



Weekly News

15th December 2019

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

Messiah at St. Peter's this Christmas

This coming Tuesday 17th December at 7:15 pm St. Peter's Church Choir, together with Vocalis (Harrogate's premier chamber choir), soloists Heather Jane Taylor, Lucy Morton, Toby Ward and Andrew Greenan are performing Handel's Messiah, supported by the professional Harrogate Handel Players with Alan Horsey (organ). Handel's Messiah has a unique place in the choral repertoire, vividly portraying the life of Jesus almost entirely through the words of Old Testament Prophecy.

Our performance in March 2018 was well received, one member of our audience writing to say that *'the evening was an absolute triumph...with excellent soloists...the choir added much vitality inspired by the brisk but not uncomfortable tempi...this particular performance was refreshingly unique'*. To our surprise and delight, we now find ourselves in a situation where it is not only possible but also desirable to fill a gap in the market by giving the piece again, because astonishingly there is no other performance of Messiah this Christmas in Harrogate this year. Thus we have the opportunity to welcome visitors to our Church through our music-making and we hope that our congregation will invite musically minded friends to share the experience. Tickets cost £12 and are available from St. Peter's Parish Office (01423 568218) or eventbrite.co.uk (booking fee applies), or on the door.

John Longstaff, *Director of Music*

Heather Jane Taylor
Soprano

Lucy Morton
Mezzo-soprano

Toby Ward
Tenor

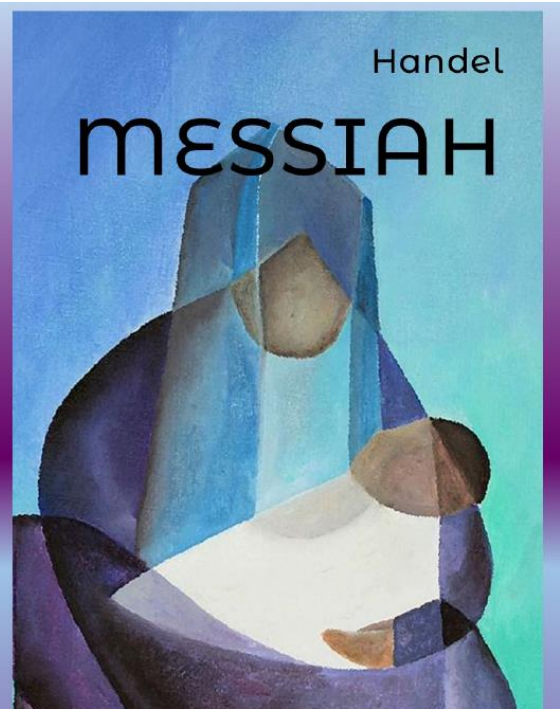
Andrew Greenan
Bass

John Longstaff
Director

Choir of St Peter's
Church

Vocalis directed by
Alexander Kyle

Harrogate Handel
Players led by Fiona
Love



Tuesday 17th December 2019 at 7.15pm

St Peter's Church Harrogate

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Christmas Break?

If your group is taking a Christmas break in the next few weeks, then please let me know before the deadline for the Christmas/New Year Weekly News editions – **noon on Wednesday 18th December**.

I would also like to wish all our readers and contributors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Marian Chambers (*Weekly News Editor*)

Sanctuary Celebrates Christmas!

Sanctuary, our youth group, are going to the Contemporary Carol Service and Silent Disco at St Mark's Church tonight. There will be music, mince pies and no doubt some Christmas jumpers. Meet there at 5:45 pm and you'll need to be collected at 9:00 pm. Please speak to Chris Clayton if you haven't already booked your place!



St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival results announced today



Well done to all the Christmas Tree Festival entrants – the Church looks amazing! Congratulations to all our winners and special thanks to the Festival Organisers - Annabel Hutchison and Ellie Smith - for all your hard work! We hope the trees will remain on display in Church over Christmas, but please remember to take your entries away before 29th December. Thank you!

Christingle makers needed!

On Christmas Eve there will be **two** Christingle services here at St Peter's – at 3:00 and 4:30 pm. So, we need to make around 400 Christingles that morning in Church. Volunteers (adults and children alike) are welcome from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Tuesday 24th December. If you would like to help please let one of the Clergy know or contact Kate Blake (kateblakefamily@gmail.com).



Our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols is next Sunday

Join us for our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols here at St Peter's Church on Sunday 22nd December at 6:30 pm. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings. The readings are interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and include choral pieces sung by our wonderful choir. This is always a popular service, so you are advised to arrive in good time!



Men's Breakfast at St Peter's on Saturday 21st December 2019



Beginning with Morning Prayers at 8:00 am for those who wish to take part, and breakfast from 8:30 to 9:00 am, followed by an informal discussion session in The Gallery for perhaps 30 minutes or so. Please email Bryn Heapy if you are planning to come: brynsusie@hotmail.com or text him on 07561 889076.

Sunday Lunch Club Meets Today!

It is open to everyone and there's no need to book or bring anything. Lunch today will be served at 1:00 pm. Please speak to Hannah Beck (07503 186455) or Yvonne Dawes (07960 779381) if you need to know more.



LA NATIVITÉ DU SEIGNEUR

Nine Meditations on the birth of the Lord
by Olivier Messiaen

The famous work for organ, performed by Tim Harper with short readings from Dean John and Loretta Williams. The perfect opportunity for reflection during the busy Christmas period.

19th December, 7.30pm
Free entry.



Wednesday is the new Friday

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

#TryAlpha



Today's Services: 15th December 2019

The Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

There is Sunday Club for school age children today - please gather in the café area at the front of Church at the start of the service.

Pre-schoolers and their parents are welcome to stay in this area, where there are toys and activities to share for the whole service.

Hymns 821, 983, 664, 410

Readings James 5 v 7 - 10
Matthew 11 v 2 - 11

Preacher: Michael Hunter

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Sumsion in B flat (Benedicite)

Hymns 607, 595, 37 (*omit * verse*)

Psalm 62

Readings Zephaniah 3 v 14 to the end
James 5 v 7 - 10

Anthem Rejoice in the Lord alway (*Purcell*)

Preacher: Sue Pearce

4:15 Afternoon Church *Crafternoon Church*

Preacher: Ruth Thompson-Vear

6:30 Choral Communion

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Hymns 37, 25, 318, 33

Readings James 5 v 7 - 10
Matthew 11 v 2 - 11

Anthem The Word made Flesh (*Wilby*)

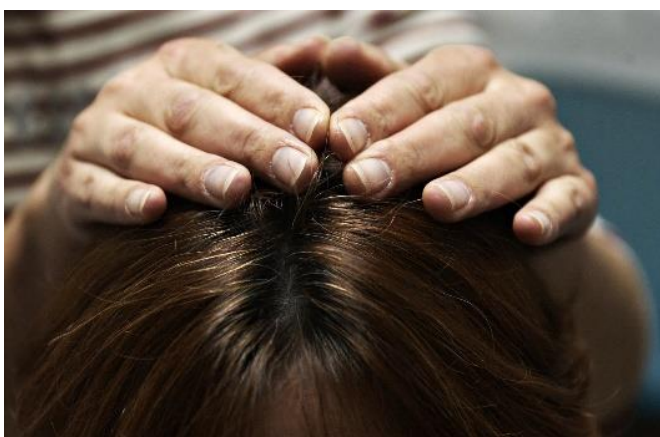
Preacher: Alan Garrow



Our Duty Wardens today are:

Richard Morgan and

Ian Birt



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, Ruth Bowes, Mary Burcher, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Gill Gibson, Vicky Harrison, Edna Hodgkiss, Sian Lockwood, Charlie Martineau, Peggy Palmer, Alan Richardson, Frances Roxby-Proud, Oli Saul, Colin Sinclair and Keith Ward.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** John Longstaff, Director of Music
St Peter's Choir
- Tues** The performance of Handel's Messiah in Church tonight
The new speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle
- Wed** St Peter's Parish Events Team
All who work in the medical and healing professions
- Thurs** St Peter's Home Communion Team
All who are housebound
- Fri** Sian Lockwood, Safeguarding Officer
ARTIZAN International
- Sat** Sarah Martin, Lay Reader
All those preparing for Alpha

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 40
Isaiah 38 v 1 – 8, 21 - 22
Matthew 16 v 13 to end
- Tues** Psalm 70
Isaiah 38 v 9 - 20
Matthew 17 v 1 - 13
- Wed** Psalm 75
Isaiah 39
Matthew 17 v 14 - 21
- Thurs** Psalm 146
Zephaniah 1 v 1 – 2 v 3
Matthew 17 v 22 to end
- Fri** Psalm 46
Zephaniah 3 v 1 - 13
Matthew 18 v 1 - 20
- Sat** Psalm 121
Zephaniah 3 v 14 to end
Matthew 18 v 21 to end

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord

What's on This Week

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

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival – *Come and see our amazing display of decorated Christmas Trees and find out who the winners are! The Fairtrade Christmas Shop continues in the Old Baptistery. Daily from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.*

Mon 16th 1:30 pm **Thinking about God** discussion group in the Undercroft
2:00 pm The Singing Folk group
7:00 pm St Peter's Choir are singing at a carol service in aid of St Michael's Hospice at Rudding Park
8:00 pm *Messiah* rehearsal in Church

Tues 17th 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
7:15 pm Performance of Handel's Messiah in Church

Wed 18th 9:00 am Bible RefleXions: view and discuss **Name** from the **Nooma** series by Rob Bell
10:30 am Café RefleXion

Thurs 19th 9:30 am St Peter's School Carol Service
9:30 am St Peter's Parent and Toddler Group
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 am Lunchtime RefleXion
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Fri 20th 9:30 am AA Meeting
10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team
7:00 pm Bell Ringers
7:00 pm NA Meeting

Sat 21st 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's

Sun 22nd **6:30 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

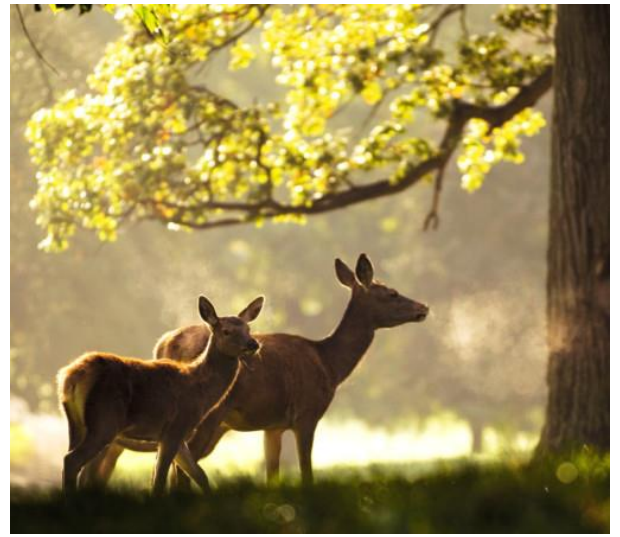
Next Sunday 22nd December **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
4:15 Afternoon Church
6:30 Service of Nine
 Lessons and Carols

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 – **that's TODAY!** Food parcels are available from 4:45 pm every day, except for Sundays, when it's 5:30 pm

Pilgrimage to Fountains Abbey

The Bishop of Ripon, Helen-Ann Hartley, will be leading the traditional Boxing Day Pilgrimage from Ripon Cathedral to Fountains Abbey. The celebration of Eucharist at the Cathedral begins at 9:30 am and then the pilgrims will walk the 4 miles to the Abbey where there'll be a service of carols and prayers from approximately 12:00 noon in the Cellarium. Entrance to Fountains Abbey is free if you are joining the pilgrimage.



Carols by Candlelight – a magical evening!



St Peter's Church was packed on Thursday 5th December for the *Carols by Candlelight* event held by *Artizan International*, featuring acclaimed harpist and singer, Lucy Bunce. There were also prayers and readings, including one by the Mayor of Harrogate.

The craft stall was very popular, with just some of the lovely products made by artisans from *Artizan International's* projects in Peru and Ecuador for sale. Many thanks to Michael Bell for sending in the beautiful photos – that's his granddaughter Grace at the stall.



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 (22nd December) will be noon on Wednesday 18th December. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below)



Write for Rights

Make a difference!

Thank you to all who supported our Refreshment Day on Saturday. After expenses, we raised £712.90 towards the work of **Amnesty International**. At this season of good will, please take a booklet from the back of church and send a card or letter and help show someone they are not forgotten at this time. Thank you, Judith Simpson.

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Don't forget **Crafternoon Church** is today at 4:15pm. Come and make a cracker, a paper aeroplane or decorate a Christmas biscuit.



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