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Dear Friends

It has been a pleasure and privilege to look after most services at St Peter's whilst Mark takes his Sabbatical. There is a great deal to be grateful for, and rejoice in, at St Peter's.

At heart I am an Anglican. What do I mean by that? There is a uniqueness to the Church of England, its life and ministry which makes it distinctive from other churches and denominations with whom we share our Christian life. I think that distinctiveness relates to at least three principles: place, presence, and service.

The Anglican model is built upon **place**. We work with geographical units, parishes. In that place the **Parish Church** has responsibilities towards the people who live within its boundaries, and



those same people can claim certain rights from their Parish Church. The most obvious of these revolve around baptisms, weddings, and funerals. However, a healthy **relationship** between a Parish Church and its people goes deeper than this as one sustains the other to serve all people, Christ's people.

A healthy Parish Church is also a living sign and sacrament of the **presence** of Christ in our place. It keeps the rumour of God alive. The spire or tower of the Parish Church points heavenward and is there to offer an eternal perspective upon the immediacy of our lives. The worship of the Parish Church gives the community a window into **God's living presence in his world** in a way which complements the beauty of the... see overleaf



...cont. from p.1 ...creation around it, and the living presence of God in his people.

Thirdly, a Parish Church is there to **serve**. This is contextual. Service in one place looks different to service in another because the needs and dynamics of our parishes are diverse and profoundly different. The service of a Church in inner Bradford looks different to the service of a Church like St Margaret's, Ilkley - where I was Vicar for many years. I see that over many years you have developed appropriate ways to serve the people of the parish of Addingham, and those who choose to visit.



I see many signs of a healthy Parish Church at St Peter's in place, presence, and service. It will continue to flourish as you **share in that vision together** and encourage others to participate in the same **Christian vocation**, which many in your congregation exemplify. We must resist the consumer-culture which identifies Christian commitment as just being another hobby. As Anglicans this is the Christ-like vocation to which we are called. As the Psalmist says: "Let us rejoice and be glad in it".

With my prayers *Fr. Philip*

Many congratulations and thanks to Jane Farnell and the team of volunteers for all their preparatory work and for welcoming over 240 visitors to the Church Orchard during Open Gardens weekend. The orchard was magical, with paths mown through the swaying grasses, roses, daisies and more in bloom, trees fruiting, sound baths under the boughs with Sharon Hodgson, information on display around, and the vibrant notes of the Lithophone, created by Bobbie Millar. Missed it this time? Watch for dates of more open days, or phone 830 306 to join the volunteers.



Vocations When it comes to serving God and one another, *everyone* is called, and we all have our parts to play – following Jesus, loving and caring for others. Some serve God through their daily work or family life, others through volunteering in their church community. And at St. Peter's we give special thanks today for those in our congregation



who have been called to lay ministry and to ordained ministry. We say a heartfelt thankyou to **Anne Hodgson** for so many fruitful years of service as a Lay Reader, with all that has involved (who can ever forget the sermons of Joe Crow?!) and wish her a happy retirement from this special role; and we rejoice with **Tom Simkiss** who has been selected to be trained for ordination to the priesthood. Though we know with regret that this

means he and Jessie will be moving away from the area and from us at St. Peter's later this year to go and train in Oxford, they will have our love and continuing prayers as they start on this new phase of life. *(We'll mark these events when Mark is back with us, and Tom will be writing for Source next month, so watch out for that too!)*



John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Three popular hymns were written by an **Anglican** and a **Roman Catholic** but the same man, John Henry Newman, at different stages in his **spiritual journey**. A poet, writer, academic, priest and finally a Cardinal, he was an important yet **controversial figure** in the nineteenth century Church.

Although a convinced Calvinist in his teens, once at Oxford as a student, tutor, vicar of two Oxford churches (he was ordained in 1825) and university preacher he became increasingly **disenchanted** with the prevailing Evangelical tradition. On his travels he liked Rome; while returning home, after recovering from serious illness, he wrote the verses which became his popular hymn *'Lead kindly light'*. Newman supported the emerging **'Oxford Movement'**, which emphasised the traditional Catholic aspects of the established Anglican Church, with writings and preaching, culminating in his Tract 90 (1841) which argued that the Thirty-Nine Articles of the Church of England were not anti-Catholic as such. This created such **uproar** that Newman, with some followers, left the Church of England in 1843, being received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1845 and becoming a priest in 1846. Moving to Birmingham he strongly promoted Catholic **education** while writing widely, including his epic spiritual poem *The Dream of Gerontius* (1865), later set to music by Elgar, from which his other two hymns are taken: *'Praise to the Holiest'** and *'Firmly I believe'*. In 1879 Pope Leo XIII appointed him Cardinal; but Protestant England, where 'No Popery' was still officially supported, was unimpressed.



*Listen to "Praise to the Holiest" as a hymn at www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjPhcD75E34 or the same words sung as part of 'The Dream of Gerontius' at www.youtube.com/watch?v=i2jszmWduUg – the words start on that spectacular "Praise" chord, about 1 min 28 sec into this recording of a live performance.

There's a vacancy at

St. Peter's Church Addingham for someone to **clean the hall** each week – might this be you?

2.5 hours per week
(ideally Tuesday morning,
but negotiable)
£14 per hour



To apply or to find out more, please contact
Ian Hepworth
tel 07538 361 797



*We look forward to welcoming
you to join the team!*

*Practice the pause. When in doubt, pause.
When angry, pause. When tired, pause.
When stressed, pause.
And when you pause, pray.
Toby Mac*



Have you ever been to **Parcevall Hall**?

It's a 16th Century house used as a church retreat centre, in beautiful grounds up Wharfedale near Simon's Seat. You can stay there as a holiday guest, join in retreats, or enjoy a wide range of events from art and walking to writing and music. Check the website to see **what's on** and how you can join in, or visit the **gardens**. www.parcevallhall.org.uk

Wulfherans

Our next meeting is on
Tuesday 1st July
for
AFTERNOON TEA
and on August 5th,
Wulfherans Buffet



Peace point

The God who existed before any religion counts on you to make the oneness of the human family known and celebrated.
Desmond Tutu

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



If you are unable to get to church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please speak with Judy Hutton 07989 306526

The notice in the porch and the hall is kept updated with latest news from PCC

It's great that so many people enjoy our lovely Church Field, but it also means that we need to look out for each other, especially when driving (and sadly that means a "no" to horse-riding too). Children and dogs often run suddenly across the drive, and anyone unsteady on their feet can't move fast, so **please drive slowly and take care!**



*Little by little,
we let go of loss...
but never
of love. ♥♥*

If you are finding with the passing years that unresolved grief continues to make life hard to cope with, remember that **help is available** for you too, not just for the newly bereaved. **Jo Onions**, a palliative care nurse who's been associated with St. Peter's for many years, offers gentle **support and guidance**, either in the free **bereavement support groups** which meet on 1st and 3rd

Mondays of each month, 7- 9pm in the Hub above Addingham Library, or on a confidential **one-to-one** basis through *Reset Counselling*. Jo's happy for you to call her on 07927 769400 to find out whether you think this might help you.

Contacts

Rector: Revd Mark Cannon

Mark is away on sabbatical for May/June/July so for any concerns arising during this time please contact the Parish Office and Philippa will put you in touch with the right person to help you.

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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

Baptism

8th June Bodhi Boothman

Wedding

21st June Lucy Flesher and Benjamin Smith

Funerals at St. Peter's

3rd June Robert Lofthouse

4th June Debbie Mashiter

27th June Roger Bainbridge

Funeral at Waltonwrays, Skipton

24th June Bessie Lovell