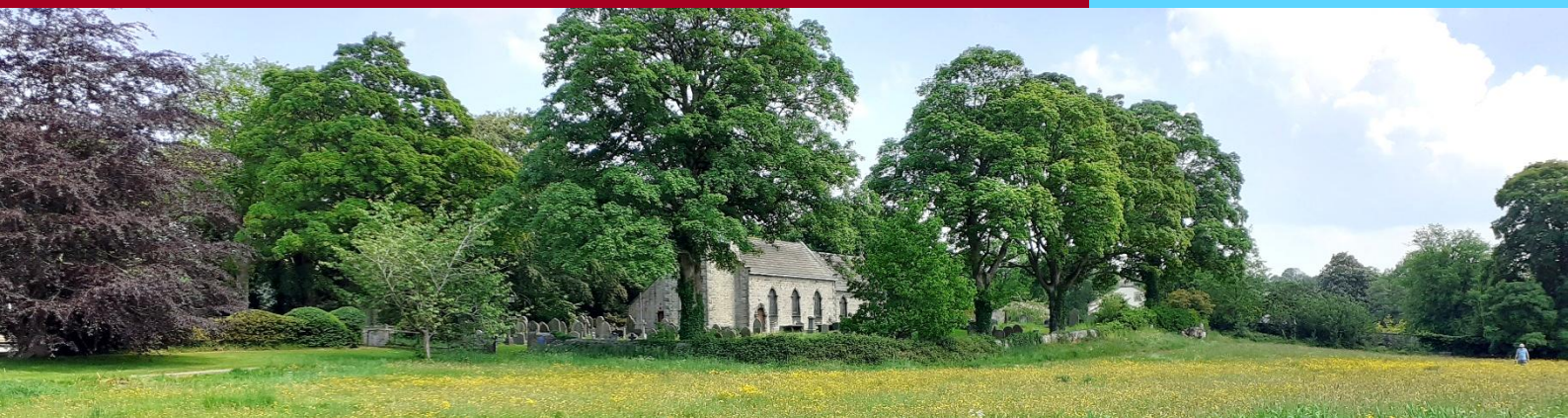




St. Peter's Addingham

a place of Christian worship in three millennia

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issue
includes...

September
2026

Rector's Journal
Our new Bishop
Michael Forster
by Robin

plus

Thank you, Tidiers!
Bible Book Rap
Urgent Eco Focus
Welcome, Crucifers!

Seen, loved, transformed...

Thursday: I have two large bags of garden waste and am at the tip. I am dragging one of them across the concrete when a young woman asks me if I "need any help with that". She heaves the bag effortlessly over the edge of the skip. **Who do I think I am?** Well, if I had thought I was still young (ish) and strong, then I had better



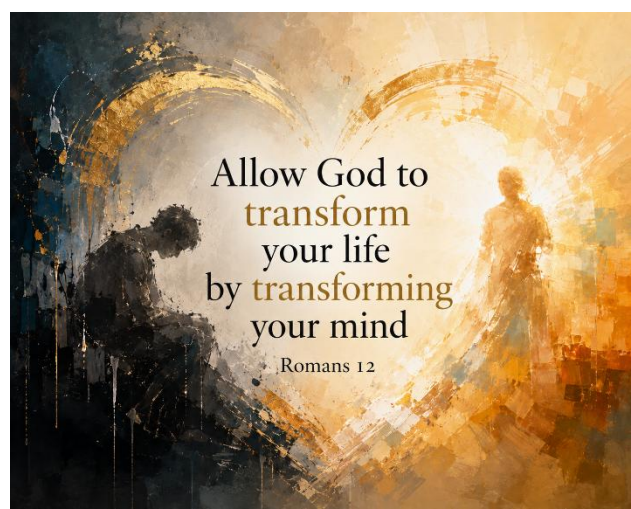
revise my view of myself.

Sunday: Jesus asks his disciples, "but, you, who do you say I am?" They have reported what others have said, now they **need to respond personally**.

Monday: Some young persons in the office are describing a Saturday night out in Leeds: and I feel every one of my years.

Peter gets the answer right when he tells Jesus that He is the Christ, but then Peter goes on to tell Jesus off when Jesus talks about the cross. And I reflect that not only have I got to approach Jesus and **get Him right**, I have to **let Him change me**, just as He transformed Peter. I have ludicrous ideas about who I am, but if I see Jesus for who He is, then why should I worry about letting Him see **the real me**, and **let Him do something about it**. You can't fool Jesus, even if we fool ourselves.

Mark



National Day of Prayer for Schools, Wed 9th September

Let's join in the Bible Society's national initiative to pray for schoolchildren of all ages as the new term starts. Pray for them and for their teachers, and for the activities we share with Addingham Primary School including What's the Story, Open the Book, Harvest and Christingle. Pray that they hear the good news of Jesus. Pray for Mark and Beth's work with the school and with families. You can pray in church or at home - maybe remembering the children each hour through the school day. Surround them with loving and ongoing prayer!



During the summer CAFE Facebook featured faith-based videos, including a **Bible Book Rap**. If you missed it here



are the words, try it aloud - fast! Then try re-reading one of these books to see how good the summary is.

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, all about Jesus
Acts are the facts how He'll never leave us
Romans is the road to a spirit-filled life
Corinthians, faith, hope, love never die
Galatians, fruit of the spirit gonna grow
Ephesians, God's masterpiece, good to know
Philippians, running that race with Christ
Colossians, washed clean, doing things right
1st and 2nd Thessalonians, giving God gratitude
1st, 2nd Timothy, leading with your attitude
Titus gonna tell us 'bout grace from above
Philemon's leaning on brotherly love
Hebrews brewing up faith like a child
The name of the **James** game? Joy in every trial
1st, 2nd Peter, cast cares on Jesus
1st, 2nd, 3rd John, His love frees us
Jude is a dude speakin' truth that burns
Revelation's celebratin' Jesus' return!

Men's Social

Our next meeting is

Monday 7th September

starting from

7.30pm

all welcome to join us
for a chat in

The Fleece

(left hand bar)

ECO Focus



There is another local chance to see "The People's Emergency Briefing", a powerful national film in which leading UK scientists explain the climate crisis and what it means for us, on **Tuesday 1st September at All Saints' Parish Church in Bingley at 7pm** – it's free, no booking needed, just turn up.

It's not an easy watch, but **PLEASE DO TRY TO SEE IT.**

If you can't make that date, there are details here

www.nebriefing.org/screening-map of other showings still to take place in the area.

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS... This Autumn, we're re-introducing an important role for **children at St. Peter's** as they become **Crucifers** - cross-bearers - some Sundays, carrying the Cross ahead of the choir to mark the start of our worship. St Peter's has a lightweight wooden cross which children can carry, as well as a full sized processional cross. **Processional crosses** have a long history in this country – Bede records that when St. Augustine came to England in 597 AD, his monks carried a Cross before them "like a standard". Detached from their poles after the procession and put in a stand, these became the earliest altar crosses too.

A prayer offered by Andrew Tawn at Arthur's funeral, included here at the suggestion of Judith I.

Grant to us the wisdom and grace to make good use of the time left to us here on earth. Help us to live a life of kindness to those around us, generosity to those in need and loving care to those who are close to us, so we may come to the end of our lives with a clear conscience and a heart content. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

A Big Thank You to all who helped tidy up around the churchyard, weeding, cutting and clearing, + all who brought refreshments! It's great to work as a team, and so important the churchyard is kept cared for, for all who visit.



Do not waste time bothering whether you love your neighbour; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him.

C S Lewis

Hymn Writers part 22 in an occasional series by *Robin Leleux*

Michael Forster (1946 – 2023)

Church congregations' taste in hymns has altered over the years; the simple four-line verses which filled early editions of Hymns Ancient & Modern have progressively made way for more modern compositions, while who now sings Moody & Sankey hymns round the piano on Sunday evenings as my grandparents were apparently wont to do a century ago? Muscular Christianity is also out: when did you last sing 'Onward Christian Soldiers'? As Kevin Mayhew writes in the Foreword to our hymnbook, this contains 'a wealth of both traditional and modern hymns ...; texts have been carefully chosen and edited so that their language is inclusive and archaic forms avoided where possible.'

This is where Michael Forster comes into his own. A **prolific hymn writer** – his 34 entries in our book exceed Graham Kendrick (30), Charles Wesley (28) and John Mason Neale (24) – he comes to prominence for his **adaptations** (6, including '*All hail the power of Jesus' name*'), **alternative** verses (3, including '*Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire*') and a complete **re-write** of 'Onward Christian Soldiers' as '*Onward, Christian Pilgrims*', although still sung to Sir Arthur Sullivan's rousing tune *St Gertrude*. My personal favourite is his 'civilian' recasting of '*For all the saints*'.



Forster was brought up in an **Anglican** family but later joined the **Baptists**. After studying and practicing as a musician he trained for the ministry, subsequently joining the **United Reformed Church**. His experience as a **Community Health Chaplain** in Leicester influenced his earliest hymn writing. He then focused on providing hymns for the Lectionary and for all-age worship.

Wulfherans

Asparagus rolls, smoked salmon on rye, a variety of sandwiches, scones jam and cream, and lots more were the order of the day at our annual **Afternoon Tea** in July. Judith and Margaret entertained members and guests with a medley of music and songs which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

In August it was a friendly and busy afternoon for our **Summer Buffet** with over 30 members and friends sitting down to tasty Chicken and Mango, sausages, and a selection of quiches. And to finish, a refreshing fresh fruit salad with cream. A memorable afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting: **Genetics and cancer**  A talk by **Jude Hayward**
Tuesday 1st Sept 7.30pm.

29th September : St. Michael and All Angels.

“Angel” comes from the Greek word “angelos” meaning messenger. This poem reflects how sometimes God’s messages can reach us in unlooked for ways.

Angel by Katie Drof

It was an unexpected meeting,
out of the blue, you might say.

“I’ve a message for you” he said:

“you can be who you were made to be,
what God meant you to be.

You can, you know, from now on;
just trust him.”

And he smiled at me for an instant,
then was gone.

But his message abides.



The new **Bishop of Leeds** will be the Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth. He’s a familiar face here, as he’s been Bishop in Bradford for the last 12 years. Born in Kenya, he went to comprehensive school in London, later studying in USA, Oxford, Birmingham and Uganda. He’s worked with refugees in Pakistan, and been a postman in London. His first parish was in inner-city Derby. Having made a special study of Islam, he lived in India for 5 years, and on return to the UK he lectured in Islamic studies and was an Inter-Faith adviser before later taking up parish work in Birmingham. Bishop Toby is married to Henriette, who’s also

ordained, and they have 3 grown-up children.

During the Autumn, services will be held to celebrate his appointment, and he will embark on a listening tour round the Diocese. He chose to mark his new post by climbing Great Whernside!

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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

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

Baptisms

5 th July	Arthur Howie
26 th July	Polly Rose Ashton
2 nd August	Archie Farrand
30 th August	Rohan Petchey
30 th August	Arthur Petchey
30 th August	Francis Hudson

Wedding

19th July Stacy Greenwood & Daniel Hobson

Funerals

23rd July Arthur Francis



**Our next Messy Church is
Sunday 13th September at 4pm**