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this
month
includes...

February
2026

Rector's Journal

Draw Near in
Lent

“Let's Talk
Climate”

plus
Breakfast report
Messy Invitation
Next Men's Social

God's offer...

Tuesday: shopping in the Coop, and I notice that the bananas have been miniaturised. As you pay per banana, and not by weight, I am therefore getting less banana. I'm not entirely sure that the packets of mini eggs are quite as full as last year either. So I am being forced into a Yorkshire dilemma. Pay more? (nay), or cut back? (aye).



Wednesday: free stuff in the office (shortbread) leads to unwise consumption, and the number of biscuits taken is only modified by competition with my hungry colleagues. You can, however, increase your own share by asking colleagues if they "have put a bit of weight on recently", and they



generally back away from the tin. Some lose, but I win.

Sunday: God's economy operates differently. The system is based on grace, and the offer is free. If the Coop had a free mini egg day (just a suggestion if you're reading, Mrs. Coop), then the mini eggs would run out, and we'd eat too much. **God's grace is free and enough for everyone**, no one has to lose. But we don't take up His offer because we don't really want it. We know where we are with a banana - and can take it or leave it, or just grumble if someone else gets it. God's offer is free but it will ask us to stop being a canny consumer, and convert us into ...



Discovering God's Economy



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... being His child, His friend, His disciple, and, terror of terrors, an **ambassador for Christ**. In the end, that is often the price we back away from.

Mark



Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring

Saint Catherine of Siena

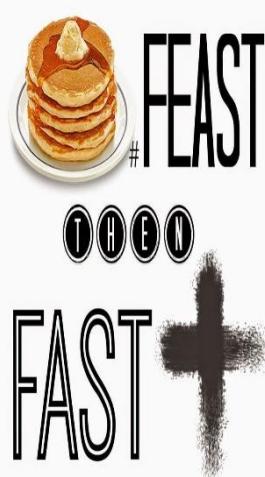


40 people attended our **Cross-over Breakfast** in January (despite atrocious weather!) It was an opportunity for 8.30am and 10am congregations, and Children's Church, to meet, with juices, cereals, fruit, coffee, toast, croissants, pain au



chocolat, and the like. The chance to share company and a chat was particularly valued in these winter months while FOSPA is not running. The Breakfast was enjoyed by all able to attend; thanks to those who helped make it happen.

The final total raised for the **Salvation Army Christmas Appeal** by the *Fairfax Singers* concert was £437.40 – thank you, all who donated!



Who goes in the way
which Christ has gone,
Is much more sure to meet
with him, than one
Who travels the by-ways:
Perhaps my God, though
he be far before,
May turn, and take me by
the hand, and more
May strengthen my decays.

from "Lent : Ash Wednesday" by George Herbert

Men's Social
Our next meeting is
Monday 2nd February from **7.30pm**
all welcome to join us for a chat in
The Fleece (left hand bar)

The logo for Messy Church, featuring a red and white graphic with the words 'Messy Church' and 'fun friendship food'.
Messy Church
@ St. Peter's
... a different kind of church for families...
Dates coming up in 2026

- **Sunday 8th February, 4pm**
- **Sunday 8th March, 4pm**
- **Friday 3rd April, 10am**

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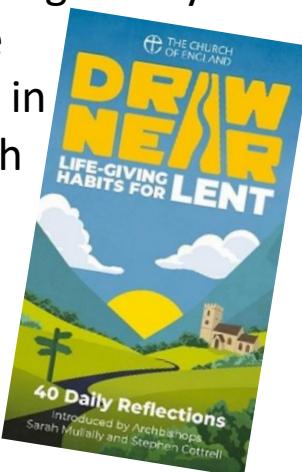
Dates for your diary, come and share in this different way of meeting as family-friendly church, with a story, crafts and a simple meal - it's for everyone! The theme of **Messy Church** on Feb 8th is **God's Love**

DRAW NEAR

LIFE-GIVING HABITS FOR LENT

Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter, starts on **Ash Wednesday** (18th Feb this year). The theme of our Lent reflections for 2026 is based on the text “**Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you**”. But, what can we do to make it easier to draw nearer to God? The Church of England has

produced a simple **40-day course of reflections**, which identifies six activities that are essential to our calling as disciples, namely **praying, exploring the Bible, sharing Communion, offering service** and **sharing the good news with others**. Each week the course explores one of these activities, using a daily short **Bible passage, a thought and a prayer**. These are available via the free app **Everyday Faith** (download from Google Play) or in **leaflet** form (there will be some to pick up from church before Lent). By spending a few minutes each day on these reflections, we can not only deepen our **understanding of discipleship** but can develop or strengthen the **life-giving habits of daily bible reading and prayer** which help us grow as disciples of Christ day by day, not just in Lent but beyond (and as the name suggests, the *Everyday Faith* app is available throughout the year).



This is a new way of doing a Lent course for us, and because the material is available to individuals on *Everyday Faith* or as a leaflet, everyone can look at it whenever suits them best during each day; people all over the country will be doing the same! But, so that we can also **share this Lenten journey** with each other here in Addingham, there will be a short **reflection** about the course each week in the newsheet (which you can read in print and online), and we'll **meet together** to pool our experiences before Holy Week – keep a watch out for details nearer the time.



80 million Easter eggs are sold in the UK each year but only **The Real Easter Egg** puts the Resurrection back at the heart of the celebration. With **Fairtrade** chocolate (milk or plain) and a new **Easter story** activity book, these eggs aren't available in shops and they sell out very fast, so **order yours today** for yourself or the family, and **spread the message of Easter**. See meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg

or phone 01925 877004 or email philip@meaningfulchocolate.co.uk

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We hope for better weather in the coming months! Our next meeting will be.

AGM
Tuesday
3rd February
7.30pm



From the Registers
Funeral
(at Waltonwrys, Skipton)
5th January Anthony Braithwaite

Ever thought of **reading the Bible in church**? There are 2 readings at most of our services, and it's good to hear



a variety of voices. Your place on the reading rota wouldn't come round very often, and you can always arrange a swap if you have to be away. If this sounds

like something you'd like to do, please let Philippa know on 01943 830306 or contact@stpetersaddingham.org.uk

let's talk climate

Let's Talk Climate : an online workshop

3 in 4 of us think climate is a serious global threat, but more than half of us rarely or never talk about it. **Let's Talk Climate** is all about changing that

through an initiative giving people the **confidence, motivation and skills** to have positive, hopeful conversations about climate anywhere, any time and with anyone.

You can find out more in this video [youtube.com/watch?v=x07O3wcF_wA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x07O3wcF_wA) which explains why climate conversations are so important and how we can get them going.

The Let's Talk Climate initiative is open to everyone, and the Leeds Diocese encourages us all to take part. It starts with a free **2-hour online workshop** to help you identify why you might find it difficult to have climate conversations, and to give you practical tips on how to get them started and keep them going positively. It's on **Tuesday 24 February at 19:30** – **book your place asap here** [eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-climate-online-workshop-tickets-1980701100310?aff=oddtdtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-climate-online-workshop-tickets-1980701100310?aff=oddtdtcreator)

There are follow up meetings at agreed times to offer support as you share experiences of how your conversations have been going!

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St Peters Church Addingham

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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 monthly Podcasts** via the church website – click **Online**, scroll down to **Podcasts**, then click **Watch on Vimeo**

