



this
month
includes...

May
2025

Choices
by Anne H

Tim Dudley-
Smith
by Robin

New booklet
from Ian A

plus
WI visit
Messy Church
Maundy reflections

Choices, choices...

Time to get up and make my first **choices**. Checking with friends we all seem to follow a similar pattern: after the bath room visit, it's make a hot drink tea/coffee and open the curtains to see what the day has in store. Today two ducks prospecting my garden for a nest site. A period of calm and maybe reflection before the day starts in earnest. A different choice is to start by switching on the iphone or laptop, scrolling through the new emails, WhatsApps, weather forecast news headline, seeing what the world is doing. Totally different, you may start your day by choosing a more active beginning, walking the dog, going for a run. Where possible it's good to have choices.



Now the day is progressing. Maybe time for a walk. Once upon a time if we wanted to walk somewhere new we used a map to find the way. We had to make choices as

to **which path to take** depending on ground conditions, weather and fitness level. Now it is possible to use your iphone as a route guide, bypassing working it out for yourself. It's the same when using a sat nav to find our way.

Unfortunately when we hand over decision making to AI we are **dependent** on

its ideas. Many narrow roads which once said "narrow road not suitable for HGVs" now also say DO NOT FOLLOW

SATNAV YOU WILL NOT GET THROUGH. But of course this doesn't mean me, which is why on turning a corner on such a road I encountered a car transporter trying a complicated twenty point turn. Satnavs don't read the weather either, sending drivers through flooded fords and other such dangers. Iphones send ...

see overleaf



...cont. from p.1 ... walkers into dangerous routes on high passes and once again the mountain rescue goes to their aid. There is a danger too much technology is bad for us, making us forget how to think for ourselves, and make our own **wiser decisions**.

Choices are important, they make us **who we are**. But subtle forces are also at work. Those we listen to **influence our choices** in many ways. Advertising, T.V, all aspects of the media, even which shelf an item is placed on in the supermarket. It can get confusing and maybe leave us feeling we are being manipulated. Where can we get **sound guidance** for our day?

There is one guide who won't direct us the wrong way because He wants what is best for us and we can find this advice and how to follow it when we read **Jesus' teachings** in our Bible. Maybe a **choice for today** is to pick up this guide to life, ask for **guidance**, and let it be **our influencer**.

Anne



*The Bible was not given for our information but for our
TRANSFORMATION*

Dwight L. Moody

Some thoughts from Maundy Thursday

"It was an unexpectedly profound experience – I became aware of all the people who had received the bread and wine, stretching back through the years right to those who received it from the hands of Jesus himself – it felt as if through that hand to hand link we were there in his presence at the Last Supper."

"Watching the light fade behind the East Window, so that the picture of the crucifixion gradually disappeared into darkness, I was reminded that Jesus blessed those who hang on to belief although they themselves have not seen his risen form, and I realised that he was actually blessing me. I felt the assurance that he is with me whether I see him or not."



Messy Church
celebrated Easter with these ingenious mini Easter Gardens - the doorway of the empty tomb with stone rolled away, amid flowers and grass - all edible!

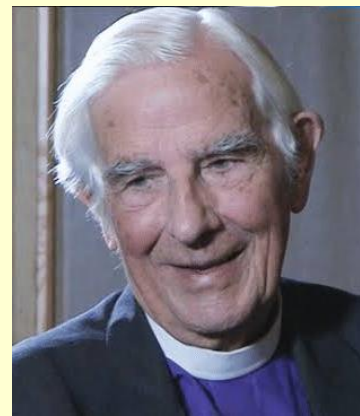


*Messy Church is now taking a break to reset and relaunch in
September - watch this space for news!!*

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

What makes for a good hymn? In Timothy Dudley-Smith's words *'it must be true to **divine revelation** and ... **Christian experience**, meaning 'the revelation of the Bible of the nature of God, of the person and life of Christ, or ... the destiny of men and women'; concerning Christian experience he said '... to offer to the worshippers words in which to clothe and express the aspirations and emotions of the heart.'*

Always a **poet**, TDS (as he was widely known in Church circles) never imagined that his poems would ever become recognised as hymns, believing that he 'lacked any musical ability', yet he wrote over **400 hymns**, including several collections; eleven appear in our hymn book. These include such universal favourites as **Lord, for the years*** and **Tell out, my soul, The greatness of the Lord****, described by Betjeman as *'one of the few modern hymns that will truly last'*. Congregations appreciate a rousing, singable hymn.



Timothy Dudley-Smith

A life-long Anglican in the **Evangelical** tradition, as a young priest he took parties of boys from his SE London mission to hear Billy Graham preach. His ministry lasted over forty years, culminating in ten as Bishop of Thetford (1981-1991).

His contribution to hymn writing, collections of new hymns and revisions of established collections never faltered, such that towards the end of his life a friend remarked: *'He tells us that "**hymn-writing has been for me a most enriching and entirely unexpected gift**".'*

You can sing along with these hymns here:

* **Tell out, my soul** (tune Woodlands) www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6ji4y9Q-K0

** **Lord, for the years** (tune Lord of the Years) www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkTrFQLy6js

Something to look forward to!

FOSPA TEAS start again on Sunday 25th May at 2pm



We were delighted to welcome the WI and their guests from the Adam Masjid in Bradford to St. Peter's in April. This mosque is home to the Dawoodi Bohras, a Muslim community united by dedication to their faith, genuine love for the country in which they live and commitment to the betterment of society. They believe in integrating with other faiths, empowering women, and feel a responsibility to care for the environment and all creatures that dwell within it.

Wulfherans

Anne Hodgson led our **Tenebrae** service (the word comes from the Latin for shadows) with **readings** and actions recreating the dark events of betrayal, abandonment and agony leading to Christ's death. **Candles** were gradually extinguished in the church to symbolise the gathering **darkness** of sin and death, but the tall white candle representing the **Light of Christ** shone undimmed to confirm our steadfast faith in the **resurrection**. The service was followed by hot cross buns, coffee and tea in the hall.

Join us at 7.30pm on
Tues 6th May for
"A Waller's Odyssey"
with Tracey Blackwell



Peace point

True peace is not merely the absence of tension : it is the presence of justice

Martin Luther King Jr.

*The world would be a paradise
if we were all half as good
as we expect others to be!*

advice passed on by Phyllis

Thanks to **Ian Aldred** for a new booklet about the **history of our church building**, seen through his eyes as a retired chartered civil engineer. This expands on the existing takeaway sheet, and supplements the files at the back of church and the information on our website. It focuses on major building works at St. Peter's, in six sections covering both the eras of history here and the different areas of the building. This new booklet is in the **Library Corner** for you to enjoy – but please, don't take it away with you!



A 7-word prayer taught to Pope Francis
by his grandmother:

Jesus, make my heart more like yours

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.

Parish Office: 01943 830 306

contact@stpetersaddingham.org.uk

Churchwarden:

Margaret Widdowson

margaretwidd3@btinternet.com


Find out more


www.stpetersaddingham.org.uk

St Peters Church Addingham

01943 830 306

contact@stpetersaddingham.org.uk

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

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

Wedding

12th April Ayrton Thompson and Belinda Lawson

Funeral

22nd April Richard Burrow

Funeral at Waltonwrays

30th April Jean Langtry-Langton



THANK YOU
to Tamsin
for her time as
Children and Family
worker
at St. Peter's