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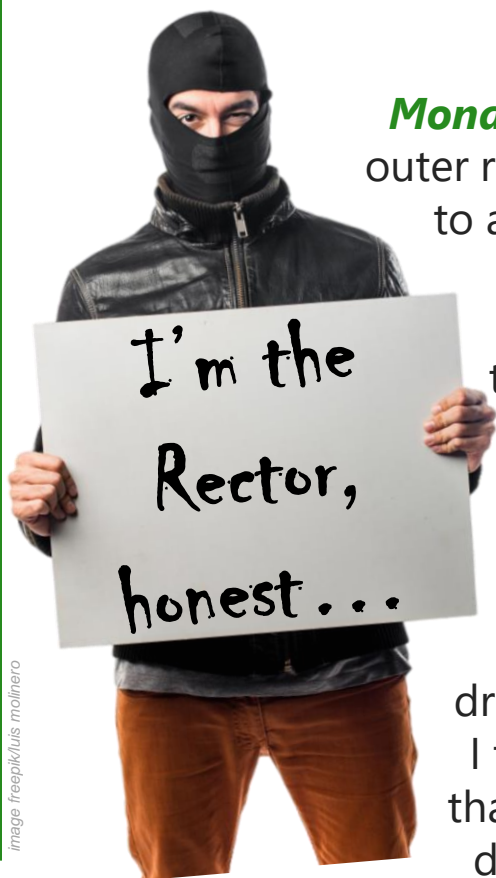


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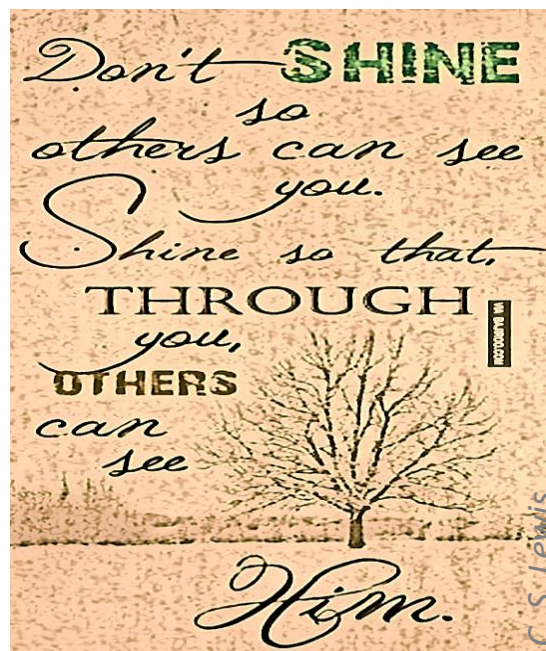
Does it show..?

Monday: I am looking for a house in the outer reaches of Addingham. I am visiting to arrange a funeral, but, although I'm in the right area, I can't identify the house itself. I stand on the corner trying to get salvation from Google maps.

A car pulls up, I think they are lost like me, and I am about to cheerily admit that I am not from these parts, and can't help them. But the driver knows this, and asks me what I think I am doing here. I now realise that the chap believes I am a burglar/door to door salesman/ beggar, and

that I'm now being interrogated as a shifty looking ne'er do well. I tell him I'm looking for Mrs X. Why do you want her, he replies. This is getting to be hard work, but, eventually, he invites me to walk behind his car as he leads me down the street (faster than my little legs can walk).

Sunday: we read about Amos (a much under-used name outside of Emmerdale). Amos is a rough countryman sent by the Lord into a royal shrine with a message. He gets ignored, and then told to go away. His message proved to be exactly accurate, but his looks and accent did for him. Move on, sunshine, and do it somewhere else...



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C.S. Lewis

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from page 1 In church I am protected by a cassock and other strange bits of costume. It's not me you're looking at, you're supposed to concentrate on the Word. I didn't present myself well on the mean streets of Addingham, and it was a struggle to get through. If you and I don't **look like we are living God's Word**, why would anyone want to listen?

Mark

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

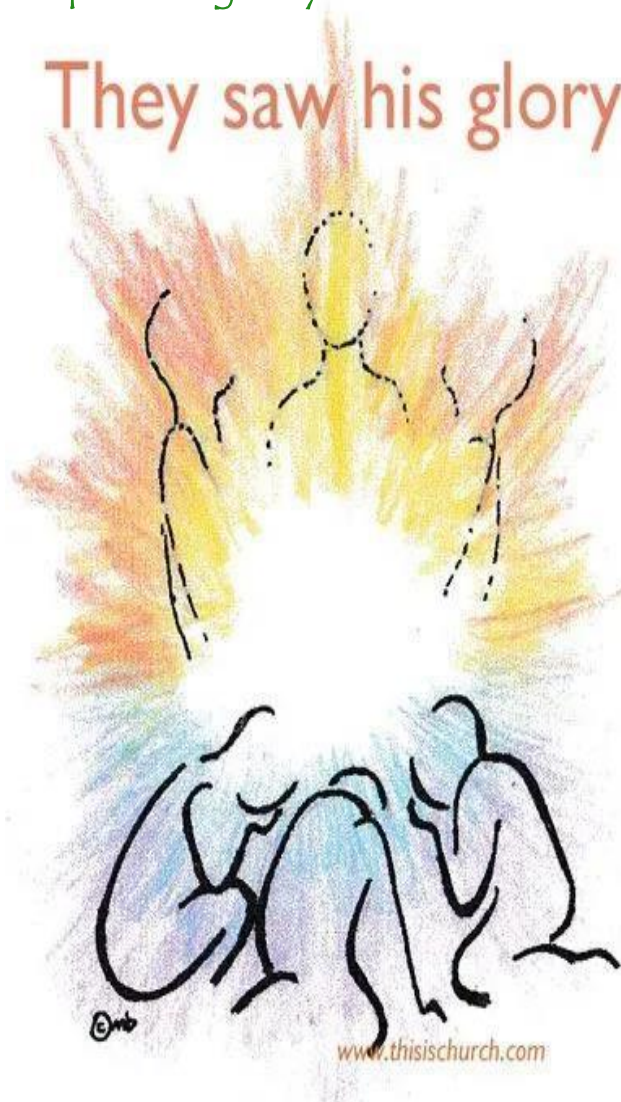
6th August: The Transfiguration – a glimpse of glory

High on a mountain, Jesus is suddenly transfigured in front of his friends – his face shines like the sun, his clothes look dazzling white, then Elijah and Moses, of all people, appear and talk with Him. A bright cloud overshadows the disciples. Peter, always the enthusiast, suggests building three shrines right there for Jesus and the two historic leaders.

But the message of the Transfiguration is that the Law and the Prophets are now fulfilled in Jesus – Moses and Elijah can hand on that baton. God's presence with humanity doesn't depend any more on building a shrine or a temple, just on listening to his beloved son Jesus.

God still says "Listen up". We get to glimpse something greater than we can normally see. The baton of carrying the transfiguring message passes to us, too.

They saw his glory



Nature Notes for August from Margaret Spencer

I have been admiring a lovely plant on the edge of the canal which had grown to about 3' high with pink/purple flowers. I eventually found it in my very ancient Observer's Book of Wild Flowers, listed as **Common Mallow** - it says it's common in coastal places in lowland Britain but "*rare in the north*" and "*was once used for salads and its roots were made into a soothing ointment*". There was me thinking it was ordinary! A young **blackbird** is **bathing** in the water as I write, the dish is full of water and a great deal is splashing on the path!



To discover the character of people, we have only to observe what they love.

Saint Augustine

Fred Pratt Green (1903 – 2000)

In his 3rd Sunday presentation in June, Mark introduced us to [Fred Pratt Green](#) as one of the most prolific and influential hymn writers of our generation. A Lancashire man, Fred (his hymn-writing name) was born into a Methodist family, but his father resigned as a local preacher as he could not accept prevailing ideas that unbelievers went to eternal damnation. Fred and a friend offered themselves for [ministry](#), Fred [in the Methodist church](#), the other in the Anglican, Fred opting for Methodism because of its offer of open welcome to Holy Communion, something we now take for granted at St Peter's but which was unheard of when we were younger.

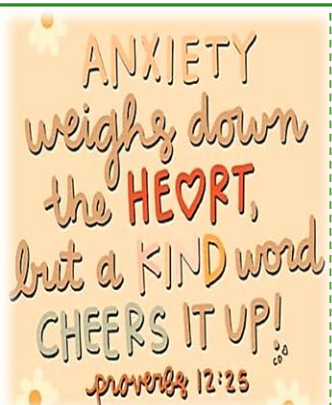


He emerged from college in 1928 convinced that [fundamentalism was a grave misinterpretation of the Bible](#), that [Christian unity](#), although nigh on unobtainable, was a goal, and the church should be fully involved in [social concerns](#). His hymns reflect these ideals.

During his Methodist ministry Fred moved widely throughout England, including spells in the [Otley](#) and [Bradford](#) circuits in the thirties.

Already a writer of hymns and plays he only really began writing in earnest [after he retired](#), producing over 300 hymns and songs over the next two decades; these became popular across all denominations. Eight appear in our hymnbook, including such favourites as '[Christ is the world's Light, he and none other](#)'. '[For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God](#)'*, and '[God is here! As we his people](#)'.

*www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3TGM4RAZhU listen at this link to these words, sung to the splendid tune "East Acklam" written by Francis Jackson, formerly organist of York Minster



If you heard [Elaine](#) on July 21st reflecting on her [life as a nun](#) (you can watch the recording via the [Online page of St. Peter's website](#)), you may be interested to know that there's a community of Anglican nuns at [St. Hilda's Priory](#) in Whitby, centred on [prayer and communal worship](#). They welcome guests, and anyone can become a "Tertiary" of the order, living at home but following the Priory community's [Rule of Life](#). See more at www.ohpwhitby.org.uk



Need a Holiday?

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

words of Jesus, from Matthew 11:28-30 (*The Message* translation)

Wulfherans

Our July meeting was a visit to Golden Acre Park at Bramhope, noted for its fine array of trees, a variety of flowers in the greenhouse and a lake with water plants and many different birds. We enjoyed afternoon tea in the cafe.



Our next meeting is our

Annual BBQ

Tues 6 August, 6pm

see poster for details,
sign booking sheet in hall

Peace point

The United Nations defines peace as involving values, attitudes and behaviours that reject violence, endeavours to prevent conflicts by addressing root causes, and solving problems through dialogue and negotiation.

If humility does not precede all that we do, our efforts are fruitless.

Saint Augustine

From the Registers

Funerals

July 9 Christine Benstead
July 16 Stephen Hall

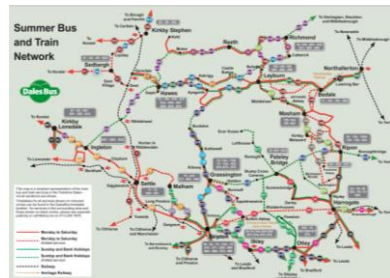
FOSPA teas

Don't forget to sign up in the hall to bake and/or serve in August!

LET YOUR
faith
BE BIGGER
THAN
your fear

Cut the Carbon tip

A day out in the Dales this month could be a chance to ditch the car for 24 hours, and no parking hassles or fees, thanks to the summer



DalesBus network, with lots of journeys from Addingham and single fares of no more than £2 per journey! Pick up a timetable or check details online at dalesbus.org



Don't just look at the way things are and ask, 'Why?'
Try looking at the way things could be and ask, 'Why not?'

Aug 24 International Bat Night – ideal twilight to spot/hear bats on the field!

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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

You can watch all **St. Peter's Podcasts** via the church website – click on **Online**, scroll down to the **Podcasts** heading, then click the **Watch on Vimeo** button. Take a look!