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**December
2024**

this
month
includes...

- Rector's Journal
- Christina Rossetti
by Robin
- Advent Reflection
- Bumper Harvest!
- Woodturned gifts
- plus
Thanks, Richard
Christmas Cheer Concert
Carol Singing News

Successful Churches?

Monday: it's my annual review today with the Bishop. Vicar reviews are not like normal job appraisals. What kind of target can you set a vicar? A proper target would be, say, 20 converted souls per year. Maybe a bonus if you hit your target, and demoted to a curate if you miss it completely. But, no; in the diocese of Leeds, there are two matters that are examined: firstly, has your parish paid its full tribute to the diocese? And, second, are you doing enough "missional" activities in the parish? Some clergy hit one target and not the other; some, says the Bishop



balefully, miss both. As for me? "Well", says the bish, "you're the only one who makes me laugh".

Sunday: Heating whacked right up to 15. Those financial targets won't hit themselves and we can't waste money that could be spent so much better in Leeds. But are our services "missional"? Would a visitor find them compelling, and convincing? I wonder about this during communion, and absent mindedly, drop the bread wafers on the floor. Here I am, the Frank Spencer of the Church of England.



(That was my nicknamecontinued overleaf

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... at school). I could just cop out, and leave it all to the Holy Spirit, but that's not where we are. **Follow me**, says Jesus, and **he means it**. Walking in his steps is the missional activity **required from each one of us**; even if you occasionally fall flat on your face whilst doing it.

Mark

Christmas isn't just a day, it's a frame of mind.

Miracle On 34th Street



A bumper Harvest! It was great to hear the children read **Harvest poems** they'd written, and we all learned a lot when they took part in Mark's thought-provoking exploration of the economics of a non-Fairtrade **banana**. Thank you to all for very generous **donations to the foodbank** – AND to the **school** for their super donations as well (*see photo*) when they came to share Harvest – lots of **singing** and lots of beautiful **hedgehogs** created, too! A good time was had by all. **Thank you to Tamsin.**

Hymn Writers

part 12 in an occasional series by **Robin Leleux**

Christina Rossetti (1830 – 1894)

Christina Georgina Rossetti was a poet rather than a hymn writer but her two Christmas carols (both in our hymn book) remain **favourites** over the Christmas period. She was born in London into an émigré family of Italian radicals, the youngest of four children, all **talented** artists or writers. Her eldest brother was Dante Gabriel Rossetti, founder of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood of artists along with Millais and Holman Hunt; she sat for him several times (*see right*), sometimes as Mary, Mother of Jesus.

She embraced the Anglo-Catholic movement which was becoming influential in the Church of England and she remained unmarried for religious reasons, despite having three suitors.

Widely lauded as the **foremost female poet of her day**, **spiritual and social** themes, including feminism, filled her poetry; she also wrote widely for children.

Over the years various of her poems have been **set to music** in whole or part, including by Yoko Ono in 1970. Thirteen years after her death Gustav Holst first set her 1872 Christmas poem ***In the Bleak Midwinter*** to music with his tune *Cranham* which was well suited to congregational singing. In 1909 the young Harold Darke composed his own setting, more of a choir anthem. (He also composed a tune for another of her poems, ***Love came down at Christmas***). The last verse remains thought provoking: 'What can I bring him ... **give my heart**'.



1st December : Advent Sunday

Remember who we're waiting for ...



A reflection by Sally Foster-Fulton from "Hope was heard singing"

At the advent of Advent, it's worth remembering who we're waiting for ... not a child in a manger, all swaddling clothes and innocence, but a man on a mission – with an uncompromising agenda – one that gives the whole world to the meek; one that asks us to give up all that the world tells us is important; one that says that true power can be found housed in the frailty of forgiveness, the virtue of vulnerability – that says there is freedom in saddling ourselves to the needs of others. We are waiting for a rebel. So get ready. Because if you acknowledge his birth, if you lay a stake in his claim that God can burst through and change the world, then he'll have no choice but to begin that change in you. Remember who we're waiting for.


Handcrafting will tick your Christmas gift list!

Derryck Higgs has been busy woodturning again to create a range of beautiful gifts and decorations for the Christmas season, many with painting by Joan. There's a taster in this photo, and you can see the full selection on coming weeks in the hall over coffee - come and make your choice, all donations are for St. Peter's - thank you, Derryck and Joan!



3 ways to support the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

- Sun 1st Dec** Christmas foodbank collection at St. Peter's – thanks!
- Sat 7th Dec** 10am Christmas Cracker Charity Coffee Morning including foodbank donations at Methodists
- Tue 10th Dec** 7pm **FREE CONCERT!** with donations for Salvation Army do come, and bring your friends!

Come along for some **Christmas Cheer** with the **fairfax singers** Christmas music old and new with the **Musical Director Martin Baker** 7pm, **Tuesday 10 December** **St Peter's Church, Addingham** Free! with donations for **Salvation Army Christmas Appeal**  www.stpetersaddingham.org.uk or 01943 830306

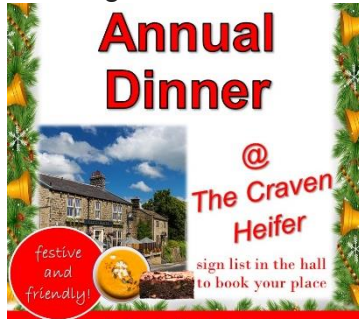
Keep in mind that our community is not composed of those who are already saints, but of those who are trying to become saints. Therefore let us be extremely patient with each other's faults and failures.

Teresa of Calcutta

Our annual Pie and Pea Supper and Quiz was on 5th November. Thank you to the ladies of the committee the delicious supper including Bonfire Night themed food, and to Mrs Catherine Snape for creating the interesting General Knowledge quiz.

Our next meeting is the Annual Dinner
Tues 3rd December
7.30pm

check poster for details



Peace point

Force must no longer be an instrument of politics. Today we do not have much time left. If we fail, the days of civilised humanity are numbered.

Albert Einstein

THANKYOU to Richard Thackrah for his many varied and interesting contributions to Source over the years

We're going carol singing!



On Thursday 19th December, ACT is carol singing in the village, starting at 6pm at The Craven Heifer – do come and join in, it's great fun, and we'll finish at The Fleece, all donations for Martin House Hospice. We particularly want to sing for anyone who is ill or housebound, so let us know in advance (830306) if you want us to sing outside your house and we'll try to make it – and if we can't get to everyone we'll sing a carol for you over the phone instead!

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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

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

From the Registers

Baptism

24th November Maisie Jones

Funerals

5th November Anthea Chadwick

6th November Gloria Stitt

Funeral at Waltonwrays, Skipton

22nd November Sylvia Hargreaves-Scott

What's life all about? Why are we here? Who is God?

Try **ALPHA**

Wednesdays 7pm at The Fleece
stpetersaddingham.org.uk/alpha

Happy Christmas to you with love from all at St. Peter's