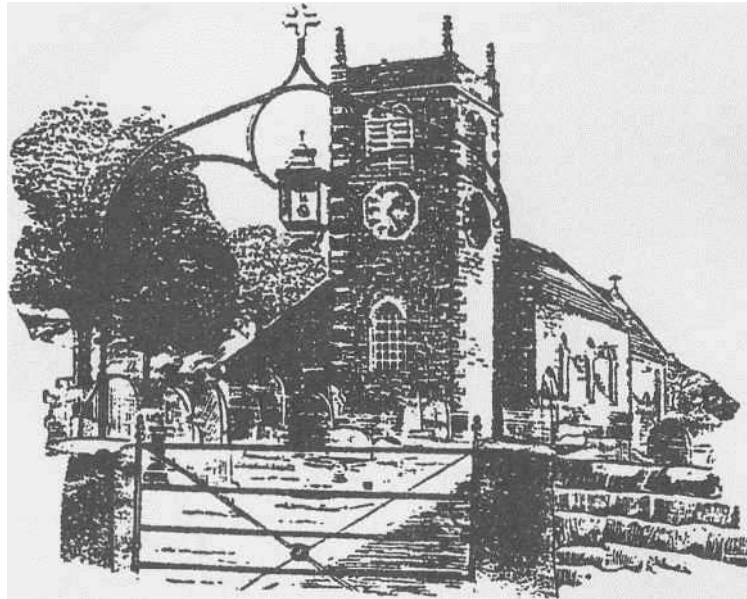


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WORSHIP

SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Parish Communion

These are currently our normal, scheduled, services but they are subject to our monitoring and any changes in Coronavirus restrictions and guidance. Please check weekly notice sheets and the St Peter's website.

If you wish to attend any service you must contact Ian Batty via email Ian.Batty@hotmail.com or call him on 01943 830039, ideally, by 4pm on the preceding Friday.

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Please call 01943 831382

Letter from the Rector December 2021

The Light of the World

Saturday pm: The bed has been moved. Now and again, I have noticed, random furniture shifts take place, no man knows why, but they do. And this would not be a problem except that during the night, some men wander abroad more than once, looking for the loo. Half asleep I return to the bedroom, and flop back into bed. Only I flop back where the bed used to be, and am somewhat astonished to find myself entangled in a phone charger cable, and a small ornamental table. I have also got a mouth full of carpet. I am amazed that I can get back up, and find that my only injury is a bleeding toe. If only I'd switched the light on.

As we enter the darkest part of the year, light is more and more welcome; even if it's just a burst of sunshine through a November cloud, or the rich light of a bonfire. All these prepare us for Christmas, the light of the glory of the angels lighting up a dark and cold hillside in Judea, and the soft, warm light of the Christ Child in the manger. No wonder that Christingles and carols by candlelight are so popular. Their light flickering in the immense winter darkness speaks of hope and safety.

Tuesday am: Of course, we all like a bit of darkness now and again to hide or cloak our less truthful behaviour, and I need these shadows as I am booked onto a compulsory safeguarding course this evening, and I have just opened up the papers during my lunch break to find, to my horror, that there is a 90 minute presentation to sit through to qualify for the course. I haven't got an hour and a half, I have about 30 minutes maximum. But the children of the world can be more cunning than the children of the Light; or, in this case, the church is more trusting than the law examiners. I gleefully discover that you can skip the "teaching" and go straight to the questions at the end, and you get three attempts. In the law exams no such trust exists, and 90 minutes is 90 minutes. So, 30 minutes later, and armed with a certificate after scoring 88% if you're wondering, I am ready to log in to Zoom.

Tuesday pm: The course is another 90 minutes, but with 15 minutes of "introductions" etc. Clearly my breakout group is keen to get this over asap.

So when one participant complains that the tutor's headset is producing a less than clear sound, the remaining three of us pretend we can hear perfectly, knowing full well that Mr Keenie will prolong the whole session well into Corrie with his fussing, and demands for stuff to be repeated. "Are you sure you can hear?" he asks more than once? "Oh, yes", we reply, "it must be you".

In fact, the course is excellent and gives us much to think about how to make a church into a place of safety. I'm not sure that many churches can really say that. And I think back to the light shining in the darkness, the bright star illuminating the stable, and a million Christmas lights all over the village. The world can be a dark place for many, and not just in winter. The darkness can be lurking in all sorts of shadows, and is sometimes used by us for selfish reasons. And so how joyful it is to look forward to the Light of the World filling our lives this Christmas; and if we let Him, driving the darkness further and further away.

A happy and light-filled Christmas to you all!

St Peter's Church and Community Survey

The survey results are now complete and I hope that by the time you are reading this the full survey responses will be available on our website. One of the ways in which we are trying to listen, and trying to put your ideas and suggestions into action, is to set up five groups to look at different sections of both surveys including; worship, the Church field and hall, young people and families, pastoral care and our work in the community.

Volunteers to help us on these groups will be most welcome. Have a word with Mark if you are interested.

Christmas Services

For our Christmas Services we are hoping to be back to normal, and hope that you will feel safe. We are changing the emphasis this year; more carols to sing, and more congregational participation.



There will, we hope, be more people than for a normal Sunday morning so please be aware that we can't space the congregation as we have been doing.

Rev. Mark Cannon

Anne's Musings

I was once in a writing group where we were given the challenge to include a random sentence. This is what I was given, and this is the result.

So as we open up after lock down and Nativity plays are once again on the agenda with due respect and thanks to all those gifted the joy of producing them let's get into the Festive spirit with:---



Angels Don't Suck Your Tapers

George you are a sheep. No don't argue, we've not got a dragon, you are a sheep. Stop that Lee! Right now settle down everyone and listen. Miss Roe will give you your costumes so line up nicely. Lorraine, Mary doesn't scratch now does she? She sits still, can you try to sit still? And maybe not pick your nose? Very good.

Sharon, put baby Jesus down, his leg will come off again if you do that. Let Lorraine hold him. Yes I know he's not arrived yet, I know that, but if he's on the floor someone will stand on him. Lee, I shall not tell you again! Now, angels you stand at the back here and hold these. I know they're not proper candles, they're tapers, and unfortunately the candles were left on a radiator. Kings, did you remember to bring your gifts for the baby Jesus? Very good.

A chocolate Santa, well that's lovely, and a Spiderman box, and goodness, Dwayne, does your Mummy know you've brought that? Shepherds, you are on this side. It wasn't necessary to do that Wayne. Give me the crook if you can't behave. Yes that's a lovely sheep. Patricia, no don't cry. Carrie-Ann, give it back now! Right, now, Mary you sit here, Joseph stand here, Lee you will go out if I tell you once more, kings over there and angels, don't suck your tapers!

Anne Hodgson

Advent 1955 by John Betjeman

The Advent wind begins to stir
With sea-like sounds in our Scotch fir,
It's dark at breakfast, dark at tea,
And in between we only see
Clouds hurrying across the sky
And rain-wet roads the wind blows dry
And branches bending to the gale
Against great skies all silver pale
The world seems travelling into space,
And travelling at a faster pace
Than in the leisured summer weather
When we and it sit out together,
For now we feel the world spin round
On some momentous journey bound -
Journey to what? to whom? to where?
The Advent bells call out 'Prepare,
Your world is journeying to the birth
Of God made Man for us on earth.'



And how, in fact, do we prepare
The great day that waits us there -
For the twenty-fifth day of December,
The birth of Christ? For some it means
An interchange of hunting scenes
On coloured cards, And I remember
Last year I sent out twenty yards,
Laid end to end, of Christmas cards
To people that I scarcely know -
They'd sent a card to me, and so
I had to send one back. Oh dear!
Is this a form of Christmas cheer?
Or is it, which is less surprising,
My pride gone in for advertising?

The only cards that really count
Are that extremely small amount
From real friends who keep in touch
And are not rich but love us much
Some ways indeed are very odd
By which we hail the birth of God.

We raise the price of things in shops,
We give plain boxes fancy tops
And lines which traders cannot sell
Thus parcell'd go extremely well
We dole out bribes we call a present
To those to whom we must be pleasant
For business reasons. Our defence is
These bribes are charged against expenses
And bring relief in Income Tax
Enough of these unworthy cracks!
'The time draws near the birth of Christ'.
A present that cannot be priced
Given two thousand years ago
Yet if God had not given so
He still would be a distant stranger
And not the Baby in the manger.

Jordan Thornhill

Mark's Sermon on Halloween included the story of Lazarus and the latest podcast featured bereavement, both of which reminded me of this story about a Yorkshireman called Sir Jordan who, if this story is true, had faith almost sufficient to move mountains. Lancastrians might say he was a typical stubborn Yorkshireman, strong in the arm and thick in the head.

Jordan came from Thornhill, then a village, but now part of Dewsbury. This most notable episode in Jordan's life and his connection to St. Thomas a' Beckett was narrated by two monks of Canterbury, William and Benedict, who were contemporaries of the murdered Archbishop; their collected accounts of the miracles that were said to have been made within a few years of the murder, and the incidents are therefore probably not later than 1180. The story is given in the notes to Dean Stanley's Historical Memorials of Canterbury.

Benedict wrote: The hand of the Lord was heavy on a knight of great name, Jordan son of Eisulf, and smote his household with disaster from the time of August unto the Easter days. Many were sorely sick in his house, and there was no one who could help. The nurse of his son, William Brito, was house-steward to Pontefract Priory in about 1190-95 and died of a violent disease and was buried.

Then the son himself died. Mass was said, the body laid out and the parents were in hopeless grief. It so happened that there arrived that day a band of twenty pilgrims from Canterbury whom Jordan hospitably lodged for love of the Martyr. When the priest came to bear the corpse to the church for burial, the father cried "By no means shall my son be carried forth, since my heart assures me that the Martyr Thomas is unwilling that I should lose him; for I was his man while he was in the body, and his familiar friend."

From the pilgrims he borrowed some water in which a drop of the Saint's blood had been mixed, and bade the priest pour it into the boy's mouth. This was done without effect. The father still delayed the burial, and the priest, while admiring his faith, thought him mad, as the boy had now been dead two days. Jordan then himself uncovered the body, raised the head, forced open the teeth with a knife, and poured in some of the water. A small sign of red showed itself on the boy's left cheek. A third draught was poured down his throat.

The boy then opened one eye, and said, "Why are you weeping, father? Why are you crying, lady." Be not sad. Behold the Blessed Martyr Thomas has restored me to you." He was then speechless till evening. The father put into his hands four pieces of silver, promising that the boy should offer them to the Martyr at Mid Lent, and the parents sat and watched him. At evening he sat up, ate, talked, and was restored well to his parents.

But the performance of the vow was neglected and delayed. And so, St. Thomas appeared to a leper, Gimpe, by name, in his sleep, who lived on the knight's estate, about three miles from his house, and said "Gimpe, art thou asleep?" The leper said "I was, until you awoke me. Who art thou.?" "I am Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury; knowest thou Jordan, the son of Eisulf.?" And Gimpe replied "Very well, lord, as the best of men, who has done many good things to me."

He was then ordered to go and warn Jordan of the evils that would befall him unless he instantly fulfilled his vow. The leper did nothing. The Saint appeared a second time, and ordered the leper to send for his priest, who refused to convey so idle a tale to a great and powerful man. St. Thomas appeared a third time, and ordered the leper to send his daughter for the knight and his wife. They came, heard, wondered, and fixed the last week in Lent for the performance of the vow.

Ian Hepworth

Reverse Advent Calendar

Advent calendars can be traced back to the 19th century when families would mark every day in December until Christmas Eve with a chalk line.



Originally, the four-week period known as Advent began as a time for converts to Christianity to prepare for baptism.

In modern advent calendars we receive a daily reward to count the days to Christmas, we open windows to see pictures, chocolates or small gifts. A reverse advent calendar is simply the opposite.

Each day, for 24 or 25 days, you donate something into your reverse calendar collection. Instead of getting a chocolate reward, you will be rewarded with the gift of Christmas cheer and will generally feel good. At the end of the month you give your calendar to charity.

Since 2017 the Methodist Church in Burley in Wharfedale have collected reverse advent calendars to distribute to local refugee families. Please consider joining in. All you need is one or two cardboard boxes, two bags for life and 24 items suitable for a foodbank collection.

Please see the poster on the next page for more details and the top tips where it is requested;

- You split your items between two strong boxes,
- No mince pies, baked beans, porridge or pork,
- Tins with ring pulls are helpful or otherwise supply a tin opener,
- New and unopened items, and
- You check use by and best before dates are after February 2022.

If you are unable to deliver your calendar to Burley between 9am and 6pm on January 3rd please let me know and I can arrange for it to be collected and delivered for you.

Jill Cooke



**WHARFEDALE
REFUGEE
RESPONSE**

Advent Appeal 2021 Make your Advent Calendar count!

Each day in December simply add one essential non-perishable food/toiletry item to a box, and by Christmas it will be full to the brim with vital supplies for refugees, asylum seekers and others in need in our region. Filled boxes can be brought to:

Burley-in-Wharfedale Methodist Church

Monday 3rd January

9am-6pm

The goods will be shared between a range of organisations including PAFRAS, St. Vincents, Yorkshire Aid, Refugee Action, Leeds Refugee Forum, BIASAN and Food Banks.

Thank you so much for your support!

Example Box:



Top Tips!

- Split your items between 2 strong boxes to make it safe to lift and carry.
- No mince pies, baked beans, porridge or pork, please.
- Tins with ring pulls are helpful or include a tin opener if not.
- All items must be new and unopened.
- Including a couple of bags for life in your box is really helpful.
- Check that all Use-By and BBE dates are after February 2022.

Find full details on the Wharfedale Refugee Response Facebook page, or email wharfedalerefugeeresponse@gmail.com

Wulpheran's

Wulpheran's Meet Again

What a pleasure it was catching up again, with a cup of tea and Gunpowder Plot inspired cake and biscuits as we did on Tuesday, 2nd November.



The trial afternoon meeting was greeted with approval and the December meeting will be held on the 14th at 2pm with in house entertainment and of course mulled wine and mince pies.

Our dinner on the 11th of January will, this year, be held at the Craven Heifer at 6.30 pm. This then takes us to the annual general meeting in February.

There is still work to be done, things to achieve, friendships to be created, happiness to be shared, and so accept our invitation to be part of our wonderful Wulpheran's, continuing the work of our late founder Eileen Shaw. Please contact Wendy 01943 830400, Peter 01943 831919 or Joy 01943 430487 for more information

On a personal note I would like to thank all the people who visited our garden on the open days and especially the little group who braved Covid to help on the car park, the gate, the kitchen and teas. All our efforts resulted in over two thousand and seven hundred pounds being donated to the NGS, which is brilliant.

Wendy Croft

Christmas Miscellany

Christmas is invaluable to many Christians because it reminds them that Jesus the Son of God came to Earth for all people; symbolised through the presence of the wise men and shepherds.



Mary and Joseph had a strong faith in God despite the problems they faced. In John 4:24 Jesus states that the true worshippers of God obey him in spirit and in truth. People celebrate Christmas because it means so much to children and brings families together.

Christmas however is about much more than presents and Santa. Some of the customs we have come to associate with Christmas have actually evolved from pagan traditions centred on the winter solstice. Indeed in Galatians 4:10-11 Christians are ordered not to observe days of the year such as Christmas for they are an abomination to the Lord God. Orthodox Christians in Eastern Europe use the Julian calendar which places Christmas around 6th January. In the Western Roman Empire Christmas became a feast day on 25th December in the 4th century although Jesus' birth date is not stated in the Gospels or indeed in any historical reference. Some Biblical scholars assume it was between 6 and 4 BC. It was around 273 AD a year when the solstice fell on 25th December that the Church considered the winter solstice as the time to honour the son of God. Western Christians began celebrating 25th December as the birthday of Jesus in 336 AD.

Christmas wreaths represent eternal life, the thorns worn by Jesus, the tiny red berries represent Jesus' blood and the shape is supposed to be the staff of the Good Shepherd. Angels and doves show Peace on Earth through Jesus Christ. Putting lights on a tree goes back to the idea of lights representing Jesus as light in the darkness and ornaments or baubles on trees can lend a sense of grace and beauty. The Christmas tree reminds people of the tree of life and is viewed as an image of Christ and the supreme gift of God to humanity.

It has been suggested that perhaps stores and businesses are decorated for the holiday to create a positive feeling in customers making them more at home and happier and therefore more likely to buy gifts!!

Lights on houses became more affordable to people in the fifties and they decorated their houses to symbolise the Christmas star. Candles or lights in the window meant that a family was away or had died and lighting candles indicated that they were missed.

The singing of carols has a long history and Christians began using the tradition of singing carols in celebration of Christ's birth, changing carols from what were pagan songs to religious songs. Originally carols were written and sung for all four seasons The English term Christmas (mass on Christ's day) is of fairly recent origin, before then the word Yule had been used.

One of the oldest Christian celebrations of Christmas is the viewing of the nativity play with the re-enactment of the Nativity of Jesus, which dates back to 1223. In 1644 the singing of carols was made illegal in England as the puritan Christians thought that Christmas should not be a time of feasting, drinking and being merry and they made this view law. One of the more bizarre bans brought in by Oliver Cromwell in the 1650s was eating Christmas pudding, mince pies and anything to do with gluttony.

The law was obviously very unpopular and it was overturned in 1660 on the restoration of the Monarchy. Christmas again became a religious and social celebration and has been one of the biggest celebrations in the UK ever since.

Gifts at Christmas are perhaps given to mimic the presents the three wise men brought to Christ.

Evergreens were used by civilisations centuries ago during the winter solstice to signify that spring would return. Between the 16th and 19th centuries global temperatures were significantly lower than normal in what was known as a "little ice age". We are reminded of this by the wintry scenes painted during those times, while we are told that Dickens grew up experiencing snow for his first eight Christmases. The White Christmas experience influenced his writing and began a tradition of expectation for the holiday.

Richard Thackrah

Nature Notes for November

We saw a Heron on the riverside as we travelled from Keighley one day and it looked very regal. Heavy rain fell for quite some time and quickly flooded the valley. Another day, another time and the Heron was perched on the side of the canal and this time absolutely motionless.

A sunny but cold day with lots of people about. Rose hips looking lovely on the bushes. Sheep were content in the fields and as I approached the canal there were quite a few barges travelling smoothly along looking good.

A wonderful moon and brightest of stars early evening at the beginning of the month. The days vary, some with lovely bright sunshine and blue skies even for November and other times we have days of heavy rain and chilly winds, quite a difference!

The Crows are still using their nest at the top of the old Sycamore tree. They do seem to argue a great deal! The squirrel comes into the garden each day, so nice to see. Cole Tits too are regulars just now to the feeders, they seem to feed then go into the bushes nearby, always moving at 100 miles per hour! Simply a joy to see.

Whilst out walking not far from home, a lovely gaggle of geese flew overhead calling loudly as they went, so special. I often wonder where they are heading to and have they been here previously? The Starlings too catch my admiration all clustered around the telegraph posts as if they are chattering to each other or zooming in the village above the rooftops, diving and calling altogether.

The Galloway Cattle are out in the fields above the village, I just love them, there were several calves earlier in the year looking delightful. We also have four totally black pigs who have managed to "dig-up" a large field, near the roundabout, completely, what a sight!

Further down from the canal, I remember last year seeing a pair of Hares jumping and kicking each other with their hind legs in a very wet and boggy field which was quite amazing. This time there was only one in the very same field. It was feeding quietly until a tractor came by on the road and then it ran into the nearby hedge all on its own, so good to see though!

We visited Bolton Abbey one lovely day, the river was running quite fast after the rain and it was exciting to see a pair of Herons on the rocks opposite us. They seem to keep so still yet looking about all the time aware of what is happening with other birds. We used to see a Dipper regularly which was always a joy. One was featured on a nature programme on the television showing how they can dive deep into the fast running water, with such ease.

There have been some very clear skies and it makes me think about all the migrating birds. It's simply amazing that these tiny birds fly across the sea from Scandinavia and other places too but over such a long distance. I would love to go to the east coast above Filey so see them arrive! Maybe it's a little late for them just now.

I have had a lovely new book bought recently by my family, "Wonderland" by Brett Wood and Stephen Moss. I read the super "write-up" about it and so it has been on my wanted list for ages! "A beautifully written love letter to the astonishing variety of Britain's wildlife... this is a book to keep by your bedside" says the Sunday Times – here's hoping!!



All good wishes for some exciting nature days. Take good care always and best wishes.

Margaret Spencer

At the Heart of Christmas

At the Heart of Christmas is the Church of England's campaign for Advent and Christmas 2021.



Inspired by readings from the Gospels of Luke and John read at so many Christmas services, this booklet is an invitation to everyone to explore the good news of God's saving love as revealed in the birth of Jesus. It is also a challenge to each of us to ponder in our hearts, as Mary did, what the extraordinary events of the first Christmas might mean for us now and in the years ahead.

Starting on Christmas Eve and continuing daily until the Epiphany (6th January), twelve contributors share something that lies close to the heart of Christmas for them, bringing the theme to life through a mixture of personal story, Bible reading, reflection and questions to ponder.

Daily Advent reflections will be also available Monday to Saturday for those who want them via the app with audio. The content will explore the Advent Morning Prayer readings from Matthew's Gospel and feature content from Reflections for Daily Prayer by Stephen Cottrell and Guli Francis-Dehqani.

If you would like to receive these reflections delivered daily to your inbox sign up at this address <https://www.churchofengland.org/attheheartofchristmas>.

Jill Cooke

What's on in December

Please continue to wear a mask in church. There will still be no chalice and communion will be taken to the pews, there will be no coffee in the hall afterwards. We can now enjoy singing albeit with masks.



If the weather is fine, do consider bringing a flask of coffee and enjoying some social time outside after the service. We will continue to monitor infection rates and make more changes as and when. In the interim, do share your thoughts about the changes you would like to happen next with either Mark or the wardens. Most services will be live streamed on Facebook and made available afterwards via a vimeo link on the website.

Sunday 5th

Advent 2

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| 08:00 | Holy Communion |
| 10:00 | Parish Communion |
| 16:00 | Christingle Service – Christmas is coming, bringing light and hope in the darkness, just turn up to join in |
| 18:00 | Advent Evensong – a time for reflection as Christmas approaches |

Sunday 12th**Advent 3**

- 08.00 Holy Communion
 10.00 Parish Communion
 13.00 Wedding of Hannah Jane Seasman and Jack David Leeming
 14.30 Memorial Service for Clifford Tysoe

Thursday 16th

- 11.00 Teddies and Toddlers – what are the Kings looking for?

Sunday 19th**Advent 4**

- 08.00 Holy Communion
 10.00 Parish Communion
 18.00 Carol Service with lots to sing! Join us for mince pies afterwards in the hall

Friday 24th**Christmas Eve**

- 16.00 “Instant Nativity” – you can come as a character in the Nativity story – Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Angels, Wise Men or star! Head-dresses or simple costumes, duplicates welcome, all ages! Plus a real donkey!
 23.30 “Midnight Mass” – welcome in Christmas at this atmospheric service, lots of candles, come as you are

Saturday 25th**Christmas Day**

- 08.00 Holy Communion
 10.00 Christmas Morning Together for everyone to join in on this special day

From the Registers**Baptisms**

21st November Louis Davies
 Oliver Michael Little

Funeral

11th November Brian Knight

Weekly Email

A weekly email is being produced and sent on Friday evenings with the latest news and details of planned services. To be added to the distribution list for the email please email jillc.stpeters@gmail.com

St Peter's, Addingham Website

The St Peter's website is being updated daily by Andrew Robinson who is adding interesting and relevant content including; the latest E-news sheets, audio prayers and links to interesting articles, our recorded services and the live streaming of services.

Please view the website www.stpetersaddingham.org.uk

Source is also available to read or download from the St Peter's website.

Contributions to Source

We hope you have enjoyed and been informed by the articles in this edition of Source. The more articles and pieces we have on a wide range of subjects the more interesting the magazine will be to read.

Our writers often ask if we have received any feedback from readers on their articles and, sadly, the answer is usually “no”. Please do try to give some feedback, we know it would be appreciated.

All contributions, on whatever subject, are always welcome and appreciated. Please email copy to PeterSource@Hotmail.co.uk or hand to Peter or Jill Cooke.

The copy date for the January edition is Wednesday, 15th December.