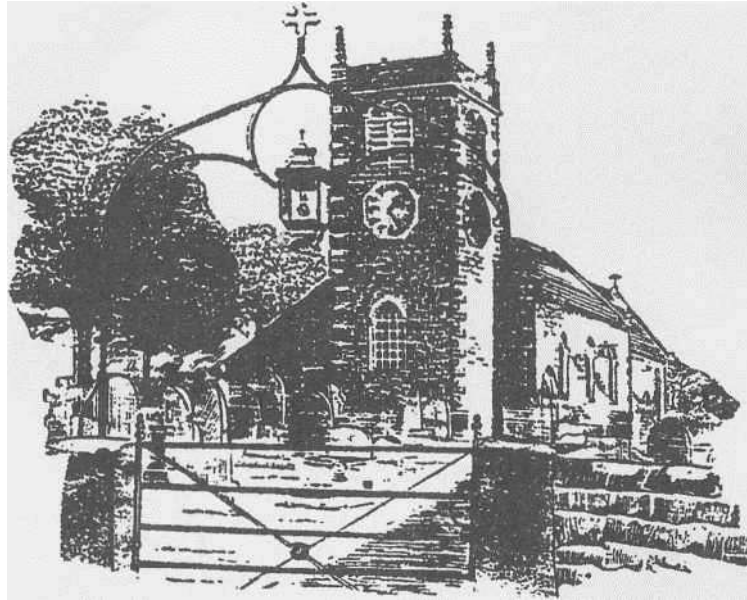


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WORSHIP

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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Letter from the Rector

December 2021

Changing for the Future

Friday: Today I am helping the "What's the Story" team. We host groups of children from the Primary School and take them round the hall and Church following the Christmas story.

My job is to be one of the escorts through the village and around the Church.

One of the children tells me he has seen me on the telly. He has mistaken me for Brad Pitt, this happens a lot, but more likely he's watched our church's live streamed Advent calendar.

We go through our journey, and I am close to the end. I tell one pupil that there is just one more place left. "Oh no!" says the little angel with deeply-felt emotion, "Not another church!"

Wednesday: I didn't realise we had such an image problem with the under 10s. To be fair, we are having an image problem with every age group at the moment. It is estimated that the Church of England will have lost a third of its congregations after the pandemic is over.

So what do we do?

One thing we have done is to listen to the comments given to us in the St Peter's Church and Community Surveys, and tonight's Zoom meeting is looking at your responses to our questions on the worshipping life of St Peter's.

As per usual, the meeting begins with the usual assortment of invisible voices, and trying to persuade people to unmute their microphones, but we get going eventually, and discover, surprise, surprise, that we have all read it differently. Keep everything as it is, or, start from scratch and get rid of the pews.

In the end, we look at a proposed new Church calendar which has "changes". I think of the little girl and her horror of another minute in a church. There has to be change, what we are doing now is not working.

So, from January we have changed the pattern. Once a month, we are dropping Communion at 10am for a more informal service involving visiting speakers and more time for audience participation. Evensong stays the same and we will be doing more on Sunday afternoons for families. We will be looking at changes to the church building, and resuming the services of healing.

Sunday: I stand outside Church before the 8am service. It is dawn and the blackbirds have started to sing on the frosty branches. The sun rises above Ilkley and when I go into Church the East Window glows vividly filling the building with light and warmth.

We don't want to lose what is good at St Peter's, and what has been valued for hundreds of years, but we do want its life to go on for a few more hundred years.

Rev. Mark Cannon

Anne's Musings

On the Road

I am sitting in the garage waiting for the technicians to work out why my new car wants to choose where I should go. The latest clever device decides if your car is correctly aligned with the road.

This probably works well on a straight road, but most of my journeys involve bends and the car does not like this so keeps pulling the steering wheel the wrong way. You can imagine that this is very scary as we all like to feel we are in control and not heading for the ditch.

As we start a new year we are all standing at the beginning of an unknown road and will travel where it leads us. Will it be straight and easy to navigate, or will there be bends, hills and blind corners to confuse us on our way.

We are in unknown territory as we can't know how this year will develop. Already another variant of Covid seeks to redirect the road we must take.

This is impacting on our decisions and our plans and once again we feel unable to live our lives the way we want. In effect the car has decided how we must navigate this particular bend.

There are also other unknowns ahead of us and again we need to think who is directing our steering wheel. Our road may travel through strange places and there will be junctions, which need a choice as to which route to take, so we must choose, should we steer by ourselves, or use a sat-nav system to help us?

Excluding mechanical devices, we do have our own special sat-nav, the Bible, to help us. This is always there to turn to, even if when going into a skid, we can panic and try to sort situations out by ourselves.

If we read our instruction manual we can remember that God is always there for us and however tricky our route He will never leave us by the road side.

Traditionally at the start of a new year we make resolutions and try to keep them and perhaps this is a good time to resolve to give some more of our time both to reading our Bible, praying and listening to God as he leads us through the times ahead.

Soon I will be re-ordering Bible reading notes to start at Easter. If you would like to be added to the list let me know and I will happily include you.

2022 is as yet still new so I feel I can wish you all a happy, healthy and spiritual year and may we all grow in our faith and in our Church community.

Anne Hodgson

Resolutions



What are the seven most popular New Year resolutions?

- Exercise more and lose weight,
- Get organised,
- Learn new skills or hobbies,
- Live life to the fullest,
- Save money and spend less,
- Quit smoking and
- Spend more time with family and friends.

Resolution setting is a way to articulate values and going through a process to conform and publicly share them is a helpful framing exercise to guide actions and improve our lives. Babylonians reportedly made promises to the gods in the hope they would earn good favour especially in getting out of debt. The Romans began each year by making promises to the god Janus.

At watch night services many Christians prepare for the year ahead by praying and making resolutions. The goal of all is to improve life and peace in all its varied forms globally in the New Year. Although being confident of success many people and many nations find that attempts at resolutions fail in the long term.

Politics can divide both families and nations and, therefore, the need for spiritual peace is vital. The peace of Jesus is the only lasting peace that is possible in this world. Peace written in treaties is not received into the hearts of men who still wish to fight. Many books and articles state that religion does matter in both preventing and resolving conflict and in making and building peace but time is needed to analyse the complex interplay and specific articulations of religion in each individual context. Sadly, individuals, religious or political leaders or communities can embrace a religious discourse, symbolism or institutions to carry out or justify violence.

Involving faith in conflict resolution is about reinforcing the path to peace and reconciliation with religious language and words that are familiar to the people involved and enables them to fully engage in processes that require self transformation.

Paul regularly stated and observed that a peaceful, tranquil and quiet life can make room for the gospel of peace in the hearts of the residents of the cities and towns he visited. Praying to love ones neighbours and promote peace in the community was certainly at the very core of Paul's teaching.

The prophet Micah (Chapter 6:8) called people back to God to care about other people, and that what the Lord requires of everyone is to act justly, to love faithfulness and to walk humbly with one's God. Only then can the Gospel message take root with neighbours at home and abroad around the world. Steadfastness is vital in both working to resolve peace in whatever form and extent, just as it is in keeping to our New Year resolutions.

Religion can offer a deep source for understanding reconciliation and human fellowship that transcends the social condition. It has on some occasions been used to sharpen exclusive identities and lend conviction and passion to destructive political programmes. It is very easy to see that deep seated dialogues have to occur between warring parties in order to open up a serious and sincere way forward.

We all hope and pray that such dialogue can be constructive in talks about long term peace in places such as the Ukraine and the Middle East.

Communication is absolutely vital between cultures, between citizens and between peoples. Can we take political practical initiatives together on critical global issues such as cooperation on climate change and working together to eliminate poverty?

Our resolutions perhaps help us to think about eternal things. We are reminded of the glories of heaven and the horror of hell that people face every day. The Bible is not lacking in calling for God's people to think more on what is to come as a basis for living in present circumstances.

Richard Thackrah

New Year Quiz



Just for fun, try this quiz to see what you know and don't know about New Year. The answers are on page 11.

1. What word do the Scottish people give for the last day of the year and its celebration?
2. What day of the week was New Year's Day, 2019?
3. In which European country is it a tradition to jump from a chair right before midnight and also smash plates against friends' doors?
4. On New Year's Day 1993, which former country effectively split into two?
5. What name was given to the predicted computer meltdown at the beginning of the year 2000?
6. Can you name the President of Cuba who fled the country on January 1st, 1959, with the advance of a rebel army led by Fidel Castro?
7. Nicknamed 'the Granddaddy of Them All', which annual American college football bowl game is usually played on January the 1st?
8. On January 1st 1881, Ferdinand de Lesseps began French construction on which great civil engineering project?
9. Which English author, born on New Year's Day 1879, wrote A Passage to India?
10. In 2021, Chinese New Year will be the year of which animal?
11. Is American Samoa in the South Pacific Ocean the first or last place to see in the New Year?
12. Literally meaning the 'beginning of the year', what name is given to the Jewish New Year?
13. Which sovereign state became independent of the United Kingdom on New Year's Day 1984?
14. Who won a Golden Raspberry Award for worst actress in her 2012 film New Year's Eve?
15. The village of Allendale, famous for its New Year fire festival, is in which English county?
16. On January 1st, 1899, Spanish rule ended in which country?
17. In which English county is it an old tradition to say 'black rabbits, black rabbits, black rabbits' just as the clock is about to strike midnight on New Year's Eve?
18. Songkran, often celebrated by water fights, is the New Year's festival in which Asian country?

The Year



What can be said in New Year rhymes,
That's not been said a thousand times?
The new years come, the old years go,
We know we dream, we dream we know.
We rise up laughing with the light,
We lie down weeping with the night.
We hug the world until it stings,
We curse it then and sigh for wings.
We live, we love, we woo, we wed,
We wreath our brides, we sheet our dead.
We laugh, we weep, we hope, we fear,
And that's the burden of the year.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1910)

Reverse Advent Calendars

If you have been collecting items for your Reverse Advent Calendars please be reminded that they should be delivered to the Methodist Church in Burley in Wharfedale between 9am and 6pm on Monday, January 3rd.

Please let me know if you have any difficulties as I can arrange for them to be collected and delivered for you.

If you have not taken part so far it is not too late to prepare your reverse calendar collection of groceries, which will be distributed to local refugee families.

Full details were in last month's edition of Source but, in summary, all you need is one or two cardboard boxes, two bags for life and 24 items suitable for a foodbank collection.

Jill Cooke

Nature Notes for December

A big surprise before the new month began, SNOW in huge quantities!

It definitely involved a half hour of shovelling on the drive! But as quickly as it came, the weather changed to rain and it was very soon washed away. Amazingly.

"It's only right to start off with my favourite garden bird the Blue Tit" says Matt Sewell in his book *Our Garden Birds*. "What a plucky and resourceful chap; always drinking your milk, feasting at your bird table and getting cosy in your nest box. He loves us as much as we love him."

A real joy of a book perfect to read on a chilly day indoors!

A Magpie seems to be making his presence known just lately whizzing through the trees and parading up and down our lawn. What a smart bird he is, but much disliked by others!

The Robin, Long-Tailed Tits and Cole Tits are all feeding on the bird table, which is a real joy. Blackbirds too enjoying the berries on the Cotoneaster bush at the top of the garden and they are more than welcome too, as a quantity of raisins has been purchased!

The squirrel too enjoys the food. He seems to bury bits of it under the hedge, rustling about on the lawn, a real joy to see. One of the older trees opposite has been taken down just recently and we wondered how the squirrel would manage on his "pathway" up amongst the branches, but he simply jumps from tree to tree as if nothing has happened at all, so that is really good, it is lovely to see him.

As I write, the sky is bright but later in the day it clouds over. Several Sparrows are tweeting on the top of the hedge plus quite a few Starlings chattering in nearby trees. I watched them as they flew about, landing right on the tree tops, then off they flew altogether in a huge group only to land back once more, all calling to each other, fascinating! There were quite a few Rooks making a noise in the trees too when we were walking home.

In the village the children love to feed the ducks in the stream near the old Post Office. They all enjoy themselves and they even come prepared with bags full of special food. The ducks are so very keen to eat and make a real fuss. It is special to see the children as they genuinely seem so very joyful being surrounded by the splendid ducks. I seem to remember there being ducks in Addingham too at one time!

We walked down the lane and along the canal, it was very pleasant but extremely wet and muddy underfoot. Quite a few birds are chirruping in the hedge plus lots of people out and about walking and enjoying the day.

Another day we spotted half a dozen Swans down near the river, they did look so very handsome. We are so fortunate in having places quite nearby to watch and see birds it truly is a real joy always. I remember writing at this time of year regarding the Fieldfares and how they eat the dark red hawthorn berries in the hedgerows. How I look forward to seeing them!!

Take good care and enjoy all nature which we are lucky enough to see around us!

Every good wish to you all.
Margaret Spencer

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch



Why not watch the birds in your garden like Margaret and at the same time help with the collection of data that will assist conservation efforts? The Big Garden Birdwatch is for everyone, whether you're a complete beginner or a birding expert. Simply count the birds you see in your garden or local park for one hour between 28th and 30th January 2022.

In 2021, more than one million people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch and it's easy to take part. You watch the birds around you for one hour, count how many of each species of bird lands on your patch and report the numbers online.

To register in advance and for more information see <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>.

What's on in January



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 2nd	Epiphany
	08.00 Holy Communion
	10:00 Parish Communion
	16.00 Evensong
Sunday 9th	Epiphany 1
	08.00 Holy Communion
	10.00 Parish Communion
Sunday 16th	Epiphany 2
	08.00 Holy Communion
	10.00 Service of The Word
Thursday 20th	11.00 Teddies and Toddlers
Sunday 23rd	Plough Sunday
	08.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00 Parish Communion
Sunday 30th	Candlemas
	08.00 Holy Communion
	10.00 Parish Communion
	16.00 All Age Church in the Church Hall

From the Registers

Wedding

12th December Hannah Seasman and Jack Leeming

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

New Year Quiz Answers

No Cheating!

18. Thailand
17. Yorkshire
16. Cuba
15. Northumberland
14. Sarah Jessica Parker
13. Brunei
12. Rosh Hashanah
11. Last
10. Year of the Ox
9. E.M. Forster
8. The Panama Canal
7. The Rose Bowl
6. Fulgencio Batista
5. Millennium Bug
4. Czechoslovakia
3. Denmark
2. Tuesday
1. Hogmanay

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, and links to interesting articles, our recorded services, podcasts 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.

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 February edition is Friday, 21st January.

Best wishes to all readers for the New Year from the Source editorial team.