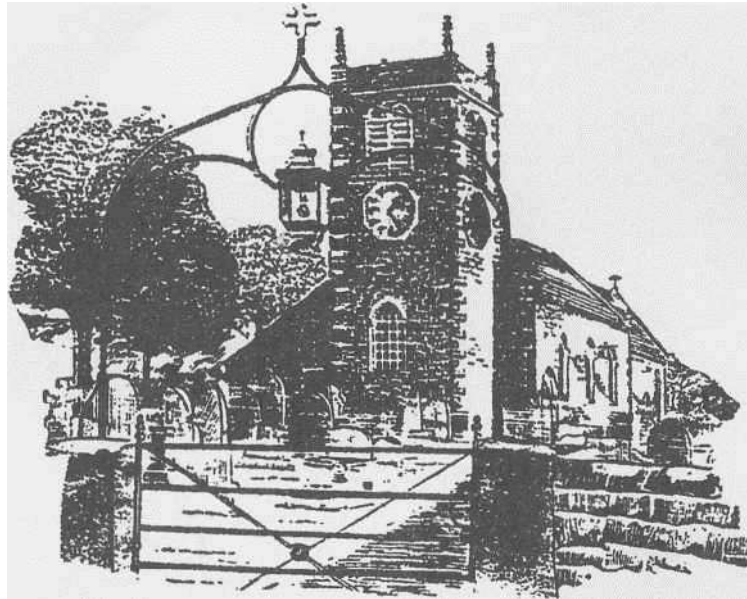


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## **WORSHIP**

### **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](mailto:Ian.Batty@hotmail.com) or call him on 01943 830039, ideally, by 4pm on the preceding Friday.

## **BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS and FUNERALS**

Please call 01943 831382

# Letter from the Rector September 2021

## Praise the Lord.....

**Thursday:** I am at the crematorium in black dress and all the gear. I usually park in a discreet corner to change, and, today, when I return to my shady bower I find a large crack in the windscreen.

Just a bit annoying, and I am later advised by the cheerful windscreen man that he has come across this before, and it is usually caused by a council mower flicking up chips of bones and stones etc. I drive home calculating the profit on this trip (£0.00) and the new additional costs (£95.00) and so I am feeling very Yorkshire as I grasp the steering wheel with whitened knuckles.

**Monday:** The car may have a new windscreen, but I don't enjoy its sparkling beauty for long. For various reasons, we are a one car family, and it's me doing the hoofing about.

I catch a train for the first time during this pandemic and glare at the non-mask wearers, and also at the lad with his feet on the cushions, and not forgetting the pit bull terrier on the floor in the aisle. The dog glares fiercely back, so I behave like a ray of sunshine again.

I really must count my blessings, or, as the Psalmist says, "Praise the Lord", and he did that at the bottom of a pit with evildoers shooting venomous arrows at him. In fact, the Psalmist is continually describing the need to Praise the Lord. Are you alone? PTL! Have your friends deserted you? PTL! Have you been bitten by an aggrieved pit bull? PTL!

**Thursday:** I am still on my feet, and I have hitched a lift back to the crematorium with the undertaker. We pass a pleasant journey reminiscing about our top five caskets, but he cannot give me a lift back home.

I have to pack my robes in a rucksack and walk, on the hottest day of the year, to the bus station. I plod through the shimmering heat with a distant mirage of cool water and swaying palms ahead of me. It turns out not to be a green oasis but Skipton bus station, and in my dessicated state, it is as good as, or as the Psalmist would say, "Rejoice".

**Sunday:** A parishioner, who happened to be floating by the crematorium in air-conditioned luxury on Thursday, advises me that she was surprised to see me toiling through the fields on that hot, hot afternoon, and had wondered if I had needed a lift.

"As a matter of fact," I begin...and then I think of the Psalmist and his constant command to Praise the Lord. "No", I said, "Whatever gave you that idea." and because the Psalmist is beginning to share his wisdom that very few earthly circumstances cannot be turned around and about focusing on someone else other than yourself all the time, I am being quite truthful.

Rev. Mark Cannon

## A Dedication to Eileen Shaw

My condolences to Denis, Philip and Jane.

Eileen and Dennis' idea of having an all inclusive group resulted in the formation of Wulfherans 45 years ago.

The friendships and pleasure we have shared over the years are due to Eileen's leadership and determination to pick up on people who otherwise may not join the family at St Peter's.

It was an honour and a huge sadness to attend Eileen's funeral; a celebration of a life dedicated to the service of others; caring, strong, no nonsense.

We have been truly blessed. Rest in peace my wonderful friend.

Wendy Croft

Editor's note: Eileen was the wife of Reverend Dennis Shaw, Rector of Addingham between 1970 and 1993

## Anne's Musings

### Come and See

At the end of June a friend and I went to watch the birds on Bempton cliffs.\*

It was extremely windy and we had great fun watching the Gannets trying to land on their tiny cliff side ledges. As we battled our way along a keen bird watcher, festooned with optics, called us over. "Come and see", he said, "There's something you won't have seen yet today". Going over we looked across to the steep grassy cliff edge with what appeared to be a patch of bare earth.

Oh goodness; it was a pair of newly fledged Peregrines.

For the rest of our walk we watched their parents encouraging them to take to the skies again, flying beneath us along the cliff and calling high above. Wonderful.



Image: rspb.org.uk

This experience would not have happened if we hadn't been invited to Come and See. Our new friend could have kept the information to himself, but part of the joy of such a rare occurrence is sharing it with others and seeing their pleasure as well. When we met other birders we also enjoyed telling them to go and see.

Children love asking you to come see this or that they have made or found.

They seem to need to share to fully enjoy their discoveries. It seems sad that as we get older we can become more inhibited. Not so my walking group. As we walked over Sharp Haw we saw newly emerged butterflies crossing our path. We pointed them out to each other; a Red Admiral, a Peacock, a Speckled Wood a Painted lady. It's quite something to see a red admiral chasing a painted lady!

This reminds me of the story of the Samaritan woman who met Jesus when she went to draw water from the village well. That she was alone is an indicator of her outcast status in her community and we find out why as we read the story. Even so the encounter so changes her that, despite her status, she rushes back to tell everyone to Come and see for she has found someone special. The story doesn't tell us if the villages did go, but I bet they did! It sounded too exciting to miss.

When did you last ask someone to Come and See? I hope not too long ago as it's the sort of sharing that can give us joy. Let's hope this month as we go about our lives, maybe on our walks to and from Church, we will find something which makes us want to say 'Come and See'.

May you find wonders to share this month.

Anne Hodgson

\* If we had gone to Bempton a few weeks later we would have seen a Black Browed Albatross. Now that would have been something!

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 24th September

**CANCELLED**

It is with great sadness and after a lot of telephone calls and serious thought that I feel it is best for everyone to cancel the Macmillan coffee morning event at St Peter's again this year.



The Covid pandemic still continues, the Church hall is still not being used for teas after services, and my main thought is for my many friends at St Peter's and those who usually attend to keep safe.

If you would like to make a donation please send a cheque payable to 'Macmillan Cancer Support' to Brenda Colley, 65 Branksome Drive, Shipley BD18 4BE. It would be much appreciated.

Thank you  
Brenda Colley

## The Biblical Message of Freedom

The Bible is full of wise and prophetic phrases for expressing the true meaning of Freedom. Many of us are looking for ways to reflect on the privileges of living in a free society and turning to Scripture or reading to celebrate our own freedom .

The word freedom is as abundant in Christian culture as faith and forgiveness. The freedom Christ talks about is freedom of mind and heart. Many human decisions are driven by outside influences instead of our own thoughts and desires. Diversity thrives when a community of people is practising the freedom of Christ. There can be diversity of culture, expression, thought and intimacy. The freedom Christ gave to humanity is one where diversity and cooperation thrive.

The Freedom Bible (Contemporary English version edited by Rev Sandie Barton and published in 2010 by the Bible Society) highlights over 3,500 verses which reveal the Bible's astonishing message of freedom. In this version the text is highlighted so there is no mistaking its liberating theme. It is a Bible fully approved by scholars and people who know about these things. It is written in straightforward English that's ideal for anyone including people who have English as a second language.

As the former Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, states "Freedom from transience, pollution and shame, the thirst for meaning, life in all its fullness, forgiveness, from past failures and hope for the future are longed for by 21st century mortals. They need to discover the Bible where these longings are not merely concepts.

The former Bishop of London, Richard Chartres, states "Freedom is a concept which excites and inspires. People have laboured to secure freedom from tyranny and constraint and for just and creative relationships."

In the centre of the Freedom Bible there is a piece by Paula Gooder about Bible studies referring to inner freedom, Exodus 16:1-3; the freedom Jesus brings, Luke 4:15-21 and freedom bound, Galatians 5:13-15.

Bible reflections include the views of Jonathan Aitken on Freedom through the Psalms, Jo Swinney on Freedom from Anxiety and Nick Spencer on Freedom Bringing Responsibility. Testimonies cover Freedom from Captivity by Gram Seed and One Life Saved by David Joseph.

In an introduction to the work, James Catford shows that every saint has a past and every sinner has a future. God wants us to experience ever greater freedom. Rev Sandie Barton says that this can mean freedom from fear, from hunger, and from sickness. Both Paul and Peter reminded members of the early church to use their freedom not just for their own ends but to serve one another with love. Examples are provided of people being released into new ways of serving God.

The editor had to be choosy in picking out the verses and some passages about freedom were not highlighted. Perhaps as the editor suggests many verses on freedom are waiting to be discovered by the discerning reader!

As former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, points out the Bible has again and again freed itself from being simply a book that blesses the status quo and has been read in new ways that open new doors into God's purposes for human beings. The text helps us to see more clearly how and why the Christian scriptures set before us the hope of a new freedom that transforms our world.

Matt Barlow, Operations Director for Christians against Poverty, says that the Bible speaks loud and clear about God's heart that his people should help those held captive by poverty inequality and deprivation. This Bible opens peoples' eyes to this central theme of Scripture and stirring Christians into action.

Freedom has become a cry for many people that are believers. We are truly free when we know the truth about ourselves and the world. The last word is on the back cover of this unique Bible. In Jesus' words "the truth will set you free".

I can thoroughly recommend this highlighted Bible for perusal and detailed reading.

Richard Thackrah

## Books, Ecology and New Life

This year, we have not been able to get out and about much. Reading and television have become important to many and, for myself at least, working with our Environment Book Clubs has provided the opportunity to give some thought and learn more about some of the issues with which our popular environmentalists are involved.

Namely, David Attenborough and Chris Packham, both naturalists, TV presenters, photographers and authors. David Attenborough treads carefully on these matters, but the younger Chris Packham is more forthright. Both are trying to tell us that the natural world is dying, and we have to do something about it.



Chris Packham makes the point, presenting an apocalyptic vision: 'We have become Death the destroyer of world – the world – very likely the only world in the known universe. And still we overbreed, spit carbon into the air; massacre other species; crush ecosystems and burn our precious planet' (BBC2 programme transcript). His is an alarming and calamitous forecast for our future and he makes the case that the natural world – its care; its rescue – should be firmly in our minds.

Yet both hold hope for the future. We might call this 'resurrection hope'.

We might call the catastrophe of our environment human sin. Meaning, when humans turn from the life-giving God and try to find life elsewhere. God's way of life can be demanding at times, it's no easy ride. As usual, we are asked to go beyond our individual comfort zones, and look at the wider picture; beyond our own backyards and into the life of the wider societal and ecological world. This is what we are doing when we go outside for a walk with our family or our friends.

Each spring we welcome new growth, new life and new birth; lambs, chicks, flowers, rabbits and eggs. As we grow older, although still enjoying an Easter egg, we might think more deeply about dying and new life, and wonder what God's promises hold for us.

And this is where our new understanding of the 'interconnected of all things' really comes into its own. Creation is a chain reaction. It's about us, yes, but it's also about all that is around us, and of which we are a part and not apart. We need a widening of the perspective of salvation which is to include the whole cosmos. Climate change teaches us in an almost experimental way that our actions influence not only other humans in a positive or negative way but also the whole universe (cf. Romans 8.19-22).

For fresh inspiration, can I recommend a short story called The Man Who Planted Trees, written by Jean Giono, who gave life back to an abandoned area just by planting trees. The author tells us that the man Elzeard 'knew how to bring about a work worthy of God'; he was able to transform a deforested desert into the land of Canaan, with the strength of his hand and determination. As a result of the creation of the forest, which stretches for miles a natural chain reaction takes place. Water comes back, followed by vegetation, natural cycles and the mildness of the climate, families move there, social ties are formed again, cultures and farms appear; in a word there is happiness and new life.

So as well as continuing with the recycling and reducing our carbon emissions, let us be renewed from the inside, let our spirits be refreshed, and our resolve renewed. That's what resurrection hope is all about.

If you would like to know more about the Diocesan Environment and Literature Book Club go to [www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/training-opportunities](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/training-opportunities)

Christine Jack, Diocesan Environment and Literature Book Club Coordinator

Editor's note 1: This is a 'Ready to Print Magazine Article' taken from The Diocese of Leeds' "God's Green Fingers Environment E-news". You can read past copies of the E-news or request that you are added to the distribution list from this link <https://www.leeds.anglican.org/environment>

## Nature Notes for September

I was wondering why the garden was completely empty of birds, not even our beloved Blackbirds or Sparrows, when the RSPB came up with the answer in one of their magazines.

"August arrives, and the birds seem to disappear. The air was brimming with bird song but now has a sudden hush. You might be wondering why?"

The first reason that birds are less visible in the summer is that they are growing a new set of feathers, which can make it harder for them to fly. This means that for a few weeks they are much more vulnerable to predators.

To stay safe they keep as quiet as possible and hide themselves away. Secondly, in late summer grain, berries and fruit are more readily available so the birds don't need to rely on bird feeders quite as much. Keeping a little food in the feeders over summer will remind your regulars that you are still open for business and provide a welcome food source for passing birds. When summers fades they will come flying back, bringing gardens to life!"

This week the weather was bright with a lovely sky but a strong and cool wind during the day. As evening fell, it was calmer and I caught a glimpse of about a dozen geese flying over the house, chattering as they went. Plus our dear Swifts diving and twirling high above, fabulous! Plus, not to be forgotten, our female Blackbird waiting for raisins was patiently peeping through the kitchen window. A real delight and she even sat on the patio with us for quite some time one afternoon!

Matt Sewell writes "The Blackbird sings with compassion, clarity and heart. Like his song, he is a bold character and is at the forefront of all the goings-on in the garden. He likes to think he's the boss, ruling the roost and protecting his patch with glee." So true!

There have been quite a few butterflies in and about the garden, mainly Whites which fly high into the trees across the road, even on the more windy days. Just one or two Orange Tip and Small Tortoiseshell are the only others I have seen nearby. I was reading that there are as many as seventy species of butterflies that are found regularly in Britain, grouped into seven families. I doubt that I have seen a quarter of them locally.

This morning I was watching the young Sparrows all splashing in the bird bath, enjoying themselves and then flying up on to an old tree, which I have been trying to trim! Several birds were swaying to and fro on the thinner stalks. It was a joy to see for just a few moments!

The Wharfe was very short of water and extremely low. The gulls made us smile, perched on various stones in the middle of the river, arguing over who should stand on which stone but keen to fly onto the bank when families moved away leaving crumbs for them to eagerly eat! We have not seen a Dipper for quite some while or had a good view of the Heron. Maybe they too are waiting for a better depth of water to come flowing down.

There was a lovely picture of Barn owls in the local newspaper. Barn Owls roost in hollows or old tree nests and are often only visible at dawn or dusk when they are out hunting. We used to see Little Owls as we walked down onto the canal but never Barn Owls, they do look the most wonderful birds.

Every good wish  
Margaret Spencer

## What's on in September

Please continue registering for services, observing social distancing and mask wearing. There will still be no chalice and communion will be taken to the pews, there will be no coffee in the hall afterwards.



If the weather is fine, do consider bringing a flask of coffee and enjoying some social time outside after the service. We can now enjoy singing albeit with masks. 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. If you wish to attend, you must register with Ian Batty well in advance as there are limits on numbers for all services including any that are to be held outdoors.



**Sunday 5th**      **Trinity 14**  
 08.00    Holy Communion  
 10:00    Parish Communion

**Sunday 12th**    **Trinity 15**  
 08.00    Holy Communion  
 10.00    Parish Communion

**Sunday 19th**    **Trinity 16**  
 08.00    Holy Communion  
 10.00    Parish Communion

**Sunday 26th**    **Trinity 17**  
 08.00    Holy Communion  
 10.00    Parish Communion  
 15.00    ACT Family Afternoon on St Peter's Church field. Toddler zone, games, crafts, story telling and free refreshments. All welcome. Book places by Saturday, 18th September by e-mailing [AddinghamChurchesTogether@gmail.com](mailto:AddinghamChurchesTogether@gmail.com) or texting 07544884551.

## From the Registers

### Funerals

August 16th      Maureen Knox

## Parish and Community Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who has sent in a reply to the St. Peter's Surveys!

There has been a great response, lots of interesting ideas, and we are now analysing all the replies.

Watch this space and we will share the findings with you later in the year and ask for your further involvement as we decide on what actions to take.

## Weekly Email

A weekly email is being produced and sent on Wednesday 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)

## 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](http://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](mailto:PeterSource@Hotmail.co.uk) or hand to Peter or Jill Cooke.

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