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A Word from the Wardens

All sorts of traditions are associated with New Year: Scotland has first footing (but you need a dark haired man); fireworks are set off around the world; and in Brazil it is customary to wear red underwear! Alongside the celebrations, perhaps we also look to the future with reservations because of the pandemic, climate change, or fears of widespread hardship and wars.



As Christians, how should we respond to New Year? What will make us “Wise Men” in the coming year, like those we remember at Epiphany on 6th Jan? Surely it is more than just

making resolutions to lose weight, read more books or the like? We can take the opportunity to reflect on the past, take honest stock of our Christian journey, and consider the direction God may want to lead us in the coming days, weeks and months. If that prospect seems a bit overwhelming, we can take it day by day : **recommit to God this New Year** by resolving to turn to him afresh **every day**. He will reset our hearts and give us strength to live in his new way, each new day. May this be true for you and also for us all together as a church. We wish you a very happy 2023.

Joy and Penny

New Year greetings to you from St. Peter's

Nature Notes for January

Margaret Spencer

Just before Christmas, the valley was all frozen with wonderful ice and frost. Even the garden and the roof-tops too! Brilliant blue sky but so very cold.



A neighbour called with the exciting news that they had a dozen Bullfinch plus a Woodpecker visiting their garden that particular day, what a joy!

A pair of squirrels are occupying the trees across the road. They look really splendid and jump from tree to tree at great speed and seem to land on the most fragile branches.

Visited Bolton Abbey estate one afternoon, the river was quite high - not many people about - very cold wind. Sally's little dog Ella loved every minute - rushing about here and there - so joyful!

The Yorkshire Post newspaper produces a most interesting section called "Country Post", this week it had a super snapshot of a Fieldfare, writing that they are members of the Thrush family and are mainly seasonal visitors. Their arrival from Scandinavia is a sign that winter is here. 'They eat worms and berries but during very cold frosts often venture into gardens to feast on fallen apples.'



The beautiful wood-turned Christmas decorations made by Derek Higgs raised a whopping £125 – thank you, Derek and Jean, and to all who gave donations.

The best medicine



"Hurry! Our New Year resolutions start in ten minutes."

Peace point

The greatest gift we can give to our children is to raise them in a culture of peace.

Louise Diamond

Watch out for the first snowdrops in the churchyard!



The concert by the Fairfax Singers on Dec 16th, organised by St. Peter's Community Sub-group, raised £433 for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal fund. **Thanks for all donations.**

New Year's Resolution

To Be Prefect
To Be Perfec
To Be Perfect

To Follow Christ.

1st January: New Year's Day

some words by Brian Wren



This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.

This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

(You can hear these words sung at Evensong on 8th Jan at 4pm, to a lovely tune by Carlton Young)

You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read.

John MacArthur

Hymn writers a series of occasional articles by Robin Leleux

Philip Doddridge

The name Philip Doddridge will not be very familiar to many unless they habitually look at the writers' names of the hymns they are singing, or they hail from Northampton.

Although born (1702) in London to a family with strong Lutheran and Independent (later Congregationalist) leanings, Doddridge was educated for the Independent ministry in

Leicestershire. Here he established

conformist ministers, later moving

been invited to become minister

He remained here for 22 years

him abroad where he died of

He was a *prolific hymn-writer*,

home the *message* of his

book, the best-known being

Saviour comes'. Others are the

thy table spread', **'O God of Bethel**

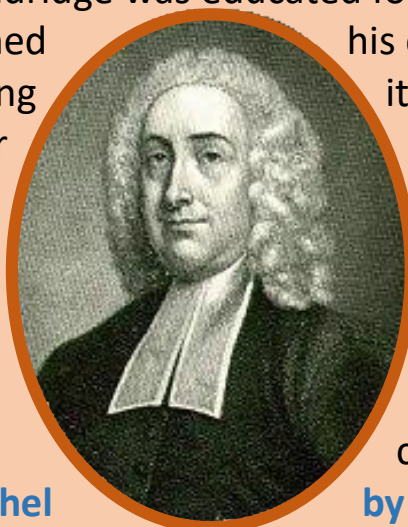
the Lord'. He was also a widely respected *spiritual writer*, with John Wesley and later the

eminent Victorian evangelical preacher Charles Spurgeon acknowledging their debt to his

inspirational writing. His chapel now bears his name as The Doddridge United Reformed

Church and lies on Doddridge Street. During his lifetime, his Academy started to threaten

the supremacy of staunchly Anglican Oxford and Cambridge; it left Northampton on his



his college for training non-

it to Northampton where he had

to the Castle Hill Chapel in 1729.

before serious ill-health forced

tuberculosis before he was 50.

many being composed to drive

sermons. 6 are in our hymn

'Hark the glad sound! the

communion hymn **'My God and is**

by whose Hand' and **'Ye servants of**

Wulfherans report

Wendy welcomed us all to **Party Night** on 6 December, followed by Grace. A tasty buffet supper was laid on, some of it baked by committee members, with mulled wine as is traditional! *Pass the Parcel* was overseen by Liz, prizes were distributed and the raffle was popular.



The evening finished with Margaret playing the piano and the circa 30 members present singing carols they had chosen.

*Tickets are selling fast for the **New Year Dinner at the Craven Heifer on Wed 18 Jan 2023**; please contact Joy Harper for tickets on 07941 019 493.*

From the Registers

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Dec 12th Bob Jones

Dec 22nd Margaret Carr

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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

I am the New Year

(author unknown)

I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living.

I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have - these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."