



Weekly News

2nd February 2020

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

St Peter's Toddler Group welcomes everyone!

One of the many joys I have working here must be my involvement in the toddler group. I have repeatedly been astounded and encouraged by what goes on during our meetings. On one hand the group looks and acts like most others; there is music, stories, toys, snacks and crafts. But when you look beyond the surface you see a group that tries to embody the Christian ethos of welcome, inclusion, care and grace. The toddler group is led by Frances Roxy-Proud, who first came to the group with her son 14 years ago. Frances has led the group for about 12 years, supported by Fiona Weare and, more recently, me.

During my time with the group I have seen how the team has been able to come alongside these remarkable parents, carers and children. We have shared times of joy and fun, but we have also been able to offer help and support for more difficult times. This group gives us opportunities to show, through our actions, the love that Christ has for people who might never usually cross our threshold - this is invaluable.

The group is free and runs throughout the year, except for

a brief break over Christmas and New Year. This group provides everyone with the chance to gain lasting friendships, support and helps battle isolation.

Please pray for the continued good work of this group where the values of the Christian faith can be exemplified.

Chris Clayton, *Curate at St Peter's Church*

Toddler Group





St Peter's Evening Fellowship

Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland's first UNESCO Heritage Site, is a geological wonder. The 40,000 basalt stone columns left by volcanic eruptions 60 million years ago have inspired many legends. Come and hear Tony Burkitt giving a talk about Ireland on Thursday 6th February at 7:30 pm in the Brostoff Hall.

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. Miriam Jones is the speaker at the next meeting on Monday 10th February, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Please call Gillian on 01423 500482 if you would like to come.



Sanctuary go bowling in Leeds

St Peter's youth group, **Sanctuary**, are going bowling at *Tenpin Leeds* this Saturday 8th February. They're meeting at St Peter's at noon and then travelling to Leeds by train. *Tenpin Leeds* is in the Merrion Centre and has 26 lanes. They'll be back at Church at about 4:30 pm. For more details or to book a place speak to Chris Clayton (chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org).



Over the Hills and Far Away



Do you want to feel greater confidence in your map reading and navigational abilities? Would you like to know how to use a compass? Do you want to know what to do in an emergency?

If the answer is yes, please attend my Hill Walking Skills course at St Peter's Church on Monday 30th March from 9.30 am 'til 1.30 pm. The course will include map symbols and how to measure

distance and height, compass skills, incident management and essential kit.

There will also be outdoor training near Grassington on Monday 27th April from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm where you will be able to practise your new navigational skills.

The course costs £45 per person. Please contact Caroline Jackson for more details and to book your place at www.lingoexplore.co.uk/mapstrainingcourse or email caroline@lingoexplore.co.uk.

Restoring Fallen Angels

The choir stalls of Ripon Cathedral are a rare example of late medieval woodwork. There are elaborate canopies, decorated bench ends and a splendid set of misericords, however there is no full record of them. The Restoring Fallen Angels Project aims to research, clean, restore and replace the wood carvings, including one of the angels who has fallen from her perch on the canopy. Find out more about this project or make a donation at:

www.riponcathedral.org.uk/projects.



A prayer for the nation as we leave the European Union

God of all hope and peace, as this nation leaves the European Union, we pray for your blessing upon us.

Give strength to the Queen, wisdom to our political leaders and fullness of life to all people. May we continue to be an open and inclusive people guided by our inheritance of faith in you.

Through these days of continued uncertainty and negotiation, we ask for your will to be done in this and every land, and for the coming of your Kingdom in all the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Services: 2nd February 2020

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Candlemas

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*Today is a **Sunday Club Service**, with many of the children taking part, but there are still toys and activities for younger children and their parents to share during the service in the café area at the front of Church.*

Hymns *Today is the day we've been given, Our God is a great big God, Christ be in my waking, My God is a good god*

Reading Luke 2 v 22 - 40

Preacher: Chris Clayton

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Whitlock

Hymns 368, 244, 573, 609

Readings Galatians 4 v 1 - 7

Luke 2 v 22 - 40

Anthem Ave Maria (*Lindley*)

Preacher: John Longstaff

4:15 Afternoon Church *Holy Communion*

Preacher: Sam Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Stanford in G

Hymns 94, 360, 80 (omit *verse)

Psalm 122

Readings Haggai 2 v 1 - 9

John 2 v 18 - 22

Anthem When to the temple Mary went (*Eccard*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

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

RIP: Tim Akers, Peggy-Anne Binder

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon St Peter's Players
All those working in the media and the arts

Tues St Peter's Library and Resources Group
The Harrogate Hub support for those feeling lost or lonely

Wed All our House Groups
Harrogate Churches Together

Thurs Her Majesty the Queen as she enters the 68th year of her reign
Our Communion Administrants

Fri Nigel Bearcroft, our caretaker
The Harrogate Police

Sat Hannah Beck, Lay Reader
The animal charity, *Cats Protection*

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 1
Leviticus 19 v 1 – 18, 30 to end
1 Timothy 1 v 1 - 17

Tues Psalm 5
Leviticus 23 v 1 - 22
1 Timothy 1 v 18 – 2 to end

Wed Psalm 119 v 1 - 32
Leviticus 23 v 23 to end
1 Timothy 3

Thurs ***The Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952***
Psalm 15
Leviticus 24 v 1 - 9
1 Timothy 4

Fri Psalm 19
Leviticus 25 v 1 - 24
1 Timothy 5 v 1 - 16

Sat Psalm 23
Numbers 6 v 1 – 5, 21 to end
1 Timothy 5 v 17 to end

The Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

What's on This Week

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

Art Exhibition – a display of work from Rachel's Art Class, which is held at St Peter's. Daily from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm until 10th February.

- Mon 3rd** 1:30 pm **Thinking about God** discussion group in the Undercroft
2:00 pm The Singing Folk group
- Tues 4th** 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 5th** 9:15 am **Bible Reflexions**: The Bible - The Bible as a two-edged sword. *Explores what it means to say that the Bible is living and active.*
10:30 am Café Reflexion
6:00 – 8:00 pm **Alpha**: Who is Jesus?
- Thurs 6th** 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
7:30 pm **St Peter's Evening Fellowship** with Tony Burkitt giving a talk about Ireland
- Fri 7th** 9:30 am AA Meeting
10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team
7:00 pm Bell Ringers
7:00 pm NA Meeting
- Sat 8th** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Local charity *Supporting Older People* are holding a Refreshment Day in Church
12:00 - 4:30 pm **Sanctuary are going bowling at Leeds Tenpin**

Next Sunday 9th February

The Third Sunday before Lent

- 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.

Mount Toubkal Trek

5TH-9TH AUGUST 2020

Looking for an exciting challenge in 2020?

Why not sign up for Wellspring's Mount Toubkal Trek? Summit North Africa's highest peak and experience breathtaking views along the way. This is a great way to raise money for local Christian mental health charity, **Wellspring**, whilst also having a wonderful adventure! If you would like details (either as a potential participator or supporter) flyers are available at the back of Church. There is an information evening, with Arabian nibbles, at **Wellspring** in Starbeck on Monday 3rd February at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Luke and Acts part 2 – a Bibletrack seminar by Dr Jane Williams

Jane Williams is a Christian theologian and writer. She is Assistant Dean and Lecturer at St Mellitus College. Her husband is Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury until his retirement in 2012. This is at Mowbray Community Church on 15th February, starting with a continental breakfast served from 9:30 am, and then a DVD presentation by Jane Williams, followed by a facilitated discussion. Tickets cost £5, students £3, including breakfast and refreshments.



Thrive (Ripon EA) - Spring 2020 meeting at St Marks

The next **Thrive** meeting for all those working with children and young people across the Diocese of Leeds is on Tuesday 11th February from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at St Mark's Church, Leeds Road, Harrogate. This session will focus on Environmental Issues for young people and some Lent resources to support this. Refreshments will be available. Please book your place through the Leeds Learning Platform – www.learning.leeds.anglican.org/event/thrive-ripon-spring.

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 (9th February) will be noon on Wednesday 5th February. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below)

A group of hands holding up large, red, 3D block letters that spell out 'THANK YOU'.

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 today.

A Prayer for Candlemas by Barbara Stone

Son of Mary, Lord of light,
We come together on Your night,
to light our candles in Your name;
the child who from the heavens
came,
the Promised Son whose lowly birth
brought hope and love and light to
earth.
Be with us on Your holy night
and let Your light shine clear and
bright.

Amen



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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