



# St. Peter's Addingham

a place of Christian worship in three millennia

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by Robin L

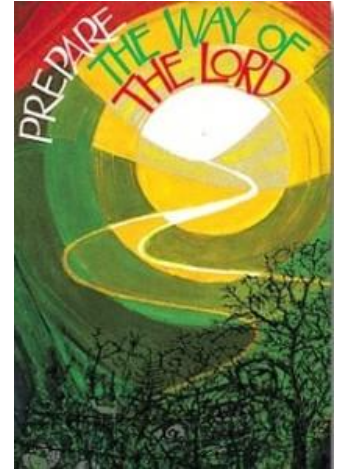
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Concert News  
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## Adventurous...?

**Tuesday:** I am in the Coop, and I have clearly arrived after Satan has made a successful visit (he lives in Ilkley but occasionally pops out to Addingham). He has reduced Sour Cream and Onion Pringles to £2; Dairy Milk to £1; and chocolate Hobnobs to £1.80. On the plus side that's tea sorted out, but on the other plus side, I am getting plussier, and the middle cassock buttons are starting to creak under pressure.

**Sunday:** How long will the Coop continue to tempt with their seductive and fairly-priced delights? Well, not much longer. Today's church date is the 24th Sunday after Trinity: the long, long Sundays of Trinity go back all the way to the Spring,



but they will very soon be turned into Advent. **Advent is getting ready for Christmas**, and calls for spiritual strengthening, battles against temptation, and generally better vicarly behaviour. It is a good Advent thing to suffer, and to go without, before the great feast of Christmas.

**Sunday afternoon:** my brother-in-law reminds me that it is 20 years since we ran (he ran, I sort of stumbled) around Lake Coniston. Would I like to do it again? Perhaps he is an unlikely angel but you might see me gasping around the Church Field trying to get ready, and certainly suffering in the meantime. I will definitely need longer than four Pringle-free weeks in December, but the aim is the same : train the body says St Paul, subdue it and **get ready for the Race**.

Mark

Let us RUN with endurance the RACE God has set before us  
HEBREWS 12:1



# A little quiz : Christmas films with a message...

Which of these “Christmassy” films can you name? What is your own favourite

Christmas film? and to which film are these the closing words?\*



Tonight I want to tell you the story of an empty stocking. Once upon a midnight clear, there was a child's cry. A blazing star hung over a stable and wise men came with birthday gifts. We haven't forgotten that night down the centuries; we celebrate it with stars on Christmas trees, the sound of bells and with gifts. But especially with gifts... We forget nobody, adult or child. All the stockings are filled... all that is, except one. And we have even forgotten to hang it up. The stocking for the child born in a manger. It's his birthday we are celebrating. Don't ever let us forget that. Let us ask ourselves what he would wish for most... and then let each put in his share. Loving kindness, warm hearts and the stretched out hand of tolerance. All the shining gifts that make peace on earth.

*\*The Bishop's Wife*

Each of us is an Innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus

N.A. Maxwell

**Be a Star and donate to The Salvation Army**



Food & gifts collection @ St. Peter's SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER

Please bring your donations of non-perishable foods especially Christmas food and gifts for children – please see poster in porch for details of what is needed



drawn by Joan Higgs

**Happy Christmas from St. Peter's**

Anne Hodgson spoke at the *Climate Action Addingham* event in November about St. Peter's aim to be a

**carbon net-zero church**

**by 2030**, including the possibility of fitting batteries to store energy from the solar panels on our hall roof – watch this space for more details.



## Peace point

*The awareness of shared humanity underpins the global enterprise of cosmopolitan conflict resolution.*

*O. Ramsbotham and T. Woodhouse*

From the Registers

**Funeral**

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Matthew James Ridley

**Nature Notes will be back in the New Year**

Is this Christmas a sad one for you? Sharing the experiences of others who've been there might be helpful –  
\*go to [stpetersaddingham.org.uk/online/](http://stpetersaddingham.org.uk/online/)  
\*under Podcasts, click **Watch on Vimeo**  
\*then find the podcast *The Longest Night Remember, there's always someone from St. Peter's for you to talk with*



why not...

**start Advent with  
Evensong**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
4pm**

*It is Christmas  
every time you let God love others through you*  
*Mother Teresa*

**Fairfax Singers  
Christmas  
Concert  
Sat 9 Dec 7pm**

*bring your  
friends!*

No entry tickets, just  
donations to

**Salvation Army  
Christmas Appeal**

## Hymn Writers

part 6 in an occasional series

by **Robin Leleux**

### **Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 – 1895)**

No traditional Christmas carol service would be complete without 'Once in royal David's city', often with a treble/soprano solo for the first verse\*. This is one of the most lastingly **popular hymns** from the prolific pen of Mrs C. F. Alexander (as *Hymns Ancient & Modern* primly calls her); our less formal *Anglican Hymns Old & New* uses her full name. Born in Dublin into the Anglo-Irish Ascendancy (her father was land agent to aristocracy) she lived in Strabane in N.W. Ireland. A **prolific poet** from childhood, her religious leanings were influenced by the new '**high church**' Oxford Movement, especially John Keble who edited her anthology *Hymns for Little Children* (1848) which ran to 69 editions. It contained perennial favourites like '**All things bright and beautiful**' and '**There is a green hill far away**' (considered her husband as her greatest hymn of all) as well as 'Once in royal'. Later hymns in our book are '**Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult**' (1852) and her translation of '**St Patrick's breastplate**' (1889). Widely popular at home and abroad (13 in *A&MR*) many have now faded as no longer in tune with modern approaches, e.g. for children '*Do no sinful action*' (1848); a verse in 'All things bright and beautiful' endorsing class distinctions was later omitted. Her husband became Bishop of Derry then Archbishop of Armagh while she was '**an indefatigable visitor to poor and sick**'.



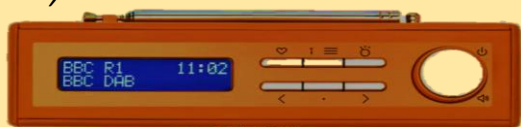
\* [www.youtube.com/watch?v=TT3cfXd3Shk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TT3cfXd3Shk)



# Things to be thankful for...

by Carol Miles

Last week, I found myself reflecting on the many ways in which radio programmes have enriched my life. I wake up to *Today* and fall asleep to *Today in Parliament*, both of which feed my interest in *politics*; but the sheer variety of programmes on Radio 4 alone keeps me engaged when I'm cooking, cleaning, and ironing. In the past two weeks I have listened to stories of the lives of eminent living *scientists*, recommendations for a *good read*, discussions on *religious* issues across all the major faiths, a report on a pioneering study of the *health* of those born in Bradford, *farming* problems in an age of climate change, shocking *details* of the Great Post Office Scandal, *gardening* advice, lots of *music* - and of course *The Archers*.



Many of us Of a Certain Age will find that radio connects us with childhood, when it was 'the wireless' and the only mass medium of education and entertainment available. I am old enough to remember the family's Saturday lunchtime ritual of listening to the 1940's comedy ITMA, and the more surreal *Goon Show* in the '50's, perfect for radio. My primary school tuned in to the excellent *Singing Together*, which has left me with a lifelong love of British folksongs; and I caught my mother's interest in tennis from her enthusiasm for the breathless commentaries on *Wimbledon* which brightened up her solitary summer afternoons. And, of course, there was always that 'everyday story of country folk'!



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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 at**  
[vimeo.com/showcase/10274277](https://vimeo.com/showcase/10274277)

## Wulfherans

Our Pie & Pea Supper was prepared by members of the committee and much enjoyed by all. A challenging and varied quiz set by Anne Hodgson provided a very pleasant end to the evening.

The final meeting of 2023 will be our  
**Party Night**

**Tue 5 Dec 7.30**

