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by Robin

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Directions...

Thursday: I am visiting in Ilkley, and since I have no permit, I am seeking free parking. There is not much signage to help, but I reckon that by the time I get to Silsden I am safe, but it is a long walk in. Would it be impossible to put up "*This way to free parking*"? I



remember a vicar who used to park where he wanted, and just placed a "*Vicar on Call*" notice on his dashboard. He was fine right up until he left it outside the bookies.

Friday: Back on the A65, and the car idles peacefully under the strict direction of all those lovely red lights. The radio phone is all about the PM. Is he listening to a set of directions coming from his own party?

Sunday: The usual chaos at the altar rail during

communion. Everyone is too polite, and we get people kneeling at the wrong side. Some get wine before the bread, one got neither, and others just take the bread and depart. It is very difficult at this solemn moment to hiss "*Move along, please*," so no directions are given. This leaves me with a list of **types of direction**:

1. directions which I like e.g. "*Free biscuits on the table*".
2. directions which I don't like, "*No biscuits for Vicars of 14 stone and over*".
3. or, no directions - like an unattended, but unopened, packet of fig rolls. May I? Could they possibly be for me? (Inevitably, I succumb).



The Gospel reading has some harsh directions from Jesus, "*Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.*" Is this the direction Jesus orders us to go in? It's not a direction I like; in fact, I don't like it at all. Is it more like... *see overleaf*

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...an open-ended direction **to make us think**, to help us realise just how **serious** the **call of Christ** can be? Is Jesus **pointing us** very clearly to a point at which each of us has to decide for himself or herself: is being a disciple worth it? Jesus can't command us to do anything, nor can He pretend everything will be easy, but He can provide **directions** which startle us into **opening our eyes**.

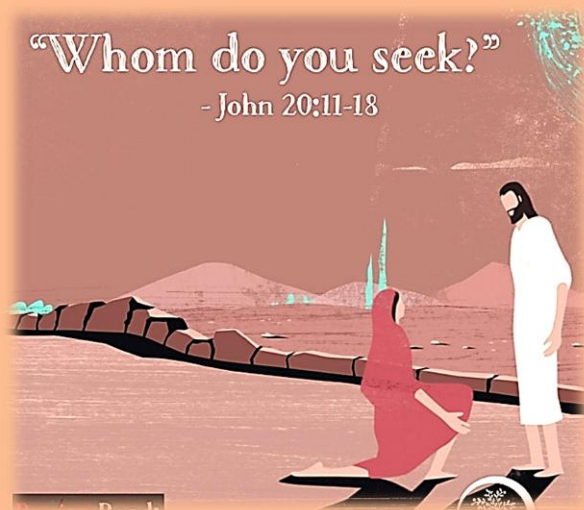
Mark

I HAVE
Decided
TO Follow
Jesus
No turning back

22nd July : Mary Magdalene's Day

On this day we remember Mary of Magdala, healed by Jesus and the first to see him alive after his Resurrection. The Gospel tells us that when Jesus calls her by name, she turns and finally recognises him, then obeys his instruction to take the news of his Resurrection to the other disciples. This anonymous poem ponders those moments.

“Who are you looking for?” he asked her;
and he asks us the same:
not “*what* are you looking for?”,
because when we turn towards him
he offers us not “things”
but himself,
the unimaginable gift
of knowing that we are loved by God.
News worth sharing.



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Part of the enjoyable Family Fun Day in June was the “**Bee Trail**” around the field, and it proved so popular that Beth has decided to keep it running through the summer holidays. It has something for everyone – a gentle walk searching for clues, fascinating eco information about those vital pollinators bees, “bee” insights from the Bible to help us in daily life – and prizes for solving the puzzle! The **trail maps** are in the porch, and the prizes are in church, along with more fun bee facts and a leaflet to take home, so come and join in!



Men's Social

Our next meetings are

**Monday 6th July &
Monday 3rd August**

starting from
7.30pm

all welcome to join us
for a chat in

The Fleece
(left hand bar)

Fanny J. Crosby aka Frances Jane van Alstyne (1820 – 1915)

Widely known by the end of the nineteenth century as the ‘**Queen of Gospel Hymn Writers**’, Fanny J Crosby (Frances Jane) was born in upstate New York into a family with connections to the American War of Independence and who



claimed descent from early Puritan settlers in America. (Bing Crosby also claimed such descent.) Blind almost from birth, she could hardly write her name, nevertheless she was soundly educated and **learnt to play** the piano, organ, harp and guitar; she was also an accomplished soprano. At home she was well grounded in her Christian faith and **memorised** whole books of the Bible including the Gospels. Throughout her long life she regarded herself as a Christian **missionary to the poor**

especially in and around New York, regarding her gospel hymn writing as a means to that end. She also tended to **give away** most of her income. Her husband Alexander van Alstyne, who was also blind, insisted she keep her maiden name for her literary work.

She was soon an acknowledged **prolific poet**, including on political themes, and was a popular **public speaker**, being the first woman to speak to the US Senate. **Hymn writing** followed naturally: **over 8000** during her lifetime. She might write three a day, dictating to an amanuensis. The evangelists Ira Sankey and Dwight Moody credited the success of their crusades (1870 – 1898) to Fanny’s songs. For music she collaborated with **well-known composers**. Two of her popular, and very different, hymns are in our book: ‘**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine**’ (1873) with Phoebe Knapp and ‘**To God be the glory**’ (1875) with Willian Doane.

Check this link to hear (both?) these hymns! www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTtjcvRBchc



Our next **Messy Church** is **Sunday 12th July** at **4pm** – and **YOU** are invited to be part of it!

There's food, friendship and fun, music, crafts and a story, so do come and join in!

(Note – Messy Church is taking a holiday in August but will be back again on Sunday 13th September)

*Courage is
fear that has said its prayers*

FOSPA Teas depend on YOU!

To ensure that this outreach work continues through August and September, **please sign up** in the hall for baking or for serving, even if you can only help for just one week – it all helps!. **Thank you!**

Wulfherans

Keith Wilkinson MBE came to our June meeting and gave us a very interesting and informative slide show on the work of the Woodland Trust.

Tea, coffee, and cakes were enjoyed afterwards along with chat and friendship.

All are welcome to join us for our next meeting, which is

Afternoon Tea
in the hall
Tuesday 7th July
3.00 pm



Our August meeting is
A Summer Buffet
in the hall
Tuesday 4th August
7.00 pm

Thank you to those who have made
articles for the Bradford Midwives
Maternity Care Cupboard
(any more donations still gratefully received)

**The Gospel is for everyone,
but following Jesus requires
a decision. At some point
you've got to go all in.
There's no fence sitting
when it comes to Jesus.**

Izzy Folau



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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**

From the Registers

Baptisms

7 th June	Tessa Haigh-Monk
7 th June	Teddy Haigh-Monk
7 th June	Toby Haigh-Monk
21 st June	Jade Connolly
21 st June	Murphi Connolly
21 st June	Ludi Connolly
21 st June	Tedi Connolly

Wedding

12th June Amy Harrison & Thomas Davies

Funerals

5 th June	Brenda Black
18 th June	Patricia Smith

Martin
House
children's hospice
WELL DONE,
EDWARD

Well done to **Edward**, who made handmade comics to sell during coffee time at St. Peter's in aid of **Martin House Children's Hospice** – his efforts raised an incredible **£58.73!!** The Hospice described him online as a brilliant supporter and added "*we're so proud and thankful for you, your passion and dedication help us make a real difference, thank you for being part of Team Martin House!*"