



Weekly News

8th March 2020

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Living Faithfully: Handling Money

"Hold everything in your hands lightly; otherwise, it hurts when God pries your fingers open" Corrie ten Boom

There have been some revealing statistics about money in the news recently:

- the higher the income of Britons, the less proportionately they give to charity with the majority giving nothing at all,
- Britons of every income are giving less than five years ago,
- 69% of high earners say they have unhappy personal lives compared to 20% on lower incomes.



Jesus spoke a lot about money; twelve out of thirty-eight parables are about money because Jesus understands the weakness of the human heart and the dangers of not having the right attitude to money.

Putting Jesus first is what he wants, what he expects. Christians down the ages have found that it really matters what we do with our money. When we get this right and give God the first part of our income, not the last, God is faithful to us and fulfils his promise to supply all our needs. Those who give generously will be made spiritually rich, 'treasures in heaven' as Jesus calls it.

Here is a prayer we can use daily over this next week:

Heavenly father, thank you for giving me life and everything I have been provided with. Please guide my thoughts and how I use my time, my talents and the money I have in ways that are in accordance with your will. Amen

Steve Jones



Come for lunch next Sunday

The Sunday Lunch Club meets again next Sunday 15th March. It is open to everyone and there's no need to book or bring anything – although any donations towards the cost will be gratefully received! Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. Please speak to Hannah Beck (07503 186455) or Yvonne Dawes (07960 779381) if you would like to know more.

Coronavirus guidance for parishes issued by Church of England

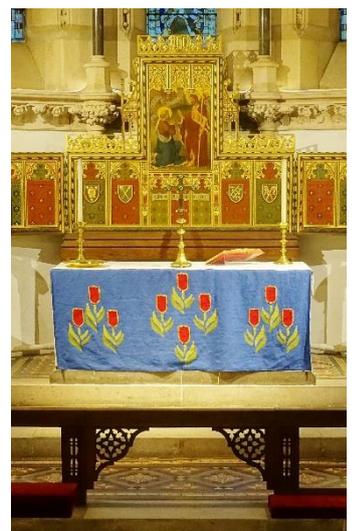
The Church of England's Mission and Public Affairs division has published advice to parishes on practical steps to reduce the risk of infection from Coronavirus (COVID-19). The virus has not been declared a pandemic and at present the risk in this country is assessed as 'moderate'. Churches should already be following best-hygiene practices including, for example, priests and servers washing their hands or using alcohol-based hand-sanitiser before Holy Communion. Although there is not currently Government advice suggesting churches should suspend the use of the Common Cup, parishioners with coughs and sneezes should certainly be encouraged to receive Communion in one kind only and to refrain from handshaking during The Peace. They also advise against the practice of 'intinction' – when the consecrated bread is dipped into the wine - as this could represent an infection transmission route. Please visit the Church of England website for further updates.

What's in a name?

One of our 'Ladies who Lunch' had seen a church dedicated to **St Mary the Less** and asked me if I knew who this poor forgotten saint was. Most of the 16,500 churches in the Church of England are dedicated to a patron saint, with the most popular dedication being to St Mary (St Peter comes in at third place). So to distinguish between two or more St Mary's in the same area, the smallest church was often called St Mary the Less. All three churches in the Benefice of Allerton Bywater, Kippax and Swillington are dedicated to St Mary – Allerton Bywater is St Mary the Less; Kippax is St Mary the Virgin and Swillington is St Mary!

New Advent and Lent frontal commissioned

Polly Meynell, one of the UK's top designers of liturgical textiles, has been commissioned by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to create a new set of textiles for use in Advent and Lent. If you would like to see the design brief or contribute to the cost of the project (a little over £5,000), then please speak with Patricia Stableford, Catherine Medforth, Alan Garrow or Caroline Hodgson. There will be an opportunity for members of the congregation to review Polly's initial design. We look forward to keeping you updated about this exciting project.



Christian links strengthened during trip to Sri Lanka



From the left: Diocesan Officer, Richard Earnshaw; retired headteachers Mark Edwards and Barbara Belsham; priests Andrew Pearson and Julie Clarkson; and Paul Slater, Bishop of Kirkstall

The Church of Ceylon, made up of the dioceses of Colombo and Kuranagala in Sri Lanka, is one of several partnerships that the Diocese of Leeds has with other countries. This visit in February, made by members from the Sri Lanka Task Group, is one of many that has taken place since the link began. The group visited Church schools; war-torn Jaffna; Kandy; and one of the churches bombed on Easter Day last year in Colombo. They are holding a special **Sri Lanka Awareness Day** on Saturday 25th April at St Mary's Parish Centre, Burley-in-Wharfedale from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.



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Saturday 28th March 2020
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Holy Ascension Church
Church Street, Settle

Please bring your own lunch, drinks will be provided

To book a place call Carol Stenner:
0113 3530281 or email her
carol.stenner@leeds.anglican.org.

Today's Services: 8th March 2020

The Second Sunday of Lent

*The sermons will draw upon the chapter **Handling Money** from the book **Living Faithfully: following Christ in everyday life** by John Pritchard, the resource guiding our thinking and teaching this Lent.*

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 646, 804, 762, 939

Readings Malachi 3 v 8 – 12
Matthew 6 v 24

Preacher: Steve Jones

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Philip Wilby (Benedicite)

Hymns 395, 98 (*omit verse 5*), 538

Psalm 33

Readings Malachi 3 v 8 – 12
Matthew 6 v 24

Anthem Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake (*Farrant*)

Preacher: Steve Jones

4:15 Afternoon Church *Service of the Word*

Preacher: Alan Garrow

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Morley (Short Service)

Hymns 388, 532, 480

Psalm 135

Readings Numbers 21 v 5 - 9
Luke 14 v 27 - 33

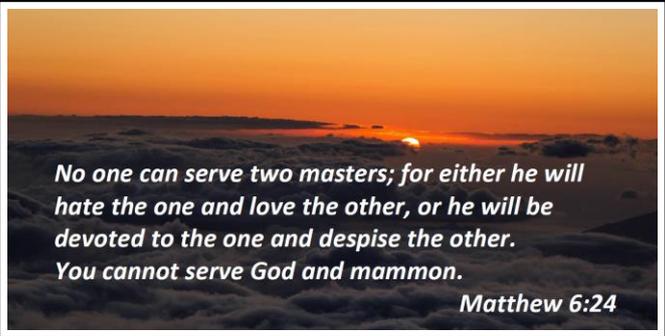
Anthem The Lamentation (*Bairstow*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Paul Medforth
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.



No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Matthew 6:24

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, David Hipkin, Edna Hodgkiss, Caroline Kelly, 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** Carole Raw, Parish Administrator
All who use *The Space @ St Peter's*
- Tues** The Hospital Chaplaincy Team
Volunteers at Harrogate Hospital
- Wed** St Peter's Lunchtime RefleXions
Those living in poverty
- Thurs** St Peter's Toddler Group
All those caring for people with Coronavirus
- Fri** The Sunday Lunch Club
Harrogate Homeless Project, offering help and emergency accommodation
- Sat** Sue Pearce, one of our retired Clergy
All those bereaved and injured in the Christchurch Mosque attacks a year ago

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 32
Genesis 43 v 16 to end
Hebrews 1
- Tues** Psalm 106
Genesis 44 v 1 - 17
Hebrews 2 v 1 - 9
- Wed** Psalm 111
Genesis 44 v 18 to end
Hebrews 2 v 10 to end
- Thurs** *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604*
Psalm 115
Genesis 45 v 1 - 15
Hebrews 3 v 1 - 6
- Fri** Psalm 41
Genesis 45 v 16 to end
Hebrews 3 v 7 to end
- Sat** Psalm 25
Genesis 46 v 1 – 7 and v 28 to end
Hebrews 4 v 1 - 13

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's on This Week

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

- Mon 9th** 1:30 pm **Thinking about God** discussion group in the Undercroft
2:00 pm The Singing Folk group
6:30 – 7:30 pm **The Happiness Lab** continues at Mrs Smith's Café, Jennyfield Drive. Details from Chris Clayton
- Tues 10th** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm The Art Class
12:30 pm Healing Service
- Wed 11th** 9:30 am **Living Faithfully Lent Group** led by Chris Clayton reflecting on Sunday's sermon **Handling Money**
10:30 am Café RefleXion
11:30 am Rethink Harrogate Support Group
6:00 pm **Alpha**: How can I resist evil?
7:00 – 9:00 pm The Art Class
- Thurs 12th** 9:30 am St Peter's Parent and Toddler Group
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 am Lunchtime RefleXion
7:00 pm **Living Faithfully Lent Group** led by Alan Garrow, reflecting on Sunday's sermon **Handling Money**
7:30 pm Choir Practice
- Fri 13th** 9:30 am AA Meeting
10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team
7:00 pm Bell Ringers
7:00 pm NA Meeting
- Sat 14th**
- Sun 15th** 1:00 pm Sunday Lunch Club
6:00 – 7:30 pm **Sanctuary**, our youth group, with the **Faith Confirmed** course tonight

Next Sunday 15th March

The Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
4:15 Afternoon Church –
Crafternoon Church
6:30 Choral Communion

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.

Disability Awareness Training in Ripon



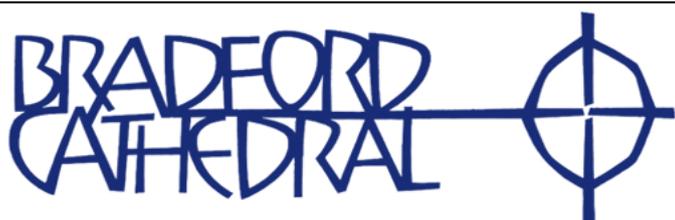
This three-hour session will cover definitions and models of disability, theology, practical tips, how to help people with invisible disabilities, and how to work with children with disabilities and additional needs. Taking place at Holy Trinity Church, Ripon, on Monday 16th March from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Please let them know if you have any dietary requirements or access needs (e.g.

large print, hearing loop, accessible parking). Booking is essential and can be done via Leeds Learning Platform, or by emailing katherine.grasham@leeds.anglican.org.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

The Revd Dr Malcolm Guite speaks on 'Christ and the Poetic Imagination'

Poet-priest Malcolm Guite is Chaplain and Fellow of Girton College, Cambridge. Discover how the poetic imagination can bring us closer to the mystery of Christ's incarnation in which the word was made flesh. Drawing on poets from Shakespeare to Seamus Heaney, explore the ways poetry can give us a renewed and life-changing encounter with Christ in his beauty, truth, and goodness. The lecture is at St Mark's Church on Saturday 28th March 2020, starting with a continental breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets cost £8 (students £5) including breakfast and refreshments. All are welcome.



Singing Day with Paul Mealor

Saturday 14th March 2020

10:00 am – 6:00 pm



*Paul Mealor is Professor of Composition at
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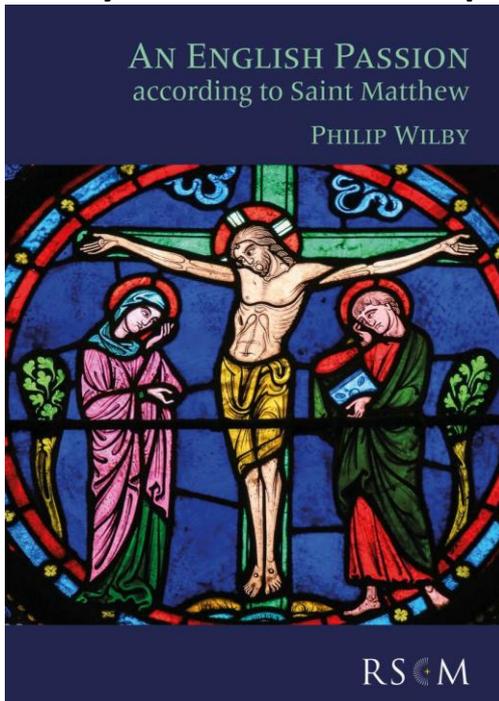
Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.



Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (15th March) will be noon on Wednesday 11th March. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below)

A very special service at
Ripon Cathedral
Sunday 29th March at 7:30 pm



This piece was composed by Philip Wilby (a former Director of Music at St Peter's) for the choir of Wells Cathedral for Palm Sunday 2019. Scored for five soloists, double choir and two organs, it includes congregational hymns.

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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.