



# Weekly News

1<sup>st</sup> December 2019

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St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate, HG1 1PB

*This is the last in a series of articles designed to highlight how our welcome, worship and other activities can include everyone. This forms just a small part of the response to the document Welcome, Inclusion, Respect - A Commitment to a Church Open to All produced by the Diocese of Leeds.*

## **Welcome, Inclusion, Respect - mobility impaired persons**

This month I am focusing on those with mobility impairment (MIPs). Essentially there are three groups whose needs are different: those with walking sticks; those with mobility aids such as rollators and those who are wheelchair-bound.



These needs cannot all be met with one solution. People with sticks may find handrails helpful but find ramps really difficult. Similarly, those with rollators may or may not manage ramps but wheelchair-bound people have no choice. Our very beautiful Victorian building does pose some challenges – but there are ways of overcoming these. By moving the Thursday morning Eucharist from St. Mary's Chapel to the main nave altar it has become accessible to all. The Sanctuary and choir stall area is more complex.

All attending church must feel they are treated equally and included as seamlessly as possible. As more people with mobility issues form part of the congregation we need to be open-minded and creative in our approach to these issues.

*Graham Cornish, Member of the Welcome, Inclusion, Respect Group*

## St Peter's Ladies who Lunch celebrate their 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary!



Members of St Peter's Ladies who Lunch enjoying food and fellowship at the Palm Court Café in November. They meet again in January – watch this space for details!

## THE NET is coming out today!



The Advent edition of our Parish newsletter - THE NET - comes out today. There are details of all our **Advent and Christmas** events and services, as well as invitations to the **Alpha** and **Confirmation** courses starting in January 2020. Thanks to Hannah Beck, the bundles of newsletters are ready for our regular distributors to collect today and deliver in the coming week. If you would like to help deliver THE NET this time or in the future, then please give your name and details to Hannah (07503 186455). Thank you very much for making this part of St Peter's ministry possible.

Marian Chambers (*Parish Newsletter Editor*)

## Congratulations to St Peter's Player on a superb *Sound of Music*!

After months of rehearsals and hard work, our drama group, St Peter's Players, put on a brilliant production of *The Sound of Music* here in Church in November. Well done to all the great cast, especially the talented Von Trapp children: Emily, Kirsten, Mercedes, Bella, Sophie, Joshua, Ralph, Tom, Ella, Eva, Henry, Finn, Izzy and Georgia. Thank you to all who worked behind the scenes: Kate Blake and Jane Reeves for costumes; Carrie Brown for make-up; Beverley Cooper for the choreography; Maddie Locke for being the stage manager; Sarah Threlfall for lighting; Chris Clayton for sound; Megan Elliot for the set; and Judy Rees for the props. Special mentions must go to **Band Meister Ben Vaux** and the producer (and director) **John Hain**. Ben, who was also the manager and publicist, reckons around £1,300 was raised for Church funds – take a BIG bow everyone!

## Write for Rights with Amnesty International

It only takes a few minutes to write a letter or a card, but for a teenager on death row, a young activist fighting to save a community hit by climate change or a university student held in a political 're-education' camp, a message of solidarity is a powerful reminder that they are not alone. Your words - combined with those of many people around the world - can also persuade those in authority to address cruelty and injustice. Letters, cards, emails and social media posts show that the world is watching and ready to hold them to account. When hundreds of thousands of us act together, humanity wins. Please pick up a *Write for Rights* booklet at the back of Church which explains what to do. You could change a life!

## St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

The next Afternoon Fellowship is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, when Fran and Duncan Goodwin will provide the entertainment. Please call Gillian Taylor on 01423 500482 for further details.



### Some much-needed humour...

The Pastor Shep comic strip is drawn by Susan Mattinson who is an ordained Presbyterian Minister in Thunder Bay in Canada. She's been creating Pastor Shep for about 7 years and likes to poke fun at the struggles of ministers as they try to be followers of Christ and leaders of people; as well as the eccentricities of church life. Look out for Pastor Shep and his animal friends over the coming weeks...



St Peter's Church

6:00 pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

*Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas carols, featuring a choir and acclaimed harpist and singer, Lucy Bunce. There will be a retiring collection for:*



**ARTIZAN**  
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Doors open at 5:30 pm for you to enjoy  
Crafts stall – Mulled wine – Mince pies

### St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival

- Free - Admission Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> – Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
9:30 am to 4:00 pm daily\*

Come and see our fantastic display of decorated trees!

Hang a message on our Tree of Remembrance

Vote for your favourite Christmas trees!

Festive fun for everyone!

St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate HG1 1RW  
\*Church services & events permitting

# Today's Services: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019

## The First Sunday of Advent

**8:30 Holy Communion**

**9:30 Family Communion**

*As this is the first Sunday of the month, there is **no** Sunday Club for school age children today, but all children and their parents are welcome to gather in the café area, where there are toys and activities to share during our Family Communion Service.*

**Hymns** 364, 487, 362, 347

**Reading** Matthew 24 v 36 - 44

**Preacher:** Alan Garrow

**11:00 Choral Communion**

**Setting** Day in B flat

**Hymns** 9, 36, 26, 362

**Readings** Romans 13 v 8 - 14  
Matthew 21 v 1 -13

**Anthem** The Truth from above (*Vaughan Williams*)

**Preacher:** John Longstaff

**4:15 Afternoon Church** *Holy Communion*

**Preacher:** Sam Clayton

**6:30 Advent Candle Service** – *please see order of service*



**Our Duty Wardens today are:**

Angus Turner and  
Rachel Fell



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:**

Nicky Aitken, Tim Akers, Pat Anderson, Peggy-Anne Binder, Mary Burcher, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Gill Gibson, Vicky Harrison, Edna Hodgkiss, Sian Lockwood, Charlie Martineau, Peggy Palmer, Alan Richardson, Frances Roxby-Proud, Colin Sinclair and Keith Ward

**Also in our prayers this week:**

- Mon** St Peter's Music Group  
St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival being set up in Church this week
- Tues** St Peter's Library and Resources Group  
*The Harrogate Hub* support for those feeling lost, lonely or isolated
- Wed** St Peter's Evening Fellowship  
Paul Medforth, Churchwarden
- Thurs** St Peter's Bible RefleXions  
*The Bible Society*
- Fri** Nigel Bearcroft, our caretaker  
All our armed forces
- Sat** Hannah Beck, Lay Reader  
*Cats Protection*, animal charity

**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 50  
Isaiah 25 v 1 - 9  
Matthew 12 v 1 - 21
- Tues** *Francis Xavier, Missionary*  
Psalm 80  
Isaiah 26 v 1 - 13  
Matthew 12 v 22 - 37
- Wed** Psalm 7  
Isaiah 28 v 1 - 13  
Matthew 12 v 38 to end
- Thurs** Psalm 42  
Isaiah 28 v 14 to end  
Matthew 13 v 1 - 23
- Fri** *Nicholas, Bishop of Myra*  
Psalm 25  
Isaiah 29 v 1 - 14  
Matthew 13 v 24 - 43
- Sat** *Ambrose, Bishop of Milan*  
Psalm 9  
Isaiah 29 v 15 to end  
Matthew 13 v 44 to end

**The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**or**

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

# What's on This Week

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

**Fairtrade Christmas Shop** – open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Old Baptistery

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>** 1:30 pm **Thinking about God** discussion group in the Undercroft  
2:00 pm The Singing Folk group

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Rachel's Art Class in the Brostoff Hall  
12:30 pm Healing Service  
1:30 – 4:30 pm Rachel's Art Class in the Brostoff Hall

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am Bible RefleXions: view and discuss **Matthew** from the **Nooma** series by Rob Bell  
10:30 am Café RefleXion  
7:30 pm Bible Study Group at 26 Hookstone Drive: Colossians 4 v 2 – 18 **Together in Prayer**. Sarah Martin 07913 259490.

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 am St Peter's Parent and Toddler Group  
11:00 am Holy Communion  
11:30 am Lunchtime RefleXion  
2:00 pm St Peter's Handbell Ringers at Wesley Chapel  
7:30 pm Choir Practice  
5:30 pm **Carols by Candlelight** in aid of *Artizan International*  
7:30 pm St Peter's Evening Fellowship's Annual Dinner at Ascot House, Kings Road

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 am AA Meeting  
10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team  
7:00 pm Bell Ringers  
7:00 pm NA Meeting

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup>** **St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival starts TODAY!**  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm our local **Amnesty International** group are holding a Refreshment Day.

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** 6:00 – 7:30 pm Sanctuary, our youth group

## **Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** **The Second Sunday of Advent**

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

# Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Dr Elaine Storkey, prominent feminist evangelical lecturer, writer and broadcaster speaks on **Gender and Justice**

This lecture will now take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Mowbray Community Church, Westmoreland Street, starting with a continental breakfast served from 9:30 am and then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets cost £8 per session (students £5) including breakfast and refreshments.

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Closing date for applications- 4pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
December.

Interviews scheduled for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December



**Wednesday is  
the new Friday**

**St Peter's Church  
Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Starting 29th January 2020**

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## General Election Climate Hustings

HARROGATE AND KNARESBOROUGH

Wednesday  
**4 December**  
7.15 – 9.15 pm

Wesley Chapel  
Oxford Street  
Harrogate  
HG1 1PP



Join us to quiz your parliamentary candidates in the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency on how they will combat the impending climate crisis.

Organised by Zero Carbon Harrogate, the focus will be on the parties' climate policies but other key political issues may also be discussed.

For further details and to submit a question please visit:

[www.hk-hustings.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.hk-hustings.eventbrite.co.uk)

### THE CANDIDATES

**Kieron George**  
Yorkshire Party

**Andrew Jones**  
Conservative

**Judith Rogerson**  
Liberal Democrat

**Mark Swards**  
Labour



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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 (8<sup>th</sup> December) will be noon on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below)

Advent



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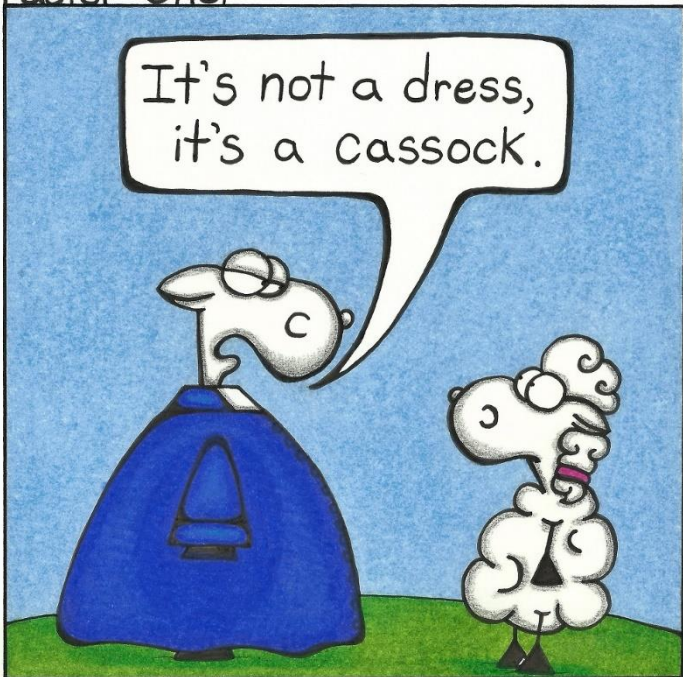
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**New to St Peter's?** Please fill in one of the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to one of the clergy.