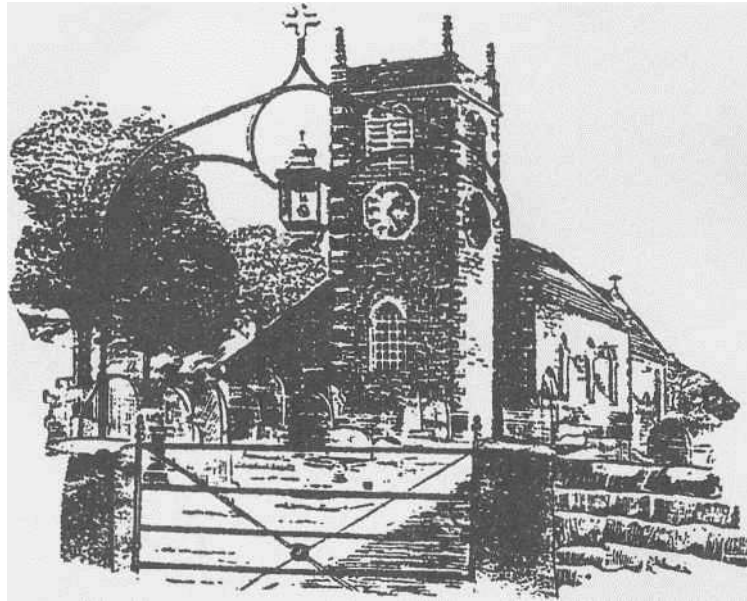


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SUNDAY

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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Letter from the Rector

February 2022

Changing for the Better

Sunday Morning: It is very early, but I know I should be asleep as I am going to be opening up the church at 8am, the staff are on a jolly. I drift off at 2 and wake up at 5. That is a bit early, so I try to get back to sleep again. That doesn't work, so I turn to the very competitive family Wordle competition.

I must have dropped off again, but now only re-awake at 7.30; just half an hour before communion starts. I do get to Church ahead of, well most of, the congregation and find to my horror, that I have mislaid my cassock and other vicarly robes.

Fortunately, every church has a "dressing up" cupboard somewhere in the vestry containing old vestments, considerably left behind by retiring vicars, wardens, choir members etc. However, most of my predecessors were obviously malnourished, and some of their stuff has also shrunk over the years.

I do find a white cassock alb, which is a sort of nightie with a hood often made of the finest bri-nylon, and this fits with barely any belt tightening. It is a bit less than sparkling white, and some stains do not bear close inspection, but I am decently covered, and the service is properly done.

Sunday morning: It is 9.30am and I have found my cassock, left for some reason in the Church hall. However, it will not be needed for the 10am service as this is a new service and I am not wearing any vestments at all.

I am dressing informally like a normal human being. This has, in fact, brought its own problems. Not being covered by an all-enveloping black dress, I have to review my ordinary wardrobe. I will be standing in front of the massed congregation, and I need to look reasonably presentable.

Like many men of a certain age, I have a wedding/ funeral suit, and the rest is more like gardening garments. But, thank the Lord for M&S, and their reasonably priced chinos, and flattering pastel knitwear.

Sunday afternoon: It was a strange feeling doing church "undressed" and not always comfortable. My usual cassock clearly acts as a protective shell. It helps me cover up my personal wardrobe shortcomings, and gives out the impression of being a vicar.

All of us throw up a protective shell against the world, and against other people. It is never easy to let down that protective armour, and to be seen as we truly are, rather than a pretend person covered by some kind of disguise.

In our Gospel reading this morning, Jesus takes an ordinary village wedding, and turns it into something extraordinary. The old gives way to the new and something as ordinary as water becomes an extraordinary abundance of fine wine. Jesus takes the old, and transforms it. It is a promise to us that whatever we think we are, and whatever we want to hide or cover up, Jesus promises to change, and to make it better.

Rev. Mark Cannon

Anne's Musings

Sunday School

I'm sure like me you have memories of attending Sunday school as a child.

I remember sitting in a row on school benches, getting stickers to keep in a little booklet and being told not to sing as it put everyone else off, which probably damaged me for life.

Today's Church activities are very different and as we seek to bring young families into Saint Peter's will evolve even further. Here at Saint Peter's we want to use new ideas to encourage young families to be part of our Church so are ready to experiment with different meeting times, activities and socialising. So keep an eye open to what's new, and please come and join in.

Rob Cowan has kindly given us permission to print his poem 'Sunday School' from his book The Heeding.

Anne Hodgson

Sunday School

By ten I was sick of Sunday School.
Raging at the unfairness of an extra chore:
A weekend's hour of bible study
While grown-ups dined on Christ next door.

Colouring cartoon Noahs; Egyptian kings.
Comic-book apostles; The Samaritan. Job.
Envyng mates who did more exciting things
Than preparing their soul for almighty God.

This wasn't rebellion; a stance I'd decided to take.
There was no counterpoint (then) to make.
Just an internal flinch at 'Lord of The Dance'
And post-gospel gossip over coffee and cake.

To me, it didn't make much sense
To consign to memory what Jesus did;
To dress in 'best' and parade affluence,
While solemnly praying for starving kids.

And maybe I said something, I don't know.
But on a Sunday jaunt across the moor,
At winter's end, after spring's last snow,
Mum said I didn't have to go anymore.

Then changing tack, splitting scripture to core,
She schooled me urgently and without show.
Priest-like among the curlew, heather and tor,
She told me all I've ever needed to know:

Be kind. Forgive. Attend and heed.
Be strong, but lead with love not power.
Look for the universe inside the seed,
And the face of God in the opening flower.

Rob Cowen

Editor's note: Thank you, Rob for generously allowing us to reproduce your poem. The Heeding, which is published by Elliott and Thompson, is a beautiful written and illustrated book, which we have much enjoyed.

Biblical Interpretations of the Weather

The Holy Land has always had its rainy season and its dry season. During the latter the brooks dried up and the first rains were very welcome. Early rain meant the Autumn rain (Deut. 11.14) and later rain that of the Spring (Proverbs 16.15).

Floods in the Bible are interpreted as the Great Flood of Noah's time; a great flow of water or inundation and figuratively the dangers, or sorrows or interpretations which come like a great flood of water. The sun has been the object of worship and adoration to the greatest part of the people of the East.

It is thought to be the sun that the Phoenicians worshipped under the name of Baal, and the Moabites under the name of Chemosh.

The powerful operations of God's spirit, and the quickening or reviving of the heart toward God are compared to the blowing of the wind (John 3.8). For as with the wind, man perceives by the effect of it, That there is such a thing and that it does blow, yet his power cannot restrain it neither can his reason reach to know whence it rises, or from how far it comes or how far it reaches.

God told Noah that he was going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence "I am going to bring flood waters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, and every creature that has breath of life in it" (Gen. 6.7). Noah and his family entered the Ark to escape the waters of the flood (Gen. 7). According to Peter only a very few people survived the flood (1 Peter 3.20), which was hardly surprising as the waters rose and increased greatly on the earth and all the mountains were covered to a depth of more than twenty feet.

In Psalm 29.10 there is reference to the Lord's everlasting and absolute rule which is committed to His people's salvation and unmixed blessedness; the crowning comfort in a world where threatening tides seem to make everything uncertain. In Psalm 66 there is reference to God allowing man to pass through the waters of the Red Sea on foot.

In Jeremiah 46.7-8 there is reference to the rivers of surging water in the northern Egyptian delta.

Because of the heavy seasonal rains in Ethiopia, the Nile in Egypt annually rose by as much as 25 feet flooding the whole valley. In Nahum 1:8 the overwhelming flood was symbolic of an invading army.

In Exodus 9 there is reference to a plague of hail to confront Pharaoh's bad ways. It was sent by the Lord via Moses. When Moses stretched his staff towards the sky, thunder and hail was sent and lightning flashed down to the ground. When the storms stopped Pharaoh sinned again.

Samuel (1 Samuel 12.17-18) successfully called on the Lord to send thunder and rain to save the wheat harvest. Solomon's prayer of dedication in 1 Kings 8.36 says that by teaching them the right way to live sent rain over the land you gave your people for an inheritance.

A drought was not only a divine judgement on a nation that had turned to idolatry but also a demonstration that Baal the god of fertility and lord of the rain clouds was powerless to give rain. Later in 1 Kings 18 the word of the Lord came to Elijah saying go and present yourself to Ahab and I will send rain on the land. Towards the end of the same chapter there is reference to the sound of heavy rain. Ezra refers to rain in the context of the people's confession of sin.

Job 37 reveals a sophisticated observation of atmospheric conditions and their effects: the evaporation and distillation of water for rain, the clouds for the holders of moisture and the cyclonic behaviour of clouds.

Such forces originate from God's command and always perform his will for mankind, whether for good or ill.

Richard Thackrah

Tips to Stop Household Bills Going Through the Roof

As prices spiral higher and it seems there is a looming cost of living crunch, here are some suggestions taken from an article in The Telegraph that could help. You don't necessarily have to share a bath or turn the lights off every time you leave the room and the latter may not, however, be a good idea anyway, to save money. Some ideas while involving an initial outlay should prove a good investment in the long-term.

1. Ditch the tumble dryer, which cost 35p every time you run one. Consider using a heated airer from Lakeland that cost between 4p and -13p an hour to run. They cost from £120 to buy but are a better long-term option.

2 Fill your freezer up as it costs between £45 to £60 a year to run. Batch cooking meals and then freezing them saves energy, time and money.

3 Upgrade your furnishings with heavy curtains, rugs and piles of cushions and throws for a cosy home and save on your energy bills.

4 Where you can harvest rainwater as plants much prefer rainwater to tap. You could also use a bucketful for the occasional, "light" flushing of the toilet, to cut your mains water bills by upwards of 25 per cent.

5 Make stews and casseroles in a slow cooker instead of the oven as they only use approximately 0.7kWh over eight hours while just turning on an electric oven uses upwards of 2kWh.

6 Make an old-fashioned draught excluder as The Energy Saving Trust advises they could save you £30 a year.

7 Don't always turn the lights off every time you leave the room. According to the Department of Energy, with energy-saving CFL lighting, it's actually more efficient to leave them on if you will be out of a room for less than 15 minutes.

8 Only run your dishwasher when it's full as they cost between 2.5p and 3.7p per 10 minutes to run, according to the Centre for Sustainable Energy.

“Don’t Look Up” – Or Perhaps we Should: A Film Review

Over Christmas and New Year I had time to enjoy watching a film or three or four The one that remains with me bears the title that appears at the top of this article, “Don’t Look Up”, and can be viewed on Netflix, should you have access to that.

At first glance, it appears to be a standard disaster movie: two scientists discover a comet that is on a direct collision course with earth and yet their warnings are ignored, despite the fact that the comet is so large that impact would constitute an ‘Extinction level event’.



I didn't realise as I started viewing that the film had been deliberately produced as a satire on why it is that we are being so slow to respond to the existential threats of climate change and the ecological emergency. It is, without doubt, a very funny film in places. Hang on in there for a bit of poetic justice meted out to the American President as the credits roll. And yet it also conveys a message: we ignore the climate science at our peril, and we do that because we find the facts to be inconvenient, uncomfortable, even threatening, so we would rather not 'look up' and see what is coming.

Here is a little glimpse for you of some of the reasons the characters in the film don't take the scientists seriously:

The American President is firstly distracted by a sex scandal, then decides to take time to assess matters since the likelihood of impact is 'only' 99.78%. She then moves on to worry about the impact, no pun intended, that releasing the news might have on mid-term election results.

When the scientists decide to take the story to the media, it just isn't given the airtime it merits as there are other stories that people would prefer to hear, like celebrity gossip.

Then the economy comes into play! The world's third richest man, an IT developer, realises that there will be precious metals on the comet that he can utilise and profit from.

So the film moves on to a 'technology will save us and we can make money out of this' trajectory, again, no pun intended, with plans to blast the comet into smaller pieces and bring them safely to earth.

The people of the world are divided. Some want the comet totally destroyed, others accuse the powers that be of alarmism, and yet others say the whole thing is a hoax.

Rev Dr Jan Goodair (Joint Leeds Area Environment Champion)
January 2022

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Nature Notes for January

The beginning of the year began with amazing high temperatures according to the weather forecasters who described it as "record breaking". Then there was snow on the hill tops with lovely sunshine but it was obviously chilly.

There have been lots of birds in the garden; Sparrows, Blue Tits, Starlings, a pair of Chaffinch and a visit from a few Cole Tits too. Our Blackbirds are an utter joy! They peep in the kitchen standing on the window sill until food is produced.

Long Tailed Tits across the road, high in the trees, were spotted plus Crows guarding their nests. In the garden on the lawn there were the remains of a bird with the feathers plucked and left in a heap.

An hour later all the feathers had disappeared and we wondered if they had been taken for nesting material. It is now cold, windy and rainy day with just a little sunshine.

Visited Bolton Abbey the river was in full spate, running very fast indeed, but even so we saw an Egret, a white wading bird, and a Heron both trying to keep on the edge of the river.



Image; www.Norfolkwildlifetrust.or.uk

At home there are lots of birds flying about again in quite big flocks; seagulls, Crows and even Rooks and of course our favourite birds the Blackbirds! Plus our special Squirrel seen this time climbing perilously up our neighbours roof! A friend saw a Tree Creeper nearby it was most impressive apparently.

I enjoyed filling the bird feeders with all manner of nuts etc and look forward to the RSPB Bird Watch at the end of January. We will also enjoy, hopefully, some brighter days.

You might like a "recipe" for bird cake which I put in ages ago but it is good.

You need suet or lard, raisins, grated cheese and bird seed,
Mix them together in a bowl,
Make holes in the bases of small yoghurt pots and thread string through and tie a large knot inside,
Fill with the mixture then put in the fridge to set for an hour or two,
Hang on the bird table or even a nearby bush/tree in the garden and admire!

All good wishes
Margaret Spencer

Keeping up with the Wulpherans

Please find below brief accounts of the December and January meetings and a reminder about the February AGM.

It is nice to be able to report a return to normal meetings!

In December we held a Reindeer Drive, which was enjoyed by the members and was followed by festive food, as always, provided by the ladies.

In January the annual dinner took place and for the first time at the Craven Heifer. It was a three course menu and 24 members attended the joyous occasion.

The AGM will take place on Tuesday 1st February at 7p.m. for 7.30 p.m. the The rector will be giving a short talk prior to the light supper.

Arrangements have been made for Wulferans to meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Members will hear more at the AGM about this year's programme. Please check the notice board in the Church porch as times may vary.

Richard Thackrah

What's on in February

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 steamed on Facebook and made available afterwards via a vimeo link on the website.

Tuesday 1st 19.00 Wulfherans AGM

Sunday 6th **4th Before Lent**
 08.00 Holy Communion
 10:00 Parish Communion
 16.00 Evensong

Thursday 10th 11.00 Teddies and Toddlers

Sunday 13th **3rd Before Lent**
 08.00 Holy Communion
 10.00 Parish Communion

Sunday 20th **2nd Before Lent**
 08.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
 10.00 Service of The Word

Sunday 27th **1st Before Lent**
 08.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
 10.00 Parish Communion
 16.00 Messy Church

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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.

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