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month  
includes...

November  
2025

Rector's Journal

Maule and Bell  
by Robin

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Advent course

plus

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## Trapped in sin...

**Wednesday:** I am doing a good turn; so I have the opportunity to be pleased with myself (pride). And also I am slightly put out that I am having to do this act of goodness in the first place (sloth and selfishness). This means that a good deed has turned into a stumble on the narrow way. It is very hard to be a saint, and I shan't bother trying.

Anyway, I am heroically delivering a misplaced parcel to a neighbour. Unusually, the heavy garden gate swings open when I press the intercom, so I trot up the drive and look for a place to hide the parcel. As I head ever upwards, I tell myself pessimistically, "I bet that gate swings shut behind me" (despair); and, behold, I am not only right I am now trapped. Passing through resentment (anger), I reach panic as I roam about the garden seeking an exit. I probably shouldn't ford a swollen stream, or

scale the old wall; and pausing only to admire the well-cut lawn (covetousness) I return to the gate. It wouldn't be so bad but my left leg, to use a medical term, is "gammy", and the cameras record a sweating, podgy vicar making a hash of climbing up and over the gate, using the unusual one-legged climbing move "the desperate hop", and falling down in a heap on the other side. I have now committed most of the seven deadly sins, and recovering in the Coop, I fall into gluttony with their amazing deal on Cadbury's Giant Buttons. I deserve it, I tell myself (spiritual pride, and being pathetic). That only leaves lust, but you need energy for that sin, and six out of seven sins isn't bad for an afternoon.

The hard work, and the sins, combine to teach me a lesson about ... see overleaf



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...a very old-fashioned view of Christian life. If we try to do it all by ourselves, it will never end well. We need **grace**, and we need **others**; and at St Peter's we stumble along helping each other to both. We all fail, and **we welcome fellow failers** as well.

Mark



**Hymn Writers** part 17 in an occasional series by **Robin Leleux**

## **Graham Maule (1958-2019) with John Bell (b. 1949)**

Many traditional hymns are devotional or liturgical in tone; by contrast, those of **Graham Maule** and his creative partner **John Bell** are often social in content, reflecting Jesus's command that we love one another so **putting our faith into action**. This is reflected in their hymns '*Christ's is the world in which we move*' and '*Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets*'.

A Glaswegian, Graham Alexander **Maule** trained as an architect but before professionally qualifying he abandoned it to throw himself into **youth work** in socially deprived areas of Glasgow. This was partly due to a chance meeting with John Bell who was already youth coordinator for Glasgow Presbytery.

Thus began a **forty-year collaboration** in youth work, liturgical innovation, hymn/song writing and active work for social justice, working under the aegis of the **Iona Community**\*. Their musical output, published by their **Wild Goose Worship Group**, was prodigious and world-wide, especially appealing to younger people through movements like Greenbelt. A score of their hymns are in our hymnbook.



Graham Maule

John Lamberton **Bell**, a fellow Scotsman hailing from Kilmarnock, and **Church of Scotland minister**, had made his reputation as a student **activist** while proclaiming his Christian beliefs. He went on to be a member of the Iona Community\* (he retired in 2022), broadcaster and lecturer with a **world-wide audience**, while also helping to produce the Church of Scotland's *Church Hymnary* (4<sup>th</sup> edn).



John Bell

*\*The Iona Community, founded in 1938, attracts members from all denominations with its strong commitment to ecumenism, peace and social justice issues.*

*Forgiveness is swallowing when you want to spit*





The theme of **Messy Church** on **16th Nov @ 4pm** is **Beacons of Light**. Do come and be a part of this different way of meeting as family-friendly church, with a bible story, prayer, singing and activities; join in, get to know Messy Church families, and share in tea as well – so, if this is your first time at Messy Church, you can make it a “taster” in every sense!

Have you noticed, there’ve been more **baptisms** recently at St. Peter’s? and there are more booked in the diary, too! When a baptism takes place outside the 10am service, **please do come to it** if you are able – we’re privileged to be welcoming those being baptised into the family of the church, so we need to be there to represent that family!

## Remembrance

We’ll be **decorating** the church with poppies on **Saturday 1st November**, from **10am** – do join us!

On **Remembrance Sunday 9th November** our service will start at **10am**, and we’ll welcome uniformed organisations. There will be a procession from our grounds to the **village War Memorial** for **11am**, where wreaths will be laid. A change this year is that, at the request of some organisations and in agreement with the Parish Council, the **names of the fallen** will be read out at the village war memorial only, not in church as well, so that the ceremonies are of more manageable length for youngsters who come to church before they join the procession.



Have you seen the wealth of interesting and useful material on the **Diocesan Digital Learning Platform** – for example, the free online 2-3 hour course at this link : [learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/being-part-of-gods-story-self-paced-course/](http://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/being-part-of-gods-story-self-paced-course/) Why not try it?



*Singing the words of the Eucharist liturgy does not appeal to everyone, so starting in December, we’ll be trying out having **one 10am** service each month as a **said Communion with hymns** plus a hymn in place of saying the Gloria. And, if you prefer no hymns at all, you might find that the **weekly 8.30am said Communion** service is what you’re looking for – try it!*



**Thanks** to everyone who helped tidy up the churchyard. There’s still lots to do, so if you have a spare hour any time, please feel free to **weed round graves and clear old leaves** – many hands make light work, and the churchyard tidy! We’ll have another day of communal tidying soon (with cake!) – watch out for details.

*(Please note, **pots** which were empty or contained dead plants have been put on the plank through the middle gate from the churchyard to the top of the river bank, and can be collected from there by their owners for re-use.)*

## Wulpherans

Sign list in hall to book your place for

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm**

**QUIZNIGHT with Pie & Pea Supper**



**St. Peter's hall**

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St Peters Church Addingham

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

Don't miss this month's podcast, entitled

**Growing faith in, with & through our children**

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**

4th Oct Andrew Hope-Robertson & Ruth Oyston

The Church Orchard  
**Apple Juice**



A delicious blend of  
early variety apples

*Thank you to all who helped at the Church Orchard Open Day on 18<sup>th</sup> October – there were lots of visitors! Pressed Apple Juice made from the orchard fruit is now available – find out more from Pat Thompson*

*Please let Philippa know as soon as possible (830306) any names you would like to be included in the All Souls' service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 4pm*

*Before a service, talk to God;  
during a service, let God talk to you;  
after a service, talk with others.*

**All Saints' and All Souls' Tide** : some words of Jan Richardson

In the body of Christ, death does not release us from being in relationship with one another. The separation that causes us such pain in this life does not sever the bonds of community. In these days, may the veil be thin for each of us. May we know the blessing of those who are gone from this life but who breathe with us still, and may we know the grace of the God who breathes life into us all.

Our **Advent course** this year is looking at the Nativity narratives in the Gospels – what can they teach us about the incarnation and about what it means for God to be with us in the here and now? Previous Lent and Advent Bible studies led by Mark have been enjoyable, inspiring and thought-provoking, so this is to be recommended - come and join in any or all of these 3 sessions.

what can we learn from...

**THE  
NATIVITY**

3 meetings sharing thoughts  
about the **Gospel birth narratives**  
- come and join in!

**Thursdays, 3pm @ St. Peter's**

**27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**  *and  
coffee!*

