



this month includes...

July 2024

Rector's Journal

Nature Notes  
by Margaret S

To You From God  
shared by Joy

plus

Mary Magdalene  
Battery Bulletin

Water Week events

## Say that again...

**Wednesday:** I am in Boots, and looking for vaseline. My face resembles a day-old pepperoni pizza, and I am led to believe (mother-in-law) in the healing properties of petroleum jelly. It's fair to say chemists make me feel guilty, and I'm never comfortable in the manscaping section, so my voice is low as I make my request known. "What", cries out the assistant, "vaseline? Is it for your face or your boobs?" (this being Keighley, the word "boobs" is a polite version). I stammered - she roared out again "Face or .....?". I learnt that I had got boobs, and that, if I wanted, there were creams to help

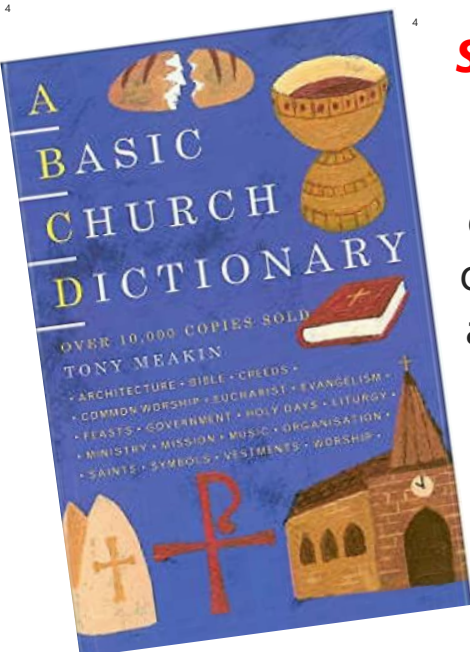


with that. I also learnt that I would have run a mile if I could...

**Sunday:** During the service a figure enters church late, and sits at the back for a few minutes before slipping out again. Did that person feel as uncomfortable in church as I felt in Boots? Does the **language** we use in our prayers, our hymns, and the service seem as weird as my experience of Boots, and as I fled, did our visitor also flee?

For we do speak and use a specialist language in church - using words and concepts that may, at best, **need translation.**

A friend, knowing of my bright red... ...continued overleaf



...continued from page 1 ...face sent me an American church poster - "Sin-burn requires a Son-screen". True enough, but how many of our neighbours would scratch their heads at that and just put it to one side. **We have a life-changing message, can we find the right words to pass it on?**

Mark

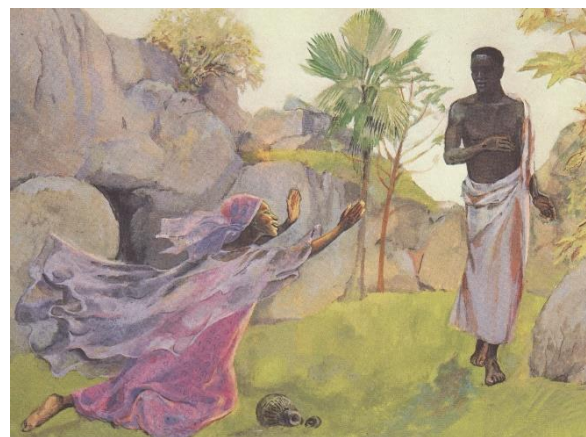


**Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever; and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow. Saint Augustine**

## 22<sup>nd</sup> July: Mary Magdalene

*"The Apostle to the Apostles"*




JESUS MAFA Christ appears to Mary diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48389



*"I have seen the Lord..."*

"Mary" was by far the most common name for Jewish women in the first century, so this Mary is known by the name of her home town, **Magdala**, a fishing village on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee, to distinguish her from Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha) and others. **Mary Magdalene** was one of a **group of women** who travelled with Jesus, who we are told together **helped support** his ministry "out of their resources". (She is sometimes mistakenly confused with the un-named woman who washed Jesus feet with her hair, or cast as a repentant prostitute.) Jesus released her from the mental torment of "seven devils". She was a **witness** to both the **crucifixion** and the **resurrection** and, after "supposing him to be the gardener" it is she who Jesus calls by name and tells to take the eye-witness news of the resurrection to his frightened followers, earning her the title "**apostle to the apostles**".

**Dearest Lord, may we, like Mary from Magdala, hear you call us by name, and be filled with such gratitude for your touch upon our lives that we dedicate ourselves to the mission you have entrusted to us. May our lives shine with the transforming truth that "we have seen the Lord", and share with those we meet the joys of new life which you offer now and in the world to come. Amen**

**Cut the Carbon UPDATE!**    St. Peter's has just installed a battery to make better use of energy from our solar panels. It stores clean energy created by the panels in the sunshine to use at night or when it's cloudy, instead of power generated from fossil fuels. We can even sell any extra back into the National Grid. This makes us more self-sufficient for electricity, can cut bills, and reduces our carbon footprint, so it's good for us *and* for the planet!

# Water, Water everywhere...

After Zero Waste Week and Wildlife Week earlier in the year, **Addingham Environment Group** is holding **Water Week** starting 13<sup>th</sup> July – see poster for full details. On 20<sup>th</sup> July at St. Peter's hall, "The River Wharfe: its wonders and woes" has something for everyone – a variety of short talks from experts in the afternoon, starting at 1.30pm (book your free place via Eventbrite), and an evening session starting at 6pm with walks, displays and demonstrations (no booking for the evening events, just turn up) - all relating to river health. Don't miss this very special event!!



The Wharfe at Addingham

photo Addingham Environment Group

## Prayer is a way of life, not just for use in emergencies. Billy Graham

To: You  
From: God  
This is God.



Today I will be handling all of your problems for you. I do not need your help. So have a nice day! I love you.

If life happens to give you a situation that you cannot handle, do NOT attempt to resolve it yourself! Please put your problems in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. I will get to it in MY TIME. All situations will be taken care of, but in MY TIME, not yours!

Once the problem is placed into the box, do not hold onto it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life right now.

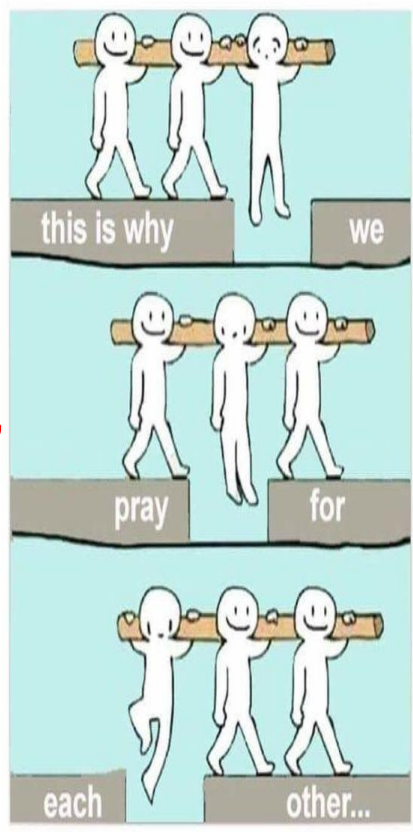
Now, have a nice day.

God

shared by Joy

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**Messy Church**  
Sunday 14 July  
at 5pm -  
activities, fun, music,  
a meal - a different  
way to meet with  
God, especially for  
families. Bring your  
friends!



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- PETER
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- PHILIPPIANS
- REVELATION
- ROMANS
- THESSALONIANS
- TIMOTHY
- TITUS

## Wulfherans

In June, we much enjoyed Afternoon Tea in the Church hall. Members made sandwiches, sausage rolls and varieties of cakes, all of excellent quality. Judith and Margaret played some lovely music.



Our next meeting is a  
**Garden Visit to  
Golden Acre Park**  
**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
*(more details from Liz Powell)*

## Peace point

According to the witness of Paul and Luke, peace is not a supplement to New Testament theology and spirituality, it is at the very centre.

*Michael J Gorman*

### From the Registers

#### **Weddings**

June 1 Rachel Harris and Jonathan Kenyon  
June 8 Rebecca Smith and Christopher Atkins  
June 15 Olivia Tweed and William Wimmer  
June 18 Catherine Fallowes and David Cutting  
June 28 Emma Roberts and Edward (Ted) Haggas

**One filled with joy preaches without  
without preaching**

*Mother Teresa*

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You can also follow  **C.a.f.e** – **children and family events** at St. Peter's Addingham

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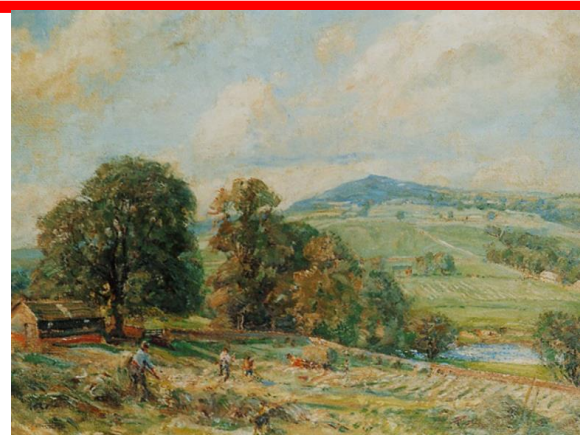
## Nature Notes for June *from Margaret Spencer*

Driving one morning from home over to church, first



*West Highland cattle*

I admired my favourite **West Highland cattle** out and about in the fields, then at the top of the hill - splendid **Beamsley Beacon** ahead! and finally the lovely tower of our own **St. Peter's** Church, Addingham - with all its wonders. A lovely journey!



*Beamsley Beacon from Addingham  
(Oil painting by Herbert F. Royle)*

Saw a pair of **swallows** enjoying the lovely evenings, diving and flying in the most spectacular ways! I am always thrilled to see them and to think of the distance they fly only to reach the very same farm or barn in which they nested!



*Swallow in flight*