



# Weekly News

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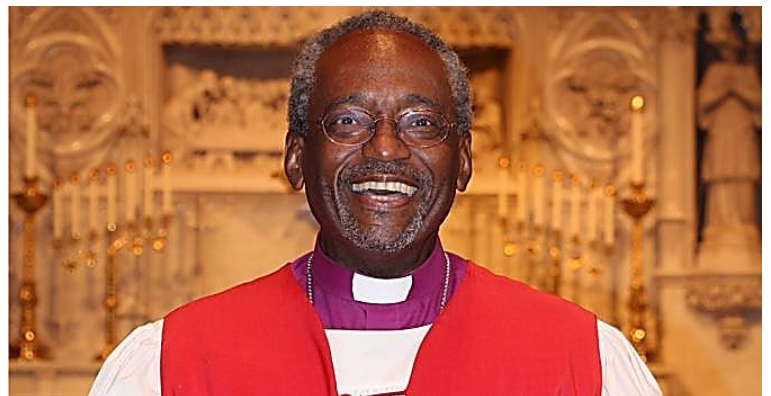
## The Work of Christmas begins

'The late Dr Howard Thurman was one of the quiet unsung heroes of history. An African American raised in the segregated South of the early twentieth century, he grew up with the indignity of racial separation and injustice. But like many others, he was profoundly influenced by a grandmother who believed in God, and who followed the way of love that Jesus taught and embodied. As a result young Thurman grew into an adult passionately committed to this way of Jesus. He became a noted preacher and teacher who founded a multiracial church in San Francisco before America had begun to learn the way of racial equality. He taught in seminaries and universities. His influence reached far and wide. Civil rights leaders consulted him quietly and regularly as the spiritual director of the movement. He is one of the people credited with helping Dr Martin Luther King grasp and embrace the teachings and methodology of Mahatma Gandhi. Dr Thurman's seminal book, *Jesus and the Disinherited*, was so influential for Dr King that he carried it wherever he travelled until the day he died.

A poem that Thurman composed focuses my imagination on the implications of the message of the birth of Jesus.

*When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among others,  
To make music in the heart.*



Howard Thurman was right! The work of Christmas is indeed to make music in the heart by making a difference in the lives of others. May you and I make such music this Christmas and in the New Year to come!

This is Bishop Michael B Curry's contribution to the book *In this Light – Thoughts for Christmas* by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Friends.

# Today's Services: 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019

The First Sunday of Christmas  
*The Sunday after Christmas Day*

**8:30 Holy Communion**

**9:30 Family Communion**

*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** 204, 250, 357, 491

**Readings** Hebrews 2 v 10 to the end  
Matthew 2 v 13 to the end

**Preacher:** Alan Garrow

**11:00 Choral Matins**

**Setting** Smart in F (Jubilate)

**Hymns** 67, 75, 444

**Psalm** 105 v 1 - 11

**Readings** Isaiah 35 v 1 - 6  
Galatians 3 v 23 to end

**Anthem** The Coventry Carol (arr. *Martin Shaw*)

**Preacher:** Alan Garrow

**4:15 Afternoon Church** *Service of the Word*

**Preacher:** Hannah Beck

**6:30 Evening Prayer (said)**

**Readings** Isaiah 49 v 7 - 13  
Philippians 2 v 1 - 11

**Preacher:** Sue Pearce

**Our Duty Wardens today are:**

Sarah Martin and  
Richard Bion

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.

## Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January – The Epiphany

8:30	Holy Communion	4:30	Afternoon Church – <i>Holy</i>
9:30	Family Communion		<i>Communion</i>
11:00	Choral Communion	6:30	Choral Evensong

**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, 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:**

<b>Mon</b>	All who are unemployed Christian debt counselling charities
<b>Tues</b>	Peace and justice in the world Those who work for reconciliation
<b>Wed</b>	All who are sick in body, mind or spirit Addiction Support Agencies
<b>Thurs</b>	Those who are close to death St Michael's Hospice
<b>Fri</b>	Those who live in danger of violence, persecution and oppression <i>Amnesty International</i> , standing up for human rights
<b>Sat</b>	Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Her Majesty The Queen

**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?*

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 113 Jonah 2 Colossians 1 v 15 - 23
<b>Tues</b>	Psalm 102 Jonah 3 and 4 Colossians 1 v 24 – 2 v 7
<b>Wed</b>	<b><i>The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</i></b> Psalm 103 Genesis 17 v 1 - 13 Romans 2 v 17 to end
<b>Thurs</b>	<b><i>Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus</i></b> Psalm 18 v 1 - 30 Ruth 1 Colossians 2 v 8 to end
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 127 Ruth 2 Colossians 3 v 1 - 11
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 89 v 1 - 37 Ruth 3 Colossians 3 v 12 – 4 v 1

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

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ:

grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**or**

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.



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

## What's on This Week:

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> *New Year's Eve***  
**4:00 - 6:00 pm Pray for 2020:** light a candle and pray for our nation  
**11:30 Watchnight Service**

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> *New Year's Day***  
10:30 am Café RefleXions

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>** 11:00 am Holy Communion  
**NO** Choir Practice

**Fri 3<sup>rd</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 4<sup>th</sup> *St Peter's Bellringers*** are holding a Refreshment Day

## Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next full edition of the Weekly News (5<sup>th</sup> January 2020) will be noon on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below)

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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.