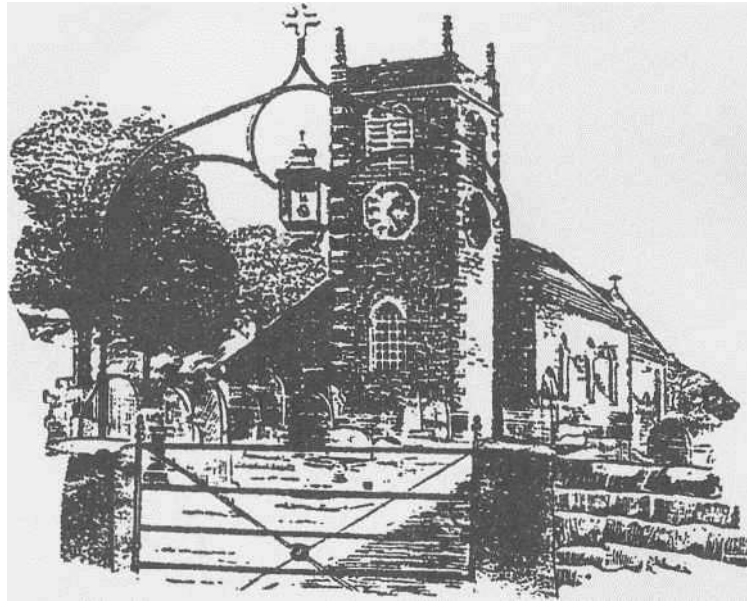


# *St. Peter Addingham*

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*A place of Christian Worship in three millennia*

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10.00 am Parish Communion

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# Letter from the Reader

## July 2022

What a month this June has been in Addingham.

It started with the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and four days of activities from bell ringing to tea dances to a procession, village history, music, food, fireworks and street parties that's if you had a waterproof garage on the Sunday! There was something for everyone.

Then this weekend in our Church meadow we've had the pop-up gazebos and marquees of the Environment Group where we could find out about our local wildlife and tips on ways to look after our world. Next weekend is the Methodist Church's open gardens' weekend with designs, planting schemes and ideas for us to share.

None of these events would happen without an army of volunteers ready to give their time and expertise in planning, setting up, helping on the day and clearing up afterwards. Equally this would not be worthwhile without participants to come and join in, in any capacity, at each event. Thanks to all who help make our village a vibrant social community.

Taking part in something in any way makes one feel good. It develops a sense of belonging and brings people together. It wouldn't happen and you couldn't take part if you didn't know it was happening.

This is the importance of good communication and in today's world we have lots of ways to achieve this. Our village has the internet, street notices, Addingham Quack and coffee chats to name a few ways of spreading the news.

Thinking back to the time of the early Church much depended on localised preaching, word of mouth and letter writing and yet the Christian message of a new and vibrant faith reached far and wide and believers grew in number.

Advertising in today's world is eye catching and we have joined in with a new outreach idea, bright signs on street windows and fences to advertise our services. There's also our Saint Peter's website which we are planning to upgrade to attract and encourage more people to join in our weekly activities.

These don't need a special event because every occasion is special. By being together, we experience the joy of sharing and belonging to a welcoming fellowship.

Using this historically proven outreach of letter writing, I invite you all to come and take part.

May July's activities be a blessing to you all,

Ann Hodgson

## Worship: What is the Way Forward?

What a month June is turning out to be in terms of our services. Already we have had a special morning service celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, followed by Music Sunday with a wide variation in the settings of the sung parts of the Eucharist and a pictorial presentation in the sermon slot in honour of Trinity Sunday. Then as I write, next Sunday is the informal service at St Peter's, this time entitled 'Bumps along the Road.' Can we keep this variety up? Let's take a positive view and say not only that we can but we should!

Worship is as old as man, whether invoking blessings on the sowing of crops, celebrations for the harvest, or prayers for the dead. At times in the Roman world attendance at worship of the official gods, including the last emperor, was deemed obligatory as a demonstration of loyalty to the present regime. This approach also found favour with the Tudors, with Recusancy Fines being levied for non-attendance at church. This would be levied on the head of the household. For nearly two hundred years it was a requirement that holders of public office be communicant members of the Church of England. Occasional Conformity i.e. attendance at the parish church three times a year, was, therefore, rife while into our own time in some communities attendance at church, chapel or meeting was felt to be socially desirable.

One result of this for the Church of England was to ossify its services, with the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the Authorised Version (AV) of the Bible being sacrosanct. Said Communion ('Early Service') at 8am, Mattins and Sermon at 11.00 and Evensong at 6.30 being the norm, as older members of our congregation will remember.

But as the sixties progressed many felt this was no longer attracting worshippers. The New English Bible and the 'Family Communion' sung Eucharist were welcome innovations while some more radical clergy felt that the church must harness the new power of television and the rising popularity of the guitar if the younger generation were to be attracted in. It worked in some churches and there was steadfast rejection in others; the conundrum is ever with us, hence our present efforts to broaden the attraction of our Sunday worship.

For let us be clear: there is nothing sacrosanct about either the BCP or the AV, beautiful though many find their language; there is no more need to worship God in the language of Cranmer (BCP) or the early seventeenth century (AV) than there is in the language of the Romans, as modified by the medieval Church, or the ancient languages in which the Bible was originally written. Declining attendance at church over our lifetime since the war has shouted that message. And this was forcibly brought home to me in May when on holiday we went to Evensong in Norwich Cathedral one Tuesday. The singing was beautiful, though making out the words not easy, but the reading of the two lessons by Cathedral canons was appalling: mechanistic and expressionless, and despite sitting opposite the lectern I could not make out where the first one came from. The service was a performance, but as an exercise in spiritual awakening it fell flat on its face.

So what is our way forward? Keep all services as they are and watch over the next few years as the congregation withers away, many literally dying off, look at our age profile? Or loud rock-type music and dancing in the aisles and see our existing congregation walk away without necessarily anyone new coming along to replace them? Or try to navigate between these two perils, building on what we know works, trying new ideas without going overboard, being flexible.

After all, look at how non-regular members of the church from the wider community came to our different services, at Harvest, at Christmas, at Easter, at the Jubilee. Lets join together and give it a go! After all, we are no longer compelled, socially or politically, to attend church but worship is in all of us and the opportunity to do so in a happy and joyful way, involving as wide a group as possible, so that we come home spiritually refreshed, even invigorated, should be welcomed.

## Keeping up with the Wulfherans

### Afternoon Tea

Taking afternoon tea together was a very pleasant experience and a popular event for the Wulfherans even though it had to be held in the Church Hall.

Thanks to all the hard work of the ladies of the Committee, Members and guests enjoyed sitting at a long table and partaking of many delicacies all neatly packed in a Platinum Jubilee box



Photographs: L Powell

Grace was said by Chris Jackson and a vote of thanks was given by Margaret Spencer.

The next meeting will be on 7th July at 7.30pm when Derek Law will give a talk on "The Church Orchard."

Richard Thackrah

## **Gob Smacking, Jaw Dropping Thank You to you All**

Sunday, 19th June was my last Sunday as warden before I hand the keys over to Joy on Tuesday evening. 5 years where yes, I was out of my comfort zone many times, but it also gave me confidence that I had never had before which I hope will stay with me forever.

Mark explained on Sunday what a warden does, he may have been better saying what they do not do. It is still an impossible question for me to answer. It took a tremendous amount of time. Lots of emails which were often not as I had wished, so I apologies to anyone I have accidently hurt on the way. I expect my emails will still carry on, hopefully improving.

Thinking about it, the warden's job is different every day, so you are never bored, you are expected to know all the answers but never do, we get some things right and we hear when we get it wrong!

Headaches are often and so is falling asleep on Sunday afternoon, but I am still glad I did it for these few years, trying to make a difference as best I could. Trying to remember everyone's name but failing; "Dorothy" and "Geoff" I got wrong again, and a few sorry to say, I do not know but hope to in the future.

I thanked you on Sunday for your perfect gift to me of pineapple jam, with cheese from that county that I cannot mention! On toast in the morning this is perfection so thank you again.

Then when I got home and opened the envelope, I was totally gob smacked, jaw dropping, lost for words, thank you all so very much, I guess I must have got more right than I thought I had.

I could not have done it without the team of Penny and Judith and especially with of course the support of all of you.

Ian Batty

## **Friendship**

Our next St Peter's, podcast is on the subject of "Friendship", so here below are some quotes and a poem around that theme.

"Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?" John Wesley

He is your friend who pushes you nearer to God. Abraham Kuyper

Jesus said : "This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a master doesn't confide in his servants. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. John's Gospel chapter 15 verses 12-15

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Paul's letter to the Ephesians chapter 4 verse 32

Encourage each other and build each other up. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians chapter 5 verse 11

From the delightful book "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse" by Charlie Mackesy, which the author says it is for everyone from 8 to 80.

"What else have you learned?" asked the boy.

"We can disagree and still be friends," said the horse.

Sonnet 30 by William Shakespeare

When to the sessions of sweet silent thought  
I summon up remembrance of things past,  
I sigh the lack of many a thing I sought,  
And with old woes new wail my dear time's waste:  
Then can I drown an eye, unus'd to flow,  
For precious friends hid in death's dateless night,

And weep afresh love's long since cancell'd woe,  
And moan th' expense of many a vanish'd sight;  
Then can I grieve at grievances foregone,  
And heavily from woe to woe tell o'er  
The sad account of fore-bemoaned moan,  
Which I new pay as if not paid before.  
But if the while I think on thee, dear friend,  
All losses are restor'd, and sorrows end.

## What do we do with the Leftovers?

*"After everyone had eaten all they wanted, Jesus' disciples picked up twelve large baskets of leftovers." Matthew 14:20*

The Feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to be recorded in all four gospels, so it must be an important one. It speaks of God's generosity and God's ability to supply abundantly all that we need.

But have you ever wondered what happened to those 12 baskets of leftovers? Did they feed them to the birds? Or perhaps take them to the next village and share them out there?

One thing I am pretty certain of is that they will not have simply been 'thrown out'. (Where is 'out', by the way?)

Wasting food was definitely not the done thing back then: "Even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the children's' table." Mark 7:28



Food waste today is a very different story. Some of it is wasted on farms, some in the production process, and some within our homes as we forget what is in the fridge or scrape leftovers into the bin.

Here are a few random facts about food waste for you, some of which really 'boggled' my mind:

- 30%-50% of food produced for human consumption is wasted annually
- The average family in Great Britain wastes nearly £60 a month by throwing away food, in some cases almost an entire meal a day
- Food waste that goes to landfill produces methane, a global warming gas much more harmful than carbon dioxide
- Food waste is responsible for 8% of global warming gases, about twice that of the aviation industry
- Food waste is responsible for over 170 trillion litres of water annually

So what can we do to help address the problem? Here are my 'top tips':

1. Plan your meals and make a shopping list so that you buy only what will be eaten.
2. Deal with any leftovers you still have by investing in a suitable compost bin, if you have the space. No methane is produced this way).
3. If you have a garden, grow some of your own vegetables and pick what you need as you need it.
4. Buy the 'wonky' fruit and veg which would otherwise be wasted. It's often cheaper too.
5. If you have a smartphone then download the 'OLIO' app and offer the food you are not going to eat in time to other people. I once over-catered for a family gathering and was able to pass on a large tray of sandwiches and snacks this way.

By trying to reduce our food waste we can help to keep global warming as low as possible, save money, save water and almost certainly feed more people, as long as we remember to share.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if, by small changes to our habits, we could point the way to a well-fed, sustainable world –pointing the way to God's kingdom where all life flourishes.

Jan Goodair  
Area Environment Champion, Leeds

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## Nature Notes for June

Lovely weather at the beginning of June, nice warm sunshine! The birds are singing both early mornings and into the evening, a real joy.

A friend has sent me the most lovely picture from a newspaper of a Little Owl peeping out of a nest in Richmond Park. It's so sweet!

Quite a lot of Butterflies in the garden they always seem to be busy flying here and there.

I was reading in the Yorkshire Post about Bempton Cliffs and how it holds the largest amount of birds on the UK mainland, as many as 15,000 pairs of gulls! I would love to be there to see them just now. I remember visiting Bempton many years ago with a group of people from the RSPB and it was quite something – but 15,000 pairs – that will take some beating!?

This last week the "Night Skies" which is an article in the Post mentioned a super-moon which I managed to see one night this last week, it was quite something, magical colouring.

Saw a pair of Swallows enjoying the lovely evenings, diving and flying in the most spectacular ways! I am always thrilled to see them and to think of the distance they fly only to reach the very same farm or even barn in which they nested.

I noticed the sheep which were near the farm, were a different variety with more markings on their backs.

My favourite Highland Cattle are out and about in their fields. I was driving from home one morning over to Church, first it was the Highlands I admired, then at the top of the hill, splendid Beamsley Beacon ahead and finally the lovely tower of our own St Peter's Church, Addingham, with all its wonders. It was simply a lovely journey.

Walked along the canal one morning, there were a great many ducks with young, so nice to see. A gentleman stopped to tell me that he had just seen, a little further down the canal, as many as eight ducklings swimming along with their parents, which he was pleased to see, and then we spied a Heron standing motionless amongst the grass on the canal side. A really lovely view to see.

Visited Bolton Abbey one sunny day it was really lovely and quite busy with people enjoying a snack or a coffee and of course lots of chattering! The river was quite low and not so many ducks about but nice to be there and admire the views. People were swapping tales of what they had seen or what had just flown by so it was good. We remembered seeing a Heron on several occasions but no luck just on this occasion. No Sand Martins either just at present.

I do remember mentioning a book I had given called "Wonderland" by Brett Wood and Stephen Moss. They write all the year through mentioning one thing and another obviously about nature but one piece I remember quoting was about the Blackbird singing, which incidentally sings almost all day near our garden.

The quote was "The Blackbird may be Mozart but with his most mathematical patterns, the Song Thrush is surely Johann Sebastian Bach" I rather liked that!

Enjoy nature and all its wonders!

Margaret Spencer

## Job

We are all aware of a Job's comforter, one who means to sympathise with us in our grief but says that we brought it on ourselves thus adding to our sorrows. This is an allusion to the rebukes Job received from his "comforters".

However, what do we know about the man himself who lived to be 140 years old, his character, and his actions and beliefs?

Job had seven sons and three daughters. They were considered to be the most beautiful women in that part of the world and Job gave them shares of his property, along with their brothers.

Job whose name means the "persecuted one" and "repent" is described as a rich, blessed man who fears God and lives righteously. Satan however challenges Job's integrity and so it is revealed to Satan by God. In effect God says that Job is outside His protective boundary, resulting in tragedy for Job for example with the loss of wealth and physical soundness.

The main portion of the text in the Book of Job consists of the discourse of Job and his three friends concerning why Job is so punished, ending in God answering Job. Job is portrayed as an example of perseverance in suffering. Job's declaration "I know that my Redeemer liveth" is considered by Christians to be a proto Christian statement of belief and is a basis for several Christian hymns.

Some people have a view that Job was not a real historical figure. In this view the narrative is a parable written under divine inspiration in order to teach theological truths, but was never meant to be taken as literally true in an historical sense.

Christianity accepts the Book of Job as a canon in the Old Testament. When Job has accepted his suffering and forgiven his friends God reverses his fortunes. Friends, property and family are all restored to him with a long life in which to enjoy them.

His friends leap to support what God has done and that Job's suffering must somehow be deserved. However Job's friends continue to plead with him to believe, think and feel as they do.

Job remains stubborn but finally realises that God is not a terrible person but one who takes a huge delight in the world he has created and who hands a rare fight on hands against the force of evil to maintain its beauty.

What can we deduce from Job's life and actions?

He rejects their traditional view that suffering is a result of sin, since he has no doubt of his own innocence. Job's life is a test of spirituality. If Job is in the wrong it is not anything he has done but in his expectation that he ought to be able to understand everything. Job questions God as if he was his adversary in court. Job has to learn to submit to God and to trust God even where he cannot understand.

Job's godliness, it has to be said, is self serving and he is righteous only because it pays. As Job prayed and offered sacrifice for those that he had grieved and hurt, so Christ prayed for his persecutors making intercession for the transgressors.

Richard Thackrah

## **A Best Day Out**

A best day out on our holiday in Scotland this year has church connections, and I would like to tell you about it.

This is a church we have never visited before because it is well off the tourist trail. Previously, we had been to see the Galloway Hoard in Kirkcudbright Gallery, and wanted now to have a look at the area where this wonderful Viking treasure has been found.

The Hoard was found by a young man with a metal detector, not really by chance because he had done a lot of research before, he went looking, but still the chances of being successful in such a wide area were quite small.

The Hoard consists of various beautifully engraved silver arm bands and also many plain nuggets of silver, but the most exciting find was buried underneath all the silver objects.

More treasures were found packed inside a silver engraved casket and some of these pieces were made of gold, glass, and semi-precious stones, which had associations from many different areas in Europe and the world!

Archaeologists are puzzling over these wonderful finds, which date from about 900 AD, and trying to put together the story of how they came to be buried in this remote part of Dumfries and Galloway by the Vikings. The area where the discovery was made was at Balmaghie.

Balmaghie church is a few miles north of Castle Douglas and is accessed along a single-track road, which runs parallel with the River Dee.



The church is in a wonderful setting, overlooking wetlands and the river and has a sweet little bell tower. It was built in 1794 but its site, above an old ferry crossing is much older.



When we arrived at the church a young lady from a nearby house came out to talk to us. She told us that about six years ago the church became redundant and was due to be sold to a property developer for housing. A group of neighbours and other interested parties, some from as far away as Australis, got together and raised the money to buy this ancient place.

Now the church can be used on special occasions, at Easter and Christmas, and can be used for weddings. Any denomination or group can use the church if they provide their own minister or someone to conduct the service.

On this church land the priceless Galloway Hoard was found. The young lady was sworn to secrecy and could not tell us just where but said we were very near!

Margaret Pratt

## What's on in July

There will still be no chalice but there now should be coffee, tea and biscuits served in the hall after the Sunday 10.00 services.



Photo: P Cooke

<b>3rd</b>	<b>3rd Sunday after Trinity</b>
	08.00 Said Holy Communion
	10.00 Sung Parish Communion
	14.00 FOSPA Teas
	16.00 Messy Church: Come Fishing
	18.00 Evensong
Tuesday 5th	19.30 Wulherans; The Church Orchard (Derek Law)
Thursday 7th	19.30 Healing Service
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<b>4th Sunday after Trinity</b>
	08.00 Said Holy Communion
	10.00 Sung Parish Communion
	14.00 FOSPA Teas
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>5th Sunday after Trinity</b>
	08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00 Sunday Morning with St Peters: Martha or Mary?
	14.00 FOSPA Teas
Thursday 21st	11.00 Teddies and Toddlers
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	<b>6th Sunday after Trinity</b>
	08.00 Said Holy Communion
	10.00 Sung Parish Communion
	14.00 FOSPA Teas
<b>Sunday 31st</b>	<b>7th Sunday after Trinity</b>
	08.00 Said Holy Communion
	10.00 Sung Parish Communion
	14.00 FOSPA Teas

## From the Registers:

### Weddings

May 7th Alexandra Webb and Jack Margerrison

June 4th Jordan Benstead and George Hardy

### Funerals

May 6th Vivien Hellen

May 11th Margaret Irene Johnson

## 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.



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## FOSPA Teas

The season of FOSPA Sunday Teas is in full swing now after a two year holiday. Teas are served from 2pm in the Church Hall and on every Sunday throughout the month of July.

Please share the good news with friends and neighbours and then perhaps you could meet up for home baked goodies and a cuppa of tea.

If you can, to help with serving and baking please join the team. The volunteer sheets and baker sheets are up in the Church Hall. If you would like more information please contact Margaret Widdowson or Andrew Robinson.

Please do help to make our 39th year a real success, and of course all profits are used to fund capital/repair projects for our beautiful Church.

## 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](mailto:jillc.stpeters@gmail.com)

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All contributions, on whatever subject, are always welcome and appreciated.

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