



**November
2024**

this
month
includes...

- Rector's Journal
- Save a penny?
- All Souls' poem
- Thank you, FOSPA!
- plus
- Eco Church Award
- Alpha Update
- Foodbank news

Judge not...

Sunday: two messages on my phone after the service. Always ominous; usually a complaint. Could be I accidentally strayed into heresy during the sermon, or got the wrong tune for '*O Jesus, I have promised*'. But, no, this time a coat has been left in the Hall, and it looks like it belongs to me. I had seen this coat (not new, well worn) and had already noted it was XXL.



Really? REALLY?! Do I look

that big?

Wednesday: Amongst the calls, a report of someone's earthly remains being left in the Garden of Remembrance. This happens from time to time; and an artistic trail of ashes has been sprinkled on the lawned surface of the garden. We don't know who it is.

Sunday: the reading has Jesus telling us that the first shall be last, and the last shall be first. He goes on about this at some length; it must be important. Is it about understanding and sympathising with someone else before judging them? Was my caller trying to be helpful, and, didn't realise that I am shrinking by the day? And was the ashes leaver a grief stricken guy trying to do the best ...

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... for granny or Fido? If we don't understand Jesus, if we rush into judgement, we will not be able to follow Him.

Mark



Wear gratitude like a cloak, and it will feed every corner of your life
Rumi

WORLD TOILET DAY



In a world brimming with gadgets and apps, and the ability to send people into space, **3.5 billion people STILL don't have a safe,**



Latrine in Sudan

clean toilet! To tackle this unhealthy problem, the UN declares **19th November** as its annual *World Toilet Day*, and the charity Tear Fund run a **Toilet Twinning** scheme, whereby donations are used to provide basic indoor toilet facilities in places where they are lacking. This picture shows a latrine built with toilet twinning money in our link Diocese of **Sudan**. If you feel grateful

to have a toilet at home, maybe whenever you "spend a penny" you could think about "saving a penny" to give to this cause. Find out more at toilettwinning.org

At this time of ever deepening catastrophe in our link Diocese of Sudan, please continue to pray for the people there who are enduring both conflict and hunger.

Thanks and congratulations ☕☕☕☕☕☕☕☕☕
to all who helped in any way with FOSPA teas this year - so many cakes and scones, so many coffees and teas, so many bargains on the stall, so many chairs and tables moved, but most of all, so many people made welcome each week with a friendly smile and a kind word.



How Green is Our Village 2024?

Saturday 9th November 2pm to 6pm, Memorial Hall

Climate Action Addingham invite everyone to their yearly review of progress across the community in actions to combat the climate emergency (*St. Peter's* will report on steps we've taken in the past year towards our target of becoming a **net-zero carbon church by 2030**). Scan the QR for details of this event, or see www.climateactionaddingham.info/events/event-dates



AN ALL SOULS DAY POEM

On The Death Of A Beloved by John O'Donohue

Though we need to weep your loss,
You dwell in that safe place in our hearts,
Where no storm or might or pain can reach you.

Your love was like the dawn
Brightening over our lives
Awakening beneath the dark
A further adventure of colour.

The sound of your voice found for us
A new music that brightened everything.

Whatever you enfolded in your gaze
Quickened in the joy of its being;
You placed smiles like flowers
On the altar of the heart.

Your mind always sparkled with wonder at things.

Though your days here were brief,
Your spirit was live, awake, complete.
We look towards each other no longer
From the old distance of our names;

Now you dwell inside the rhythm of breath,
As close to us as we are to ourselves.

Though we cannot see you with outward eyes,
We know our soul's gaze is upon your face,
Smiling back at us from within everything

To which we bring our best refinement.

Let us not look for you only in memory,
Where we would grow lonely without you.
You would want us to find you in presence,

Beside us when beauty brightens,
When kindness glows

And music echoes eternal tones.

When orchids brighten the earth,
Darkest winter has turned to spring;
May this dark grief flower with hope

In every heart that loves you.

May you continue to inspire us:
To enter each day with a generous heart.

To serve the call of courage and love
Until we see your beautiful face again

In that land where there is no more separation,
Where all tears will be wiped from our mind,
And where we will never lose you again.

What's life all about? Why are we here? Who is God?

Got questions?

Try **ALPHA**

Wednesdays 7pm at The Fleece
starting 6th November

At Alpha, there's food and discussion but no wrong question, no charge and no strings.

Tell your friends, drop in to join us at The Fleece

find out more

stpetersaddingham.org.uk/alpha
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Eco Church helps churches take **practical action**, step by step, to **care for the environment**.

Filling in the Eco Church survey is a simple but effective way for a church to **assess progress**.

The survey relates to **five areas** of church life: worship and teaching, buildings, land, community and global engagement, and lifestyle.

The cumulative steps result in Bronze, Silver or Gold Eco Church awards. **St. Peter's** is currently Bronze, **working towards Silver**.

Wulfherans

Jill Jeffrey gave an interesting illustrated talk about Vintage Fairs and items from the 20th century, including homewares, clothing, vinyl records, *Observer* and *Ladybird* books, *Tupperware*, retro toys, *Pyrex* and *Hornsea* mugs, to name just a small portion of her large collection which is sold in her shops, stalls, car boot sales and flea markets around the country. Then we enjoyed delicious homemade cakes!

Our next meeting is
Quiz with Pie & Pea Supper Tues



5th November 7.30pm check poster for details

Peace point

Peace is not a supplement to New Testament theology and spirituality; it is at the very centre. *Michael J. Gorman*

From the Registers

Interment of Ashes

August Dorothy Hammond

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

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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

If you're thinking of becoming a Christian, I warn you, you're embarking on something which will take the whole of you. *C.S.Lewis*

Messy Church Sunday 24th November, 4pm

activities, fun, music, a meal – a different way to meet with God, for all ages, and family friendly. Come, and meet new friends!



The **SALVATION ARMY** needs our help to make **Christmas 2024** a bit special for those with little or nothing to put on the table or under the tree – here's what's needed:

Christmas Food

Selection Boxes
Mince Pies
Mayonnaise
Paxo Stuffing
Jam
Teabags/coffee
Cheese Sauce/Chilli mix
Christmas pudding
Gravy
Biscuits
Christmas Cake
Tinned ham
Custard

Christmas Gifts

brand new, unwrapped gifts for children aged 0-18

Next Foodbank collections at St. Peter's

Sundays

3rd NOVEMBER & 1st DECEMBER

THANKS!