



Weekly News

1st September 2019

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The Merchant Navy Day Commemorative Service

Today St Peter's Church welcomes veterans of the Merchant Navy to the annual Merchant Navy Day service at 11:00 am. Since 2000, Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September has honoured the brave men and women who helped to keep our country 'afloat' during both World Wars, and has celebrated our dependence on modern day merchant seafarers who are responsible for 95% of the UK's imports; including food, fuel and many other essential goods.



The Revd Dennis Woodward, Mission to Seafarers Chaplain for Rotterdam and Schiedam

As a mission agency of the Anglican Communion, *The Mission to Seafarers* provides help and support to the 1.5 million men and women seafarers in need around the world. This is part of an article written by a *Mission to Seafarers* volunteer, who works at a Seafarer's Centre in the North of England:

News had reached us that a Filipino seafarer had been brought ashore by helicopter from a supply vessel stationed in the North Sea after experiencing breathing difficulties. We knew little else about the man, but went prepared with toiletries, an adapter for his phone and the obligatory grapes! To say the man was surprised to see us is somewhat of an understatement. The seafarer sat up in his bed and simply asked, "How did you know that I am here?"(continued overleaf)

"We got a call from the coastguard and we thought we'd drop by to see if you need anything," we responded. The seafarer was clearly touched by this unexpected gesture of kindness and friendship, but he was also wary. For the next hour or so, we talked about his family, his work, and how he became a seafarer. He also opened up about how he feared he'd lose his job if his medical diagnosis was not good. We sat and we listened. It was a relatively small act, but for a man who was thousands of miles from home, with a wealth of worries filling his head, just talking things through evidently eased his burden. We were able to reassure him, comfort him and pray for him and his family.

We were also able to offer some practical help. The chaplain gave him a SIM card. The seafarer got out his phone and pretty soon he and his wife were chatting, "See the people who are visiting me," he said. "The chaplain and his friend. I don't feel alone anymore." Then quite unexpectedly he began to cry. I could not control myself. I just sat there in silence, tears falling down my cheeks.



**Caring for seafarers
around the world**

Before we left, the seafarer thanked the chaplain. "I will not forget you," he said. "You were here when I was not expecting you. You did not know me, but you found Wednesday morningtime to see me." And I'm pretty sure I won't forget that seafarer either.

Please pray for the work of *The Mission to Seafarers* and for all seafarers and their families – visit www.missiontoseafarers.org for further information or if you wish to make a donation.

Creationtide 2019: biodiversity, God's web of life

Each year from 1st September to 4th October, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common role as stewards of God's creation. This year, the theme for Creationtide (also known as Season of Creation) is **biodiversity, God's web of life**. This is the prayer for 2019:

Creator of Life, the Earth is full of your creatures, and by your wisdom you made them all. At your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit; the waters teemed with swarms of living creatures of every kind; and the world was filled with every kind of winged bird, walking animal, and creatures that creep upon the ground. Mountains, plains, rocks, and rivers shelter diverse communities, and through the changing seasons your Spirit renews cycles of life.

*During this Season of Creation, open our eyes to see the precious diversity that is all around us. Enlighten our minds to appreciate the delicate balance maintained by each creature. Inspire us to conserve the precious habitats that nurture this web of life. In the name of the one who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

St Peter's Evening Fellowship: New Park and the Barber Line



By the 1950s the narrow gauge railway at the New Park gasworks could not carry enough coal to meet the demand for gas, so in 1955 it was decided to close the line. But, the locomotive 'Barber' was saved, restored and now operates on the South Tynedale Railway Preservation Society's line in Cumbria. Find out more at the next meeting of St Peter's Evening Fellowship on Thursday 5th September starting at 7:30 pm, when Terry Williams will be the speaker.

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship meets on the second Monday of the month from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Gillian Taylor's home. There is usually a speaker, or sometimes an outing, and always a delicious afternoon tea. Alan Garrow, our Vicar, is the speaker at the next meeting on Monday 9th September. Please contact Gillian if you would like to come on 01423 500482.



Bible Study Group will study Paul's letter to the Colossians



Let your
conversation
be always
full of grace,
seasoned
with salt

Colossians 4:6

Have you ever read the letter that Paul wrote to the Colossians? It is only four chapters long and yet has many hidden gems. The Bible Study Group meets fortnightly at 26 Hookstone Drive on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. The first meeting is on 11th September. Please phone or text Sarah Martin on 07913 259490 if you'd like to join this friendly group.

Volunteers Preview – The Bath Abbey Diptychs

This remarkable work of art and craft depicts the life of Jesus in thirty-five richly decorated pairs of panels (in calligraphy and needlework). Twelve are to be exhibited at St Peter's during the UCI World Cycling Championships: 21st – 29th September. Everyone who has volunteered to steward, help with the café, or with cleaning during the week (and it's not too late to do so), are invited to a special preview on Saturday 14th September at 9.30am, with an illustrated talk by Alan Garrow. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office by email: stpeters.office@ntlbusiness.com or phone 568218 or 07425 161425, or speak to the Vicar, Alan Garrow. Thank you!



Today's Services: 1st September 2019

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
Creationtide

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

Sunday Club is closed for the Summer, but children and their parents are welcome to gather in the café area, where there are toys and activities to share during the service.

Hymns On screen

Reading Luke 14 v 1, 7-14

Preacher: Chris Clayton

11:00 Merchant Navy Day Service

The order of service is on the printed sheet

Preacher: Prof. Richard Morris

2:00 Baptism of Alexandra and Peter Fascia

4:15 Afternoon Church *Holy Communion*

Preacher: Catharine Davies

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Walmisley in D minor

Hymns 427, 520, 543

Psalm 119 v 81 - 96

Readings Isaiah 33 v 13 - 22

John 3 v 22 - 36

Anthem The Lord is my Shepherd (Stanford)

Preacher: Michael Hunter

Our Duty Wardens today are:

a.m. Richard Harrison

p.m. Sian Lockwood



At the 9:30 Service we offer prayer with laying on of hands. If you would like this ministry, please come up to receive the bread and wine (or a blessing) in St Mary's Chapel and wait behind in the pews there.

Please pray for those who have asked

for our prayers: Tim Akers, Pat Anderson, Peggy-Anne Binder, Mary Burcher, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Gill Gibson, Vicky Harrison, Edna Hodgkiss, Sian Lockwood, Peggy Palmer, Alan Richardson, Frances Roxby-Proud, Colin Sinclair and Keith Ward.

RIP Marjorie Williams

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon The work of the *Mission to Seafarers* all over the world
All seafarers and their families

Tues St Peter's Ladies who Lunch
St Peter's Flower Team

Wed Café RefleXions
Harrogate Churches Together

Thurs St Peter's Sunday Club
All those starting a new school this week

Fri The Sunday Lunch Club
Rough sleepers and the homeless

Sat Sue Pearce, one of our retired Clergy
Jennyruth Workshop employing adults with learning difficulties

Daily Readings

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily. These are the Bible readings we will be using in Church each morning this week. Why not read them at home if you are unable to come to the service?

Mon Psalm 80
Micah 1 v 1 - 9
Mark 5 v 1 - 20

Tues *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher, 604*
Psalm 89 v 1 - 18
Micah 2
Mark 5 v 21 - 34

Wed Psalm 119 v 105 - 128
Micah 3
Mark 5 v 35 to end

Thurs Psalm 92
Micah 4 v 1 – 5 v 1
Mark 6 v 1 - 13

Fri Psalm 88
Micah 2 v 2 to end
Mark 6 v 14 - 29

Sat Psalm 97
Micah 6
Mark 6 v 30 - 44

The Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

What's on This Week

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily

Arts and Crafts Exhibition organised by Wetherby Methodist Church. Paintings, glassware and ceramics on sale to support the work of Tearfund. Daily from 2nd – 7th September.

- Mon 2nd** 10:00 am *The Knitter's Yarn* Community Knitting Group
1:30 pm **Thinking about God** discussion group in the Undercroft
6.00 pm Drip Drop Theatre rehearsal in the Hall
- Tues 3rd** 12:30 pm Healing Service
- Wed 4th** **9:30 am Bible RefleXions returns!** View and discuss **Breathe** from the Nooma series by Rob Bell
10:30 am Café RefleXion
- Thurs 5th** 9:30 am St Peter's Parent and Toddler Group
11:00 am Holy Communion
12:30 pm Lunchtime RefleXion returns
2:00 pm St Peter's Handbell Ringers at Wesley Chapel
7:30 pm Choir Practice
7:30 pm **St Peter's Evening Fellowship: New Park and the Barber Line** with Terry Williams
- Fri 6th** 9:30 am AA Meeting
10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team
7:00 pm Bell Ringers
7:00 pm NA Meeting
- Sat 7th** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Harrogate Easier Living Project (HELP) are holding a Refreshment Day in Church. HELP is a gardening, decorating and basic repair service for the elderly and disabled
- Sun 8th** **Sunday Club is back TODAY!**
6:00 – 7:30 pm **Sanctuary**, our youth group

Next Sunday 8th September

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
4:15 Afternoon Church –
Service of the Word
6:30 Choral Evensong

The Breakfast Club provides a free, hot breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:15 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need. A hot Sunday lunch is also served at the Wesley Centre each week at 1:00 pm, except for the third Sunday of the month when it is here at St Peter's. Food parcels are available from 4:45 pm every day, except for Sundays, when it's 5:30 pm.

The Great North Art Show

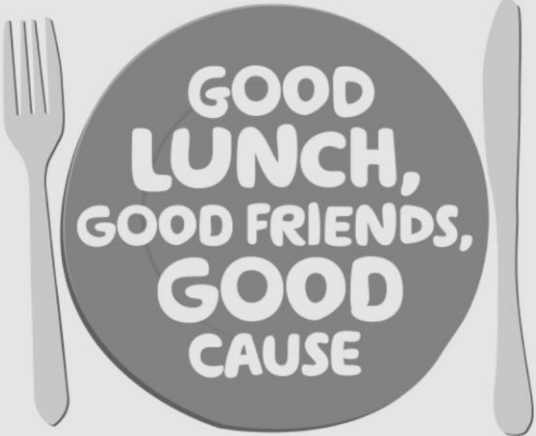


The Great North Art Show is an exhibition of contemporary art by Northern artists, held annually in Ripon Cathedral. Some of the UK's finest painters, illustrators, printmakers, photographers and sculptors are featured. This *Red Squirrel* is by Eleanor Tomlinson, who is based in East Yorkshire and specializes in wildlife and animal portraiture. All work is for sale. The exhibition is open daily from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm, from Saturday 31st August to Sunday 22nd September. Entry is free.

Thankyou to Nigel and Asim - our Caretaking team

who have been busy over the summer re-decorating the Brostoff Hall and the entire ground floor corridors. Their workmanship is of the highest standard and we know the results will be appreciated by all the groups who regularly use the hall.

Here, the solid oak floor is being re-oiled, putting the finishing touches to the room.



A Refreshment Day in aid of Macmillan Nurses

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Come and enjoy morning coffee, a light lunch or afternoon tea

SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

ST PETER'S CHURCH
Cambridge Road
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Fundraising for
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Churches Together in Harrogate

Connecting churches and people across the district

Creation Care in Creationtide



Session 1: Working together on
Common Ground

Session 2: Transitioning to Low Carbon
Economy

Session 3: Hearing from our neighbours
around the world

Thursday evenings 7:00 – 9:00 pm
19th & 26th September and 3rd October

Christ Church, High Harrogate

£5 per session (£12 for all three)

Book via harrogatect@gmail.com

Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.



Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (8th September) will be noon on Wednesday 4th September. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow: alan.garrow@gmail.com



St Peter's gives out food parcels every day to those in need. Thank you so much if you remembered to bring some groceries or toiletries to put in the hamper.

Sunday Club starts again on Sunday 8th September

It's on every week during the 9:30 am service, except for the first Sunday in the month. There are two groups – one for children in Reception to Year 3; and one for Year 4 to Year 6. The children go out during the first hymn and return in time for Communion. Please speak to Sarah Guthrie if you have any questions.



New to St Peter's? Please fill in one of the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to one of the clergy.

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