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Gone astray...

Thursday: the garden is briefly visited by several sheep.



Concerned for my flowering shrubs, I go out to protect and preserve. They have spared the arkiidiaconae but are enjoying the ivy (which is growing long ready for Crimbo decorations). They exit in a huff, and as a gang.

The **sheep** is the most-mentioned creature in the Bible, and in the Old Testament was a measure of wealth; a flock of sheep indicated prosperity, and great care was taken to protect sheep from wolves, lions, and rustlers. David learnt his warrior skills looking after his father's sheep, and wrote, out of deep personal experience, of God being his shepherd.

So sheep were valuable and were **worth protecting** day

and night. When Jesus talked about this, he described himself as the gate to the sheepfold, and at night the shepherd would lay down in front of the gate to protect the flock. He said the sheep know my name, and that is also true, sheep come to **know and trust their shepherd** and her voice. This is probably why my visitors fled from me. But last of all, sheep go astray. **All we, like sheep, have gone astray**, says Isaiah. My sheep had taken an opportunity for a new dining experience, and had plunged in. Did they know what perils awaited them? They might have been signed up for the PCC, the sidespersons team, or, given their ...

see overleaf

I am the good shepherd;

I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay my life down for the sheep."

■ JOHN 10:14-15 (NIV)



cont. from p.1 ... lilting counter-tenor voices, the choir.

We are, in Jesus's eyes, valuable, useful, but in need of guidance. In Jesus' day the shepherd walked in front of the flock, and led them to a green pasture. If they strayed, He called them back. I sometimes wish I had listened to that call more often, but I know **He will never give up** on wanting me back.

Mark

ALL SOUL'S DAY

REMEMBERING OUR
LOVED ONES



and to light candles in their memory.

On Sunday 1st November at 4pm we have our **All Souls'** service, a chance to remember loved ones who have died with words and music, to name them aloud or in our hearts

How to live an ADVENT life...

Re-make your life
in time for Christmas!

give love

spread joy

create hope

know peace

3 friendly meetings

Friday 27 Nov

Thursdays 3 and 17 Dec

2pm at St. Peter's

Learn from each other
and the Bible

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Sustainable Church Flowers by Lesley

Last month a couple of us from St Peter's attended the Northern Conference of the SCF at Bolton Priory. I knew little about flowers so this event could have been really out of my comfort zone, but actually I enjoyed it!

SCF is a nationwide movement, and this year General Synod voted to embrace the principles of sustainable flowers in all Church of England churches. These principles address three problems, namely:

1. **Oasis** is not biodegradable and breaks down into micro plastics which contaminate the environment.
2. To **transport** flowers from overseas burns large amounts of fossil fuels. Some flowers are neither ethically sourced nor organic.
3. **Packaging** and single use plastics used in transportation can accumulate in both landfill and churchyards.

At St Peter's we had already decided to stop using oasis. We'd like to adopt the other two principles too, which means using **locally grown seasonal flowers** in our displays in church. We are blessed with the church field, hedgerows and the orchard, as well as many kind people who offer foliage and flowers in season from their gardens. This Harvest, all the decorations in church were gathered from around the church and orchard, and a small but willing team under the expert guidance of Heidi Cannon brought '**nature into the church**' to glorify God's wonderful and bountiful creation.



We intend to continue to offer this celebration of God's provision with seasonal and locally grown flowers in church. We'd love others to join us; no prior skill is necessary, we'll welcome anyone who wants to come. Please get in touch with me via the church office contact@stpetersaddingham.org 01943 830 306

Thank you, **FOSPA!**

This season of welcoming and delicious teas raised a super total of **£4669.43**, + an amazing **£2269.75** for **Macmillan Cancer Support**

Men's Social 1st Monday each month, from **7.30pm** at **The Fleece** (left bar) – all welcome!

Hymn Writers part 23 in an occasional series by *Robin Leleux*

Sir Henry Williams Baker (1821 – 1877)

Traditionally the three pillars upholding the Church of England were The King James Bible, The Book of Common Prayer and, later, **Hymns Ancient & Modern**. Just as churches themselves have been altered and modernised since those days, as liturgical fashions and pastoral needs change so these pillars have been updated, not least with many more hymns being written and for a wider range of musical instruments. Nonetheless Hymns A&M has been a firm bedrock on which to build later hymnals, such as ours. It originated with a country parson in Herefordshire.

That parson was **Sir Henry Williams Baker**, born in London in 1824 the son of a vice-admiral and 2nd baronet. He took Holy Orders in 1844 and after a curacy in Essex, was vicar at Monkland, beyond Leominster. Here he found the church dilapidated and without a vicarage and the village without a school; he remedied all this out of his own funds.

Always a **lover of sacred music** he soon began **composing** hymns – his household staff had to join the choir – and then led a Clerical committee, inspired by the Oxford Movement, to compile a **standard anthology of hymns** from the many disparate collections then circulating. They wanted to improve congregational worship and to be comprehensive so they called upon **varied traditions**, Anglican, Methodist and dissenting as well as Latin and Greek translations, Baker contributing many, such as '**O praise ye the Lord**' and '**The King of love my shepherd is**'. Music was added where no tunes existed. It was an immediate and **lasting success**. Sir Henry succeeded to the baronetcy in 1859 but, as a believer in clerical celibacy, on his death at Monkland it passed to a kinsman.



Bradford Midwives have sent a card of thanks to **Jean Bull** for her response to



their appeal and the range of lovely cot blankets and shawls she's crocheted for newborns whose families are struggling to provide them with basic necessities.

If **YOU** can knit, sew or crochet, might you be able to join Jean in making blankets or baby clothes?

THANK YOU!

We've been getting compliments from people who use our hall and kitchen about how spotless it all is! This is down to someone few of us ever see, as he works early each Tuesday morning to wash, wipe, sweep, polish, disinfect and keep everything ship-shape. So, very many thanks, **PAUL**, for all your meticulous work (and always with a smile!) - it's not unnoticed, and we do appreciate it!



Wulfherans

We opened our October meeting with a lovely meaningful prayer from Christine Bean reflecting on Wulfherans. Then we were entertained by the welcome return of Tim Foreman. It was an amusing evening of 'Tales of an Ordinary Gentleman'. Margaret Bawcomb gave a vote of thanks, and refreshments were enjoyed by all.



Our next meeting will be:

**Tues 3rd November
7.30pm**

please sign sheet in hall

Thank you to all for Harvest donations to the Foodbank, including **Addingham Primary School**, who also made this display of *Harvest Thanks*.



22nd November : St. Cecilia

Cecilia was a Christian martyr who lived in Rome in the 3rd century. She is known as the patron saint of music and musicians (and is often depicted playing either an organ or a violin), because she is said to have "sung in her heart to the Lord" in a time of trial – may we all follow that example!

St Cecilia by Burne-Jones (photo DeFacto). Cecilia is playing a portative organ carried on a shoulder-strap, using her right hand on the keyboard and her left hand to pump the bellows

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 St Peter's 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

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

From the Registers

Wedding

3rd October James Pearson & Sarah Worley

The next **Messy Church** in our **TRUST IN GOD** series is on **11th November at 4pm** with story, music, crafts and games looking ahead to **Advent** – come and learn to trust while you wait, join in, meet friends, share the meal!



For the children in your family: a Fairtrade-chocolate Advent Calendar, including a Christmas Story activity booklet. Not in shops so order online, search for "Meaningful Advent Calendar"



The Children's Society works with young people to counsel and support them through their most serious life challenges, because every child deserves to feel hopeful, happy and excited for their future. Their remit stretches from child sexual exploitation, county lines drugs, and mental health to poverty, young carers, and children missing from home. (Find out more at www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

A big thank you to **Joan Wilkinson** for spearheading support for the Children's Society at St. Peter's by distributing **collecting boxes**, so you can pop in a few coins week by week or perhaps make a donation to give thanks for a special family occasion. It all adds up, and it's a simple way to support the work of the Children's Society, so **please do have a word with Joan for your own box to keep at home.**