



Feb 2024

this month includes...

Rector's Journal

Percy Dearmer
by Robin L

Nature Notes (plus..)
by Margaret S

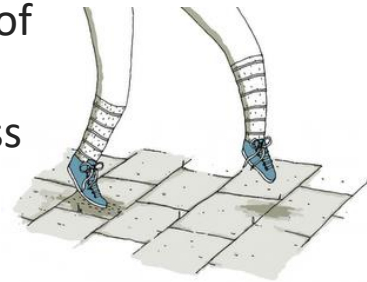
Snowdrop calligraphy
by Jean B

plus

Peace Point
Candlemas

Drawing attention...

Thursday: I am walking down Main Street from the Craven Heifer (beer) to the Coop (Maltesers) therefore I am in a happy mood, and so much so that I vow to walk the whole way without stepping on a crack/joint in the pavement. We all know what happens if you do step on a crack. My jolly walk thus takes the form of hopping, skipping, and prancing like a horse in dressage. It is only as I pass The Fleece that I realise someone has followed close behind me from the Post Office and down the hill as far as the Fleece. What does he think I'm doing? Why didn't he intervene? Will it appear on Facebook?



Saturday: a wedding, and the way I walk is quite important. The deplorable American habit of sending

bridesmaids down the aisle ahead of the bride is now pretty much standard in Addingham. Some bridesmaids are keener on this than others; the less enthusiastic are down that aisle like a whippet, getting the ordeal over with. Not wanting any attention, I too speed down the aisle ahead of the bride, for no one has eyes for the vicar, and all attention should be on the radiant, and slow-moving bride. Sometimes we need to walk so as to draw attention to someone else, to give the main act a bit of space.

Sunday: Follow me, says Jesus. Literally, walk with me, or, even, walk like me. Not sure if Christ ever skipped down a Jerusalem pavement, but I am sure that if I walked with, and like, Him, then **more people would get a glimpse of Him**

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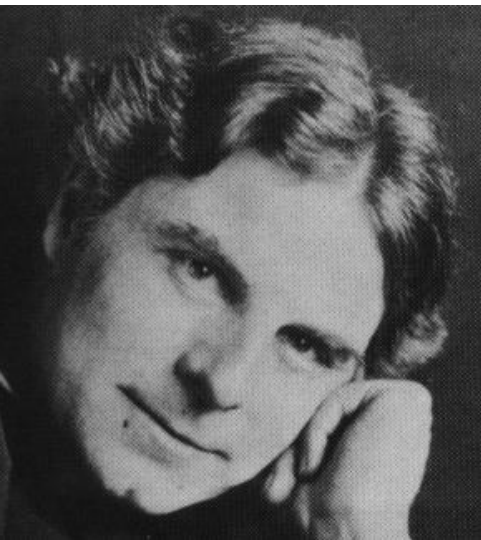
through me. Skipping like a five year old was not good; but walking such a life that eyes are drawn not to me and my failings, but to **Him who gives me life**, then that is a better look altogether.

Mark



*Fancy some "follow me" - inspired music? Try this.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=sELOWpeH088 I have decided to follow Jesus



Hymn Writers : part 7

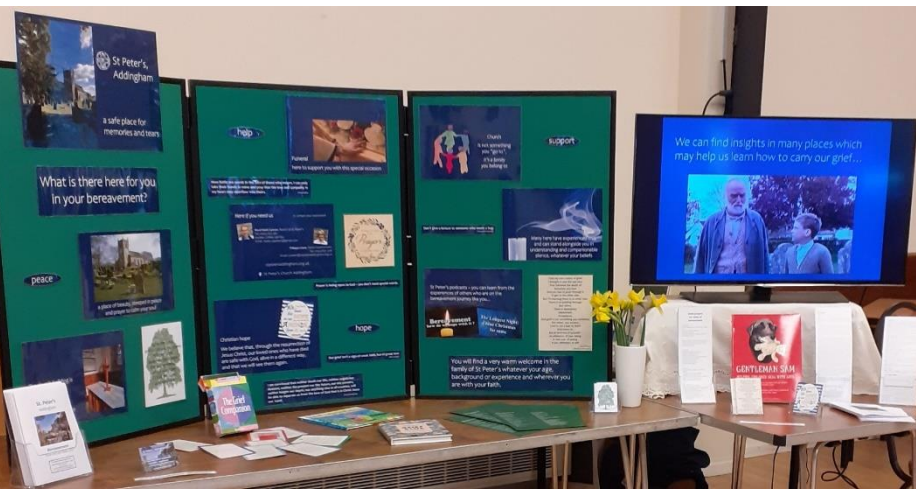
An occasional series by Robin Leleux

Percy Dearmer (1867 – 1936)

‘**Jesus, good above all other**’* is commonly sung at this time of year when, having celebrated Jesus’s birth and the visit of the Magi we come to Candlemas, which celebrates the ‘purification’ of his parents (i.e. ritual cleansing and thanksgiving after childbirth) and his Presentation in the Temple. It is from the prolific pen of Percy Dearmer who still has nine hymns or translations in our hymnbook. Dearmer was a parish priest in London, a poet and writer, wartime chaplain and always an ardent socialist. As a young priest Dearmer was influenced by High Church ideas but firmly within an English tradition and in accordance with the Prayer Book. Opponents of such ‘ritualism’ were currently often disrupting services with accusations of ‘popery’. To avoid this and restore order and beauty to services he produced *The Parson’s Handbook* in 1899 (12th edition currently available). Being also influenced by the current Arts & Crafts Movement he worked with Vaughan Williams to produce the *English Hymnal* in 1906, followed by *Songs of Praise* and the *Oxford Book of Carols* twenty years later which together helped revive traditional English music into the Church of England and are still useful. His hymns include ‘**God is love, his the care**’; he translated the gentle Czech carol ‘**Rocking**’ and commissioned Eleanor Farjeon to write ‘**Morning has broken**’. In 1931 he was appointed a canon of Westminster Abbey where he ran a canteen for the unemployed.

*you can listen to it at this link www.youtube.com/watch?v=G28-iKN2hNo

2nd February: Candlemas : we remember the words of the Nunc Dimittis, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace... for mine eyes have seen thy Salvation...", first said by the aged Simeon when he recognised the child Jesus. They are sung at every Evensong – come and join in, 4th Feb at 4pm



St Peter's had a stand at the **Life and Grief Fair** held in the Clarke Foley Centre in Ilkley in January. The event aimed to cover varied approaches to end of life care, funerals and bereavement. Illustrating peace, help, hope and support in a range of ways, our stand included simple takeaways, one of which was a card with this reflection...

I had my own notion of grief.
I thought it was the sad time
That followed the death of
someone you love
And you had to push through it
To get to the other side.
But I'm learning there is no other side.
There is no pushing through.
But rather,
There is absorption.
Adjustment.
Acceptance.
And grief is not something you complete,
But rather, you endure.
Grief is not a task to finish
And move on,
But an element of yourself –
An alteration of your being.
A new way of seeing.
A new definition of self.

Gwen Flowers
(Mindful Christianity)

Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading.

Oswald Chambers

Snowdrops are out in the churchyard, which prompts *Jean Bull* to ask...

If winter comes, can spring be far behind?



Long ago when Addingham school had space for adult learning classes, I went to try my hand at calligraphy. There was more to it than "copy this" from the blackboard or doing endless writing patterns as was involved in teaching seven year olds to do joined up writing.

This was the sort of thing we aspired to, as written by the tutor, an artist of talent.

*there is a mystic loveliness about
the snowdrop, rising as it does from the
dark and sodden earth, so pure and
frail and spotless* FLORA THOMPSON • A COUNTRY CALENDAR

Our annual **New Year Dinner** at the Fleece was much enjoyed – fish pie and sticky toffee pudding were popular dishes!

Come along to our **Annual General Meeting**



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Tuesday 6th February 7.30pm

Peace point

“Peace is not an accident, peace is not a gift. Peace is something we must all work for, every day, in every country.”

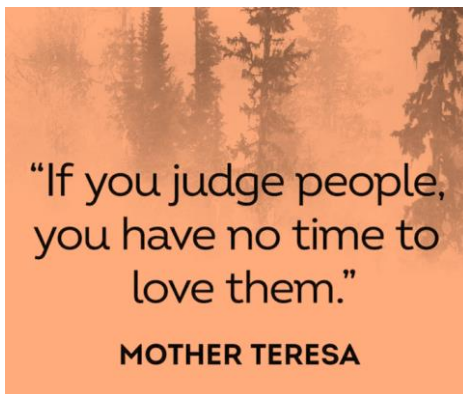
Ban Ki-moon, former UN Secretary General

Next



**is Sunday
25th Feb
3pm @
St. Peter's**

**You can watch all St. Peter's Podcasts at
vimeo.com/showcase/10274277**



*“If you judge people,
you have no time to
love them.”*

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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

From the Registers

Funeral

Jan 24th Brenda Colley

Nature Notes for February

I received some really lovely Christmas cards with birds featured, including this pair of bluetits - thank you, everyone!



Had a lovely but very cold walk at Bolton Abbey, saw just a few ducks, swimming in the deeper water. In the garden, I’m hoping the busy blackbirds will soon start nest-building!

... and a poem, from Margaret Spencer

I’ve come across this lovely verse,
hope you like it too.

***“I, the Lord, am with thee,
Be thou not afraid,
I will help and strengthen thee,
Be thou not dismayed.
Yea, I will uphold you
With my own right hand.
Thou art called and chosen,
In my sight to stand.”***