocolate from Sarah Tomkinson. There were lots of samples to try, and many made purchases of the delicious chocolates Sarah had made. It was a lovely friendly evening and was enjoyed by all. We'll meet again on:

Tuesday
31st March
7.30pm
in church



(Please note: there's no Wulfherans meeting in April)

From the Registers

Baptism

8th March Myles Margerrison

Burial

16th March Carole Kelly

Funerals

20th March Irene Vorster

27th March Rita Leleux

On our website now - don't miss

'Meet me in the Garden, an Easter podcast'



Please note: the quiet low-key Healing service will this month be on **Thursday 9th April** at 7pm because our normal "first Thursday of the month" date is Maundy Thursday.

Village Songs of Praise
for Easter
Sunday 12th April
6pm



a chance to join in singing all your favourite Easter hymns to celebrate the Easter message of hope.

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St Peters Church Addingham

For up-to-date details of all services and activities, please look at our website, follow us on Facebook or pick up a "What's On" leaflet.

Everyone is welcome and you can also join with St. Peter's online; we livestream many of our services to our Facebook page, so take a look.

You can also follow **C.a.f.e** – **children and family events** at St. Peter's Addingham

Watch all **St. Peter's monthly Podcasts** via the church website – click **Online**, scroll down to **Podcasts**, then click **Watch on Vimeo**

Men's Social

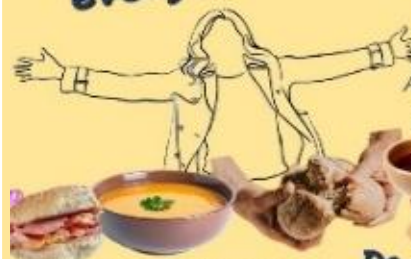
Our next meeting is

Thursday 9th April from **7.30pm**
all welcome to join us for a chat in
The Fleece (left hand bar)

Agape supper

with St. Peter's

Thurs 2nd April
5pm



a meal for everyone

A chance for the whole church family, of all ages, to enjoy a simple meal together and to share in the story of the Last Supper

Do come - this is for you

This sharing supper will introduce the children of our church family to the meaning and experience of Holy Communion – please do come to be with them and their parents for this special occasion

"Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about." N.T.Wright