



St. Peter's Addingham

a place of Christian worship in three millennia

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plus

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Doing the right thing...

Friday: I know I should be worrying about climate change, the Houthis, and the public debt mountain, but I get really annoyed by the announcement on the Coop's



new robot cashiers. "Thank you", they say, "for shopping at Coop." Where's the "the"? As in "the Coop". It is just wrong. Coming from Bradford, I'd happily accept "t' Coop", but even that isn't an option. I fume, and very nearly start tutting in public.

Sunday: A visitor assails me in church, and demands to know why I am making unnecessary changes to the church. I explain that the doorway is difficult to access if you have mobility issues. He is clearly not happy. Who is right, and who is



entitled to get upset now, I ask myself? As it happens, I have in my pocket a wax-sealed certificate which proclaims (at the church's expense) that the Chancellor thinks I'm right. But I can see how some other parishioners are as annoyed about the changes as I get at Coop.

Our Gospel reading is about Jesus's true identity, but Jesus doesn't tell the disciples who He is. He **asks them for their response**, and Peter, hesitantly, suggests the right answer. There isn't a manual with a ...

see overleaf

"But what about you?" he asked.

"Who do you say

I am?"

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... picture of a "right "church for us to copy, so we discuss, reflect, and, together, decide. We pray we have made the best decision.

Mark



Men's Social Our next meeting is **Monday 5th October** starting from **7.30pm** in **The Fleece** (left hand bar) – everyone is welcome to join us.

St Peter's Playgroup

Monday
Term-Time Only

9.30am–11.30am

£2 per family

St Peter's Hall,
Addingham, LS29 0QS

Enclosed outdoor play area
Free parking
Refreshments

contact@stpetersaddingham.org.uk
01943 830306

St. Peter's Playgroup is now running each Monday of term time for babies, toddlers and their carers to share a fun and friendly morning, with lots to do and refreshments to enjoy. It is led by **Lucinda**, supported by volunteers from **St. Peter's**. *(Hayley and Stacey are kindly allowing their play equipment to be used, and they will still run Little Blossoms in the holidays.)*

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.

Desmond Tutu

FOSPA TEAS the amazing 43rd season ends on 4th Oct – **well done!** All proceeds that day are for **Macmillan Cancer Support** – do join in!

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Healing

Christians have always prayed for one another as an act of love and faith, trusting that God hears and responds. Sometimes we pray for ourselves too, or ask others to pray for us. At the heart of these prayers is the belief that **we can trust ourselves and those we are concerned about to the love of God**. Whatever the need – body, mind or soul – we are inviting God to shape our lives according to his will, and to bring peace. That's also what we ask of God for those we love.

The **healing service at St. Peter's** is on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. It is quiet, simple and unhurried, and includes prayer, music, a bible reading and reflection, with an opportunity to ask for prayers for oneself or for others, by first name. There's no call to say why the prayer is requested – God knows the need and that's all that matters; He is the Healer, not us. We also include all requests left on the Prayer Tree in the preceding month. Some people attend regularly, others come in times of specific need. This gentle service is for everyone who wants it, whenever they need it.

But there are some who aren't able to attend on a weekday evening, so in addition we will now offer the option of requesting simple **healing prayers on occasional Sunday mornings**, so that anyone can ask for prayers at the side altar on the way back from Communion (or at their pews if mobility is a challenge), on announced dates.



Join us for
music and prayer
in the style of

TAIZE

Sunday 25 October
4pm
St. Peter's Hall

stpetersaddingham.org.uk 01943 830306

This month, we will be holding a service in the hall in the style of the worship of **Taize**. This uses short songs, repeated again and again, giving it a meditative character. Using just a few words the songs express a basic reality of faith, and as the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually enters deeply into the whole being.

Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God, and can give us a glimpse of "heaven's joy on earth". The songs allow us to keep on praying in the silence of our hearts.

Whether you are familiar with worship in the style of Taize or not, do come and share in this experience.

Ian Aldred gives his lighthearted take on his own brush with mortality.

A matter of life and death.

On the 11th November 2024, just after 11am, I suffered a type A aortic dissection, in Tesco's car park in Ilkley. I eventually ended up in the operating theatre of the LGI cardiac unit the next morning, following a brief visit to Airedale Hospital where I was correctly diagnosed by the A&E consultant and given the option of dying within 48 hours or having the operation. I chose to have the operation. Good choice he said. Operation successful and feeling OK for my age at the time of writing. But my narrow escape from death wasn't just due to medical science. I have now found out that other factors were involved.

Telephone rings for ages, then,

'Termination Department H.Q. Heaven, Registrar speaking'.

'Oh good, this is Yorkshire Termination, Ilkley branch'.

T.D. H.Q. Yes, go ahead.

Y.T. Ilkley We've got an elderly man who has had an aortic attack. Given 48 hours to live unless he has emergency surgery. Prospect 50/50. Leeds General Infirmary very busy. What do you think? Can you give the go-ahead for recovery?

T.D.H.Q. Well, as you know we are very busy what with all these viruses around the world which never seem to stop so he'll have to go in the queue.

Y.T. Ilkley Can I speak to GOD or his Chancellor?

T.D.H.Q. Good Heavens No! They're both rushed off their feet; however, I think that St. Peter may be available, just a minute.

Heavenly music plays for five minutes

T.D.H.Q. Yes, St. Peter is available, I'll put him on.

A few minutes wait.

Saint Peter Yes, I've got the gist of the problem, let's check a few items, how old is he?

Y.T. Ilkley 88.

Saint Peter Is he a Christian?

Y.T. Ilkley Yes.

Saint Peter Was he baptised?

Y.T. Ilkley Yes, on 11th November 1937 at St. James's church, Brighouse.

Saint Peter Yes, I think that I have heard of Brighouse. Interesting. So, he was baptised on 11th November, and he had this aortic attack on 11th November, occurring just a few minutes after the two minutes silence. Hmm, and I'm told that he attends my church in Addingham.

Y.T. Ilkley Yes, that's right sir, 8.30am service every Sunday, on the dot.

Saint Peter Well, in this case we don't need to call him up just yet. We can give him a few more years. I'll bless the cardiac team, and I'll sign the appropriate Faculty approval form and inform the Registrar.

Y.T. Ilkley Thank you sir, goodbye.

Heavenly music continues.

On Tuesday 1st September Dr Jude Hayward gave a talk on the genetics of cancer. It was very informative, with questions and answers as she delivered the talk. Ian Aldred gave a warm vote of thanks. Tea, cake and biscuits concluded the evening.

Anecdotes

of an
Ordinary
Gentleman

Everyone
welcome! with Tim Forman



All will be welcome
at our next meeting:

**Tuesday 6th Oct Sept
7.30pm.**

THANK YOU to all who work in the Church Orchard for copious boxes of fresh apples! AND for the invitation to share a **HARVEST PICNIC** in the Orchard at lunchtime Sunday 4th Oct – bring

The Church Orchard Harvest Picnic

OCT 4th 11.00 to 14.30

Bring Your Own food to picnic with others amongst the trees. Activities & chat & tasty treats too!

your own food, enjoy demos of woodcraft, delicious juice from this year's crop on sale too! So, with **Family Communion** at 10 and **Harvest**

Evensong at 6 (and not forgetting the **FOSPA tea** for **MacMillan!**), it's Harvest celebrations all day!

PLUS : if YOU can help with the varied tasks of the apple harvest, please contact Chris Allen 07910 137 916 info@chrisallenhortic.co.uk

Have you seen the **Children and Family Events noticeboard** in the hall lately? It's charting themes of Children's Church and Messy Church, which this Autumn both focus on **TRUST IN GOD** based on Old Testament figures including **David**, **Daniel**, **Gideon** and **Esther**, to name but a few. The next **Messy Church** is **October 11th at 4pm** with story, music, crafts and games about **Joshua and the tumbling walls of Jericho** – come and join in, meet friends, share the meal!



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f St Peters Church Addingham

For up-to-date details of all services and activities, please look at our website, follow us on **f** 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 **f** Facebook page, so take a look.

You can also follow **f** **C.a.f.e** – **children and family events** at St. Peter's Addingham

Friday Fettleers The tidy up of the churchyard and around the field in August went well (grateful thanks to all who took part), but there is more of the same needed! So, if you are able to help for even a short time, we will be meeting on **Fridays 9th**

Oct, 13th Nov and 11th Dec between 10 and 1 to continue this work to keep our grounds and the graves of our loved ones neat and cared for. Please **bring your own garden tools**; coffee and biscuits provided. Many hands make light work, so **turn up and join the "Friday Fettleers"!**



The latest podcast from St. Peter's is called **One Family in Christ** and is about the values which were identified as important in our church life when the congregation were asked for their thoughts recently. You can find it (and previous podcasts) via the church website – click **Online**, scroll down to **Podcasts**, then click **Watch on Vimeo**



Another local chance to see... "The People's Emergency Briefing"

the short film in which leading UK scientists help us understand the scale of the climate crisis and what it means for us in the UK, and offer hope as to how we can respond together. You can see the film at **Christchurch in Ilkley on Friday 23rd October at 7pm**, – it's free, no tickets needed, just turn up. If we all act NOW **it is not too late** to make a difference.