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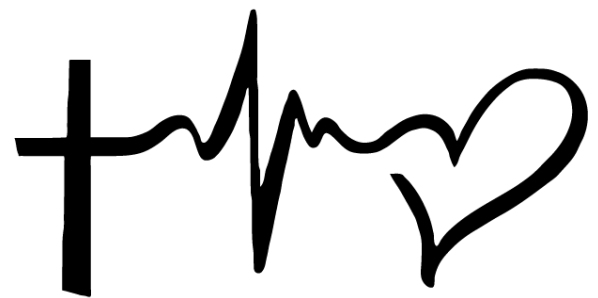
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## Find out about... Healing services

*On the first Thursday evening of each month, St. Peter's holds a healing service. If you've never been, you may wonder what this is like, and whether it could be something you would like to attend.*

The service is led by two different people each time, the particular emphasis depends on them but the format is similar, quiet and simple. We sit quietly to start with, then say some prayers



together, sing a hymn and pray for all in the healing professions, and about the prayer concerns left on the Prayer Tree in the preceding weeks. One of the leaders reads a passage, usually from the Bible, and shares thoughts about it.

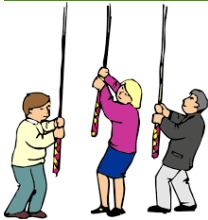
Then there is an opportunity, if you wish, to kneel at the altar rail and name someone – yourself, or someone for whom you are concerned – and a prayer is said for the healing of whoever is named. It is a very calm and gentle but powerful way of entrusting our worries and our loved ones to the safe hands of God.



*The Best Supper*  
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And the table will be wide.  
 And the welcome will be wide.  
 And the arms will open wide to gather us in.  
 And our hearts will open wide to receive.  
 And we will come as children who trust there is enough.  
 And we will come unhindered and free.  
 And our aching will be met with bread.  
 And our sorrow will be met with wine.  
 And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.  
 And we will turn toward each other without fear.  
 And we will give up our appetite for despair.  
 And we will taste and know of delight.  
 And we will become bread for a hungry world.  
 And we will become drink for those who thirst.  
 And the blessed will become the blessing.  
 And everywhere will be the feast.

## Bells news



The bell ringers recently received a letter of thanks from the Queen for ringing the Jubilee Peel.

Sadly, this was soon to be followed by news of Her Majesty's death, to mark which the tenor bell was tolled for an hour on Sept 9th. Then a Quarter Peal was rung in the afternoon of the same day to honour the accession of King Charles, and the muffled bells sounded once again on the morning of the late Queen's funeral from 9.45 until 10.30. Thank you, ringers, for marking these events; we do appreciate all the time and skill you put into ringing.

## Podcast Preview

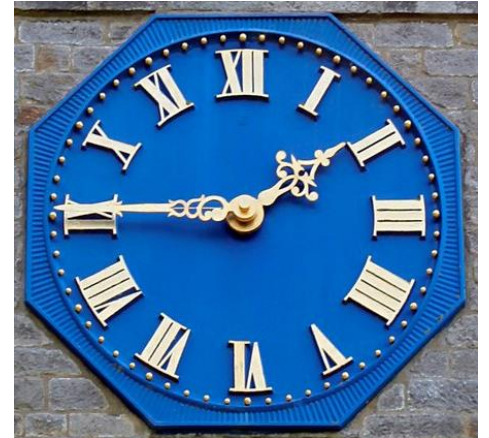


**Thou that hast given so much to me give me one thing more, a grateful heart.**

*George Herbert*

## St. Peter's Clock

We recently had a visit from the horologists Steve and Darlah Thomas. They confirm that our clock is an excellent example of the work



of William Cryer of Carleton, dating from the late 1830's, with distinctively shaped faces. It has a very long pendulum, and the action was described as "mesmeric".



If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable,  
 I certainly don't recommend Christianity

# Nature Notes for October

Margaret Spencer

There have been Greenfinch in the garden feeding - on the lovely sunlight days. Walked down the lane to the canal, noticed all the blackberries were drying up – no good at all for eating! Lots of sheep in the fields munching nettles of all things, even they looked poor and dry. The canal was busy with visiting boats and also lots of ducks rushing about being fed! The children are watching out for conkers falling from the trees across the road, I guess the wind – when it comes – will be the answer but there are quite a lot looking good on the branches.

Sparrows seem to be busy too – feeding and flying about together in and out of the garden, they look really lovely and cheery! - especially when they are in the bird bath splashing endlessly! I watched them one day flying down into the corner of the house at the front – when I looked closer there was a huge spider’s web in which there were quite a lot of insects and flies!



I found a lovely picture in the Dalesman of a Puffin on Bempton Cliffs a perfect advert for a quick visit to the coast! I was reading an article too about migrating birds – it seems amazing to think that these tiny birds (not necessarily Puffin) can fly to and fro across the sea from Scandinavia for example.

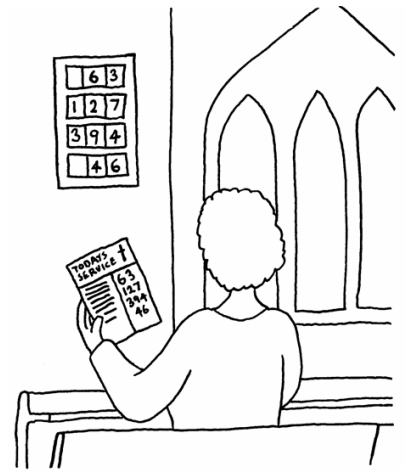
The moon too has been a wonderful sight in the night sky – simply amazing to observe! Enjoy these lovely days!

## Bible background

: *Censuses* by Richard Thackrah

Governments in every era have recognised the need to collect information on their most valuable asset - their people. The Babylonians and the Romans held censuses mainly for military and taxation purposes. The first known census was taken in Babylon in 3,800 BC; records suggest that it was taken every six or seven years and counted the number of people and livestock, as well as quantities of butter, honey, milk wool and vegetables. The Persian empire’s military needed such information... *contd overleaf*

The best medicine



SHE COULD HARDLY BELIEVE SHE HAD WON ON HER FIRST VISIT TO CHURCH

## Thoughts & Prayers

Holiness is not for wimps and the cross is not negotiable, sweetheart, it's a requirement.

*Mother Angelica*



Sow in our hearts  
the seeds of thy dear love  
that we may reap  
contentment, joy and peace;  
and, when at last  
our earthly labours cease,  
grant us to join  
thy Harvest Home above  
*from Manx Fishermans Evening Hymn*

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**Everyone is welcome** and you can also join with St. Peter's online; we livestream many of our services to our  Facebook page, so take a look.

You can also follow **C.a.f.e** – **children and family events at St. Peter's Addingham** 

### From the Registers

Funeral

September 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Pat Watson

## Bible background

*contd* ...for issuing land grants. The Egyptians collected information to plan armies of people to build the Pyramids. The Book of Numbers describes a divinely mandated census when Moses led the Israelites from Egypt. The primary reason in the Old Testament for taking a census was to know the size of a nation's army and its ability to win wars against other people. The Bible debates the issues behind King David and his taking of a census, which was followed by a plague which killed 70,000 people. Why did God allow this plague? Is taking a census a sin? Obviously not, but Satan in his cunning ways set out to entice David to sin by counting his army, which David did, disobeying God; **David seems to have been prompted by a feeling of pride**

and ambitious curiosity. He did this to determine his **own** power and to trust in it - an unwarranted glorifying in and **dependence on human power, rather than on the Lord.** Better known to us is the census ordered by Caesar Augustus (Luke 2:2)

which required every man in the Roman Empire to return to his place of origin, thus ensuring that Joseph and Mary travelled to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus.



## What's on in October

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>: Harvest Festival

08.00 Said Holy Communion

10.00 Harvest Festival [C.a.f.e](#)

14.00 FOSPA Teas – *last time this year*

18.00 Harvest Evensong *sung service from Book of Common Prayer*

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>:

19.30 Wulfherans: "Refugees" Richard Thackrah

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>:

09.30 Toddlers' Group [C.a.f.e](#)

19.30 Healing Service

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>:

08.00 Said Holy Communion

10.00 Sung Parish Communion

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>:

09.30 Toddlers' Group [C.a.f.e](#)

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>:

08.00 Said Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 Sunday Morning with St Peter's

16.00 Messy Church : Animals [C.a.f.e](#)  
*a different kind of church for families*

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>:

09.30 Toddlers' Group [C.a.f.e](#)

11.00 Teddies and Toddlers in Church [C.a.f.e](#)

### Sunday 23<sup>th</sup>:

08.00 Said Holy Communion

10.00 Sung Parish Communion

11.45 Baptism

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>:

09.30 Toddlers' Group [C.a.f.e](#)

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>:

08.00 Said Holy Communion for All Saints'

10.00 Sung Parish Communion for All Saints'

16.00 All Souls' Commemoration