



this month includes...

May 2024

Rector's Journal

Nature Notes
by Margaret S

Christian Aid Week

plus

FOSPA starts soon!
Pentecost sonnet

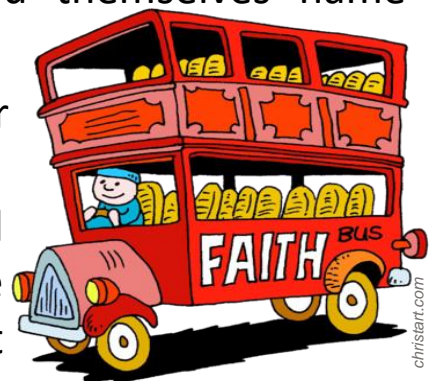
Church life on a bus...

Friday: this afternoon I'm going to experience life as a poor person by travelling on the bus. Mrs. Thatcher (ask your parents) once said that anyone on a bus over 30 was a failure, and I wondered if the bus from Dingham to Ilkley counted. I learnt about another type of failure instead, I think.

First off, I tried to mitigate the pain by standing at the bus stop and looking beseechingly at passing cars in the hope of a lift. No joy, but two positively identified parishioners, who drove straight past, might find themselves name checked in a sermon this Sunday.

Then a kind Mount Hermon member directed me to the correct bus stop,

and I travelled in front of a pair of teenagers. The boy tried for the entirety of the journey to persuade the girl of the superiority of Islam to all other religions. I can't imagine that young Anglicans do this, or, indeed, whether any one of us has ever done this, and I wonder if this is why most of the churches are failing.



The FAITH bus - let God take you places

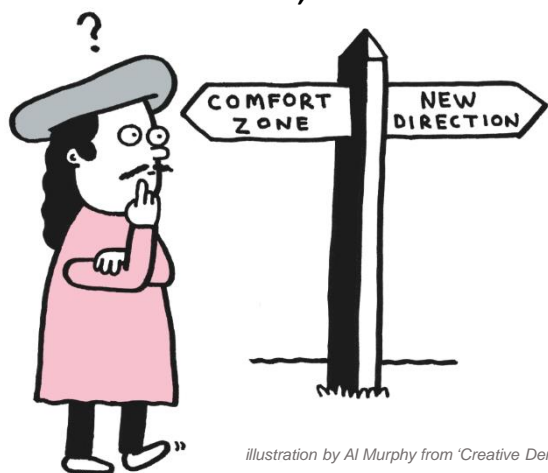


illustration by Al Murphy from 'Creative Demons and How to Slay Them' by Richard Holman

Have we settled for the easy bus of religious life - same old routes, nothing new, carried by others? Is there any desire to make our church grow, to go in **a different direction**?

Our readings in church are currently following the apostles through the book of Acts. There is **something new, something unexpected,**

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something strange on every page, and even when something looked like a failure, it produced new life. **By word and deed, the apostles preached Christ crucified and risen.** It is a good message of success. So why have we stopped, and accepted failure?

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Want a Bible for a baby or a baptism?



There are lots of versions specially aimed at children - one that works well is "My very first Bible" by Lois Rock.

Order from bookshops - and, why not get a pre-loved copy too (e.g. from World of Books, with free postage) to keep at home for reading aloud when little ones are around?



Christian Aid is a global partnership of people, churches and local organisations committed to ending poverty worldwide. Their work seeks to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ, who commanded his followers to love their neighbour and work for a better world.

They work with local partners to provide **survival essentials** in times of humanitarian crisis and help communities to develop the strength and resources needed to flourish in the longer term and protect themselves from shocks and disasters.

The annual **Addingham Christian Aid Coffee Morning** is on **Saturday 18th May** at the **Methodist Church** – **YOU** can make a difference by *supporting this fundraising event* – and bring your friends too! Find out more at www.christianaid.org.uk



Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a permanent attitude.

Martin Luther King Jr



News of an old friend

Louise Taylor-Kenyon, who trained for the ministry whilst at St. Peter's with her four young children, and who is Vicar of Bamburgh, Belford & Lucker, and Area Dean of the Deanery of Bamburgh & Glendale, has just been appointed **Non-Residentiary Canon** in the Diocese of Newcastle. Her installation service will be in June at Newcastle Cathedral.



(Revd. Barbara Clarke and Revd. Ian Widdowson also trained for the ministry whilst members of St. Peter's – who'll be our next ordinand...?)

Zoom meeting of St. Peter's PCC, 1350?

Cut the Carbon tip



Buying **second hand goods** instead of brand-new is a simple way to reduce on your carbon footprint (because it takes a lot of energy to produce new products). So, remember, **the FOSPA stall** is an ideal place to bag a bargain AND cut carbon!

Sunday
19th May
4pm
@ St Peter's

Our Mother-tongue is Love : a sonnet for Pentecost

by Malcolm Guite

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His translation
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.

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Comments in our visitors' book often mention how **beautifully** the church is kept, and this is a result of teamwork – volunteers who meet in the church on Thursday mornings to clean, sweep, dust and polish. It isn't arduous but it does take regular commitment.

Cleaning church is not done just to keep dirt at bay, it is a part of our **welcome** mission so that the building is a silent witness to all who enter that this is a place of **active faith and caring**, an inviting space where they can feel at peace and at home. Sometimes the building is the first experience that someone has of what church is like.

There are lots of "fringe benefits" to being a church cleaner! **Friendships** are forged as we cooperate, and we learn more about our beautiful and **ancient** building. Some weeks our cleaning hour coincides with organ practice and we can enjoy **humming** along to the hymns. On occasions the **Teddies and Toddlers** group comes in as we leave, it's lovely to see them. One of the team uses the hour to "**polish and pray**". Almost every time, passing visitors pop in and it is good to be there to give them a friendly **welcome on behalf of St. Peter's**.

Some of our faithful cleaners of many years, to whom we owe a huge debt of **gratitude**, have had to retire recently – could **YOU** step into their place once a month? Please do have a word with Lorinda or Judith I to find out more.

Join us
for our next
meeting
Tuesday
7th May
7.30pm

VINCENT DOBSON

talks about



**Myddleton
Lodge and**

**Black+White
Cricket**

come and
join us!



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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

Peace point

Peace is an upward and downward phenomenon; the system influences people and people influence the system.

Steve Killelea

From the Registers

Baptism

21 April Florence Stroud

Wedding

11 April Thomas Mountain and Elizabeth Middleton

Funerals at St. Peter's

12 April Pete Simmons

19 April Shirley Rishworth

Funeral at Waltonwrays, Skipton

26 April Barbara Bond

You can watch all **St. Peter's Podcasts** via the church website – click on **Online**, scroll down to the **Podcasts** heading, then click the **Watch on Vimeo** button. Take a look!

Nature Notes for May

Lovely blue sky and sunshine today, not exactly warm – but pleasant! Flowers in the garden look bright and cheery, sadly the lawn is in need of cutting! I love to hear the birds singing nearby, and see them feeding and splashing in the garden.

I walked up to Swartha and had a nice view of the valley which was quite full of water. Great joy seeing the new lambs in the field - they were full of enthusiasm – and I was surprised to find that many were completely black!

A friend has shown me where he thinks a pair of squirrels are nesting. It is simply magic to watch them leaping between branches quite high in the trees.

from Margaret Spencer



Lambs in field at Swartha