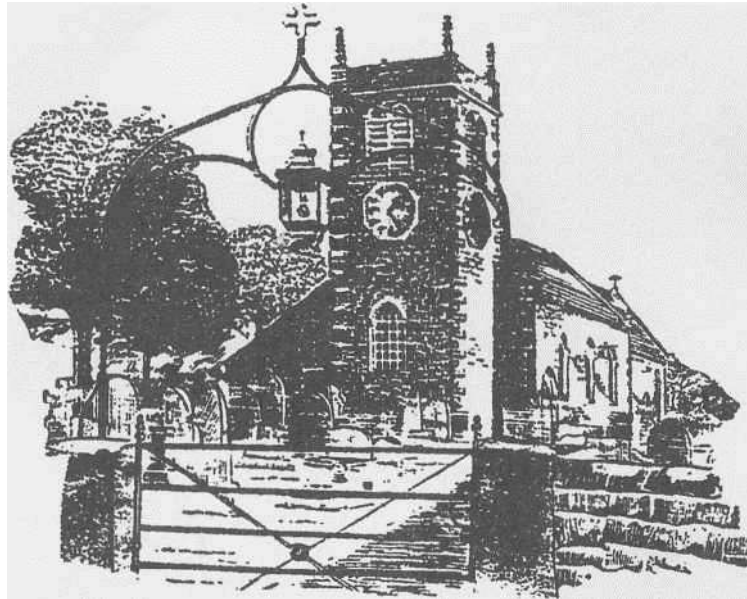


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WORSHIP

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

May 2022

Waiting and Learning

Saturday: Having completed Wordle, in 3 goes as I smugly posted to rest of family, I am pottering around the bedroom getting dressed. I note that I am sitting down to put my socks on.

When did that start? I leap up, and try to put a sock on whilst standing on one leg like a normal person. This turns out to be the first bad decision of the day as I end up with my head inside the wardrobe. Is this what my young life has come to? I tried to cut my toenails last night, and that was another battle which I didn't see coming. How much can a big toe bleed? Quite a lot as it turns out.

Sunday: A reading this morning strikes a chord. This is about Peter. He is told by Jesus that "when you are oldsomeone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." For many years I never took much notice of that, but as I have to hobble about the place, I find an echo.

I have long loved a book about waiting; the "Stature of Waiting" by WH Vanstone. He argues that we put a lot of our value on our activities, on what we do, and we want to be in control. Age and illness threaten this.

Vanstone describes Jesus's greatest moments as those when he is "waiting". After his arrest on Maundy Thursday night, He is led by others, dressed by others, and, is taken to His death by others. In this time, Jesus changes the world.

This is a rebuke to my pride; one day, I now know, I will rely on others, I will have to wait. Is it possible that when I am less busy, that I will learn something more about God, and that He is in charge, that He will lead me home?

Rev. Mark Cannon

Anne's Musings

Who Do You Think You Are?

I expect many of you have watched this programme where well-known figures find they are descended from famous ancestors, even royalty. Many of us also pay to get our ancestral DNA checked to see if we have Viking, Celtic, or genes from much further afield in our make-up. My son, Robert did the same.

About 4,000 years ago in what is known as the Bronze age and in what is now northern Scotland, a young woman died. She was buried in a tomb cut into the rock and buried with grave goods.

These included a clay pot, giving the name beaker people to this period, holding an alcoholic mix of oats and barley flavoured with heather and meadowsweet and a cow's shoulder bone suggesting food for a journey into an afterlife.

For several decades her remains were stored in a museum until a researcher decided to investigate further. During this time archaeological forensic science had moved on a long way and it's now possible to extract DNA telling us her probable hair colour and skin tone and isotopes which can tell us where she grew up, and her diet.

Her bones tell us she was about five feet five inches tall and she worked at physical labour. She was between 18 and 23 years old when she died.

Research continues to improve and one theory is that, as she showed no sign of injury, she may have died in child birth. As there are no other remains in the grave, and if a child survived, her DNA could have passed down many other generations. It is exciting: leading onto the question, who do you think you are?

We know quite a lot about Ava, as she has been named, after Achavanich where she was found, but there's also a lot we don't, what was her role in her community, how did she style her hair, did she have tattoos, how did she dress, what were her favourite foods and who her friends were. Despite all the research the real Ava will continue to elude us.

This is an image of a model of Ava made using skeletal reconstruction and DNA analysis.



Today we live in communities of many people all different from each other. It's easy to make assumptions from how they look, their hair style, tattoos, and clothes, but these are just the surface. The real person we meet is a stranger until we get to know them, but often we let first impressions decide for us.

If we met Ava today how would we respond to how she looked? We would need to get to know her to understand who she really is. As we meet new people throughout our daily life, let's give time to listen and to talk and maybe there's an Ava waiting for each of us to discover.

And what is the background to this story? The DNA research by my son gives a direct link through the maternal line to Ava. We then made a pilgrimage to Scotland to find where she was found.

Anne Hodgson

Preview on Podcast on Faith

Our, St Peter's, podcast topic for May is Faith, something many of us struggle to explain and are reluctant to talk about. As a preview to the podcast which will be available shortly, here are some words from Mark, our Rector to get you thinking:

"I suppose you'd expect a vicar of some 30 years of experience to know what faith is but I'm constantly learning, I'm constantly revising what I think faith is.

Faith often depends on our experiences. For me, faith is a relationship and it's all to do with how I find myself with my Creator, the link between us and how that enriches my life; how I hope it changes me, how it sustains me.

But faith has content as well and that is very important. In our church we talk about the faith as a definite body of teaching or doctrine and that is a rich resource for me to draw on. When I talk to members of my congregation, they have different answers, have different types of faith. As long as it is centred on Jesus, as that's the important thing."

Look out for the where you'll hear more from Mark about his faith and the views of some of our congregation.

As always, these are interspersed with music, often contemporary, and poems of stories on this occasion about faith.

Below are some "faith" quotes to think about;

Faith is not believing in my own unshakeable belief. Faith is believing an unshakeable God when everything in me trembles and quakes. *Beth Moore*

Faith is not knowing what the future holds, but knowing who holds the future. *Anon*

Regarding the debate about faith and works: it's like asking which blade in a pair of scissors is most important. *C. S. Lewis*

Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone. *Pope Francis*

Keeping up with the Wulferans

Tenebrae Service

The Wulferans April meeting was the annual Tenebrae service.

Tenebrae is the Service of Shadows and is the Latin word for darkness. It is held in Holy Week and is characterised by the gradual extinguishing of candles.

This year's service was conducted by Joy Harper. The hymns were "Longing for Light", "O Dearest Lord" and "There is a Green Hill Far Away" and the organist was Margaret Widdowson.

The readings were from St Mark's Gospel chapters 14 and 15 and dealt with betrayal: of indifference, of a kiss, of a lie, of justice, of popular opinion, of humiliation, of those who suffered with Him, of understanding and of death. The readers were Liz Powell, Anne Preston, Jennifer Rawnsley, Richard Thackrah, Christine Bean, Jill Jackson, Chris Jackson, Margaret Norris and Judy Worsnop.

The evening finished with tea and coffee and hot cross buns kindly provided by the committee organised by Wendy Croft.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 3rd May at 7.30pm when John and Iris Rhodes will give a presentation on "Mercy Ships".

The Wulferans afternoon tea on Tuesday, 7th June will be held in the Church Hall at 3pm and will cost £12.50. The event needs to be pre booked so please give your name and payment to Joy Harper. Thank you.

Richard Thackrah

Prayers for Sudan

It is poignant that at this time of Easter rejoicing Christians in Sudan are mourning the death of one of their priests, namely Dean Daniel Musa whose untimely death means his wife and young family are left bereft and the church has lost a hard-working leader.

Please continue to keep the Sudanese Christians in your prayers as well as the practical support you provide through our 'Smartie' money raising initiative'. The financial support for the diocese, amongst a myriad of other ways, had funds to provide Dean Daniel with medical support up to the end of his life.

Amongst other communications and Easter good wishes from these devout people, our prayers are requested for a stable Sudanese government which will consider improving their relationship with Christians, for the work of the Mothers Union in providing health education, and for church schools to be allowed to continue functioning.

Next month we hope to be able to give you news of just how much money those little tubes raised this year, meantime, as they continue to pray for us may we reciprocate with gladness and heartfelt sincerity.

Pat Laycock

FOSPA Teas

FOSPA Sunday Teas re-opens after two years on Sunday, 15th May at 2pm.

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.

Andrew Robertson

Nature Notes for March

The weather is bright with blue skies but there is a coldish wind now and then.

A pair of squirrels have been seen chasing along the tree tops across the road, they always make me smile!

Walked up to Swartha, lovely black lambs in the field and lots of sheep simply laid enjoying the sunshine plus lambs running and jumping. As I set off, to my joy, a Swift flew passed calling near the farm. It landed on the telephone wires. my very first sighting of one this year!

Oddly enough I had just been reading the statistics from the RSPB for their Big Garden Birdwatch; a whopping 697,735 people counted 11,556,046 birds this year.

But it was a pure joy to see the Swift, maybe coming to settle at the farm nearby. I read that their nests are made of straw or even dry grass and feathers stuck together with their own saliva. Such a joy to know that they have flown such a distance in order to nest here and so exciting to see!

The trees nearby are in full blossom and so lovely. Leaves too on the larger trees look good.

Quite a few geese on the canal this morning looking good. Blackbirds too are busy nest building in the hedge, so exciting! Sparrows too seem to be busy flying in and out of the bushes.

I keep hearing a wonderful tune sung by a bird nearby. It looks and sounds like a Chiff-chaff but not 100% sure! It does mention in my observers book that they arrive in March and that its song is almost incessant! A Sparrowhawk was seen drifting above the valley too, such a joy, we could hear it calling, they seem to enjoy flying along over the fields.

The weather continues as I write to be sunny and bright.

Take good care and all best wishes.
Margaret Spencer

Bees, Honey and Sweetness

As we are all aware, Tate and Lyle Golden Syrup tins have a picture of a sleeping lion with bees buzzing round and the eternal message from Judges 14.14; "Out of the strong came forth sweetness".

This is in a chapter informing us about Samson's marriage. However, what is the wider message from the Bible about honey and sweetness?



Palestine is often viewed as a land flowing with milk and honey, Exodus 3.8. Even today bees are still abundant even in the remote parts of the wilderness where they deposit their honey in the crevices of rocks or in hollow trees.

In some places the word which is translated as 'honey', may mean the juice of the grape, Ezekiel 27.18. Honey was not to be used in sacrifices, Leviticus 2.11, but the first fruits of honey as of other things were to be presented to the Lord for the use of his priests.

In 2 Chronicles 31.5 honey is viewed as a contribution to worship along with grain, new wine and oil.

1 Samuel 14.24-30 goes into detail about Jonathan, son of Saul and friend of David, eating honey and boasting how his eyes brightened when he tasted a little honey.

In Proverbs 24.13-14 "honey from the comb is sweet to your taste and wisdom is sweet to your soul" but in the following chapter 25.27 "it is not good to eat too much honey, nor is it honourable to seek one's own honour".

In the gospels of Matthew and Mark we are told how John the Baptist ate locusts and wild honey while dressed in clothes made of camel's hair. John's simple food, clothing and life style were a visual protest against self indulgence.

Honey in the Bible was valued as food and is probably the finest of all foods. In the Old Testament, gifts of honey were made with the first fruits. Psalm 10 exhorts us to believe that the orders from the Lord are sweeter than honey from the comb.

Proverbs 5.3-4 includes a warning against adultery “the lips of an adulteress drip honey, but in the end she is as bitter as gall”.

Later in Proverbs 27.7; “he who is full loathes honey, but to the hungry even what is bitter tastes sweet”. People in the ancient Near East associated sweetness with the delights of love, milk and honey. In Ezekiel 3.3 words from God are sweet to the taste as honey in the mouth.

The quote on the syrup tins relates also to the time of the wedding of Samson. Special marriage feasts were common and may have lasted seven days and much wine was drunk.

Young lions were common in southern Canaan. In the foretelling of the sign of Immanuel in Isaiah 7.15 the Immanuel will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right. The food reference meant a return to the simple diet of those who live off the land.

Samson is said to have scooped out honey from the carcass of the lion in which there was a swarm of bees. Samson shared the honey with his parents but did not tell them he had taken honey from the carcass.

As we partake of food made with honey and honey itself we should perhaps have a thought for the religious message behind such wonderful sweetness.

Richard Thackrah

What's on in May

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

Sunday 1st	3rd of Easter
	08.00 Holy Communion
	10:00 Parish Communion
Thursday 5th	19.30 Healing Service
Sunday 8th	4th of Easter
	08.00 Holy Communion
	10.00 Parish Communion
	18.00 Evensong
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Sunday 15th	5th of Easter
	08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00 Sunday Morning at St Peters
	14.00 FOSPA Teas
Sunday 22nd	6th of Easter
	08.00 Holy Communion
	10.00 Parish Communion
	14.00 FOSPA Teas
Sunday 29th	7th of Easter
	08.00 Holy Communion
	10.00 Parish Communion
	16.00 Messy Church
	14.00 FOSPA Teas

Flowers in Church

We have missed so much during the pandemic and flowers in church is just another of those things that we can now bring back.

There are different ways you can help: by donating flowers, perhaps for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.

You could also help to arrange the flowers; indeed a golden opportunity to get some free tuition on how to do this.

Please contact Judith Idle (01943 830508) or one of the wardens to find out more or sign up on the sheet in the church porch if you are have prior experience!

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

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

A Christian Aid Coffee Morning I being held at the Methodist Church on Saturday, 21st May.

St Peter's will be running the cake stall so please put on your apron and get baking.

Briony Holdsworth will arrange collection of your contributions on Friday, 20th May. Please call Briony on 07722 487023 for further details.



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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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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