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Rector's Journal

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St. Peter's

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at home

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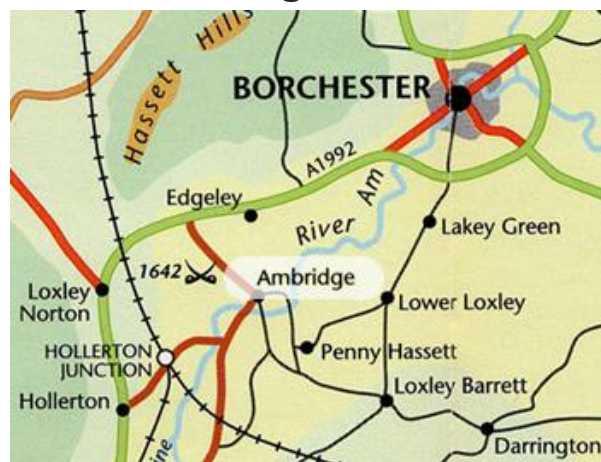
Messy Church news

Time to tidy up!

Everyday faith

Wednesday: I am listening to the Archers; I have tried to give it up over the years but I now recognise that I am stuck with it. And, amid all the boredom (some episodes are like sermons) there is the occasional reward of a surprise.

Tonight's adventure was, sensationally, based on a Bible study. You don't get that on Eastenders. There has always been a vicar (from Bradford, like me, and a kind and devoted man; well, one out of three isn't bad), but we don't hear him doing much vicarring. But this evening, here he was leading two of the main characters through the Sermon on the Mount. Will they forgive each other? For all of two minutes, they do.



Also present is Susan whose faith has been corrupted by an atheist shop assistant, Jim. She points out the contradictions in the gospel text, but no one listens.

Tuesday: time to catch up on all the Facebook reaction to the previous episode. There isn't as much as there was after the Great Ambridge Flood, or after Stabgate, but there is a positive reaction to Alan's attempts to make his Christian faith relevant and useful. No one picks up on Susan's textual issues, but they do want to see **Christianity making a real difference.**

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There is plenty to be hopeful for in the future of St Peter's; it just needs you and me to be like Alan, and **bring our faith into our ordinary, everyday encounters.**

Mark



 There's still time to pick up a little clip-on cross from the back of church – follow the example of Children's Church, fix it to your bag, coat zip or keyring to declare your faith and start conversations (and remember to pray for the children, too!)

“These words, which I command you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7

Prayers in church

One of the chief tasks of the church is to pray for those who request prayer. But sometimes, we don't get told who still needs that support, so the PCC has decided to start our intercessions list afresh from the beginning of November, and to make sure that we keep it up to date.

If you or someone you know would like to be remembered in prayers at St. Peter's, please let us know and we will add the name to our prayer list for three months. This can then be renewed as necessary with a further request.



We must have someone's permission (or that of a close relative) to use their name in public, and from now on, we'll use first names only (for confidentiality) – God will know who it is!

If there is a very large number of people to pray for, sometimes we may pray for half the list one week and half the next, so that we can focus faithfully on those named; Sunday intercessions will always include a chance to pray together in silence for everyone on the list, and for anyone you are especially concerned about. Some long-term prayers will be added to the Prayer Tree, and so will receive regular prayer that way.

Using these different means, we will continue to pray together as a church in a committed way for all who ask for our prayers.



Our September **Messy Church**, themed loaves and fishes, was such a happy afternoon! Fish biscuits, fish models, fish Bible story, fish games, and a picnic to share! Messy Church is NOT a children only event! it's **a different way of meeting as church**, aiming to be family friendly and to include all the generations of the church family too. So, do come and get to know Messy Church families, join in our **next Messy Church on Sunday 12th October, 4pm.**

Sudan bulletin

Away from the world's main headlines, the vicious civil war continues in our link diocese of Sudan, with both sides of the conflict seeing Christians as the enemy. The situation in many regions is terrible beyond imagining: those trying to flee the fighting are targeted; what aid is available to alleviate starvation is made conditional on renouncing faith, with large areas deprived of all support; rape is used as a weapon of war; cholera has broken out in refugee camps; water is hard to come by.

A church leader reports, of those caught under siege in the city of el-Fasher: *"For a long time now, they're eating animal feed and grass. No wheat, no rice, nothing can get in. And, unfortunately now, no medicine — if you have just the flu it can kill you. We don't know what to do. We are just always asking God [to] have mercy on us."*

He adds, *"For Christians, it's forbidden even to pray in your home as a group in many places now. Logically, there is no hope because it [Sudan] will become more radical. But I believe in God, who can turn the curse to a blessing. And we pray that the church continues to be like a light and salt in our country."*

Please continue to pray for the peace of all the peoples of Sudan, for relief to reach the starving, for an end to cruelty, for safe return of displaced people, and for the deliverance of the faithful and persecuted Christians there.



Clocks go back Sunday 26th October
(an extra hour asleep,
and still in time for church!)

**Start where you are,
use what you have,
do what you can**

Home Communion If you are not able to get to church any more, you are still a loved member of our church family at St. Peter's, and we want to make sure you can share in Holy Communion by bringing the Sacrament to you at home. Would you like this? If so, please have a word with Philippa in the church office (830 306).



Wulfherans

Join us for our next meeting

Tuesday 7th October 7.30pm

Remembrance with Mr. E. Jackson

Thank you to everyone involved in harvesting fruit from the Church Orchard – delicious! up to mid September over 300kg of apples have been harvested, as well as some plums and pears.



Enjoy singing? Can't commit to every week?



How about joining **St. Peter's choir** for just a season - like the Christmas Carol service - practices, but no strings after that?

Try us out - we'd love to have you, and you'll find it's special. Want to know more? Have a word with Judith Idle.

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

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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

From the Registers

Funeral at Waltonwrays

21st August Maureen Milner

Baptisms

21st September Jenson Green

21st September Evelyn Walmsley

We do not lose our friends when they die, we only lose sight of them.

Eleanor Farjeon



Tidying the churchyard It's that time of year again! Our seasonal tidy up of the churchyard will include weeding and trimming, as well as removing dead leaves and plastic flowers. If you can help, please come on Friday 17th October starting at noon, bring garden tools to use. Coffee and tea provided!

Thank you to all who've helped with FOSPA this year!
and, don't forget

the last FOSPA tea of 2025 is in aid of

Sunday 7th October, 2pm-5pm

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