



Weekly News

17th May 2020

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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St Peter's can help

Since lockdown St Peter's food ministry has been busy serving hot meals from the West door. At the same time Carole Raw, our Administrator, has been working from home co-ordinating requests for assistance out in the community. Thanks to St Peter's volunteers, she has been able to organise deliveries of hot meals, food parcels and shopping to individuals and couples who are having to isolate. Carole and the volunteers also managed to distribute a huge consignment of unwanted fruit around the four corners of the town.



One concerned neighbour, who contacted Carole to ask for help for a neighbour, later got back to say, "[My neighbour] was overwhelmed with the food parcel he received as he has been going without in order to help others by giving them what he could spare. And thank you for me, to just have someone that listens to me when I call to help others, and for your understanding. Keep safe, for me and all the others that St Peter's supports, you're all heroes as heroes are people that show understanding and kindness to others without judgement."

Thank you everyone who has contributed to this kindness – including those willing to go on Carole's list of volunteers but who have not yet been called on. If you, or someone you know, needs these types of practical assistance, call Carole on: 07425 161425 (during office hours).

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

Readings for Sunday 17th May

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Fifth Sunday after Easter (BCP)

Old Testament Genesis 8 v 20 – 22 and
9 v 8 - 17

Gospel John 14 v 15 - 21

Epistle Acts 17 v 22 - 31



'Clapping for Carers' at Queens Gate



Another poignant photo from Michael Bell showing his wife, Jane, with fellow residents at Queens Gate saluting the NHS workers last Thursday evening at 8:00pm. Michael writes, 'Jane in her illustrious career in the NHS was a ward and casualty nurse, midwife, intensive care and theatre nurse, so these weekly recognitions of NHS staff have a particular resonance for her.' Thank you, Michael.

St Peter's Church continues ...

St Peter's Church is closed for all purposes except for:

The Breakfast Club, which provides a free, takeaway breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:20 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need. A hot takeaway **Sunday Lunch** is available at St Peter's Church each week from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.

Hot takeaway food, tins and whatever else we have to give away is from 4:00 – 5:00 pm every day.

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, Caroline Kelly, Sian Lockwood, Charlie Martineau, Peggy Palmer, Alan Richardson, Michele Roszak, Frances Roxby-Proud and Colin Sinclair.

RIP – Keith Ward

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** All healthcare workers
Staff at screening centres testing for Coronavirus COVID-19
- Tues** All who are affected by Coronavirus COVID-19
Those working to develop a vaccine
- Wed** St Peter's Food Parcel Scheme
Staff and residents of care homes
- Thurs** All our emergency services
Harrogate Borough Council
- Fri** Those who are leading our nation
Those bereaved and injured by the Manchester Arena Bombing
- Sat** Sue Pearce, one of our retired Clergy
Those involved in the sale and delivery of food

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 65
Numbers 16 v 1 - 35
Luke 6 v 27 - 38
- Tues** *Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988*
Psalm 126
Numbers 16 v 36 to end
Luke 6 v 39 to end
- Wed** *Alcuin of York, 804*
Psalm 132
Numbers 17 v 1 - 11
Luke 7 v 1 - 10
- Thurs** ***Ascension Day***
Psalm 110
Isaiah 52 v 7 to end
Hebrews 7 v 26 to end
- Fri** Psalm 81
Numbers 20 v 1 - 13
Luke 7 v 11 - 17
- Sat** Psalm 47
Numbers 21 v 4 - 9
Luke 7 v 18 - 35

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Our own VE Day superstar!



The Steph Show
@TheStephShowC4

Your lunchtime power hour.

Weekdays at 12pm with @stephbreakfast on @Channel4. #TheStephShow and @TheStephShowC4 tweets may be used on air.



The Steph Show @TheStephShowC4 · 7 May

.@stephbreakfast caught up with her neighbour Sheila, who was one of the first women called up to join the army back in 1941. Here are some of her incredible stories. #TheStephShow #StayAtHome 🇬🇧



Sheila Pantin, who is a regular at St Peter's, appeared on national television last week. She was interviewed by the presenter Steph McGovern in her garden for **The Steph Show** on Channel 4. The show was originally due to be broadcast from the channel's new studio at Leeds

Dock before the lockdown, but it was decided instead to film the programme live at the former BBC Breakfast presenter's own home in Harrogate during the coronavirus crisis.

Stella talked about how she joined the ATS and her memories of VE Day. Although the programme has been taken off air until the Leeds studio is open, you can still see this clip on

Twitter or watch the whole programme on All 4:

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-steph-show/on-demand/70970-029>

The hazards of live streaming worship

The rector of St John's Episcopal Church in New York, Megan Castellan, has been livestreaming morning prayer on Facebook from her home every day during the coronavirus pandemic for her parishioners. But Thursday 26th March was what she described as 'an epic disaster' – her cat and dog both kept popping up behind her on the sofa; offscreen her husband, forgetting she was on camera, made a loud phone call and then told her he was just going to get tested for COVID-19; she responded by miming sticking a swab up her nose; then a loud noise sent her dog leaping off the sofa and when it returned it started to lick her hands all the way through the last prayer! She said, "It reassures people that we are only human."

The Rev Stephen Beach in Plymouth delivered an unintentional fiery sermon on YouTube. Leaning into the candles in front of him, he got too close to the flames. "Oh dear, I've just caught fire!" he exclaimed, batting out the flames engulfing the sleeve of his jumper.

In Italy, a priest decided to live-stream a mass on Facebook, but unfortunately he activated the video filters by mistake. As the priest greeted his flock, a colourful digital helmet appeared before his face. The video then cycled through a few more filters making him appear to be lifting weights before donning a Blues Brothers-style hat and sunglasses! Since a Twitter user tweeted the clip it has been viewed over 8 million times – now that is a record attendance for a service!

Lay Training Courses – Worship Leaders and Pastoral Ministers

Applications are now being accepted for two training courses in the Lay Ministry Pathways scheme both starting in Autumn 2020.

Lay Worship Leaders are trained and authorised to lead acts of corporate worship in their parish as part of a team under the supervision of their incumbent. This might include Morning and Evening Prayers; Matins and Evensong; Services of the Word; all age, children's and youth services; café church, fresh expressions, or pioneer worship. To find out more visit <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/lay-worship-leaders-course-20-21/>

Lay Pastoral Ministers work as part of a parish team under the supervision of their incumbent and provide pastoral support for individuals, families and groups of all ages within the church and community. Their responsibilities might include: visiting those who are housebound or ill; nursing and care home visits; bereavement support; hospital visiting; preparation and follow-up for baptism or marriage; administering Home Communion; or befriending those attending church. This course is followed by a practical experience year with six more mentoring/training sessions. To find out more visit: <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/lay-pastoral-ministry-course-20-21/>



The courses take place over three terms: two terms of 8 weeks (four weeks either side of half-term in Autumn 2020 and Spring 2021) and a third term of six weeks in Summer 2021. Owing to the uncertainty around Covid-19, venues are as yet undecided. However, the Diocese has an excellent online capability that will enable these courses to be widely accessible. If face-to-face training becomes possible, they will endeavour to choose locations that are accessible to everyone.

Applicants will need to be supported by their incumbent and their PCC. The deadline for applications is **31st May 2020**.

To take this further please have a chat with Alan Garrow to begin exploring how God is calling you to serve.

A message to St Peter's from Bishop Helen-Ann



The Bishop of Ripon has sent a special thank-you message to everyone who has worked so hard to keep people fed during lockdown, with 1,000 hot meals served in April alone. [Click here to view it!](#)



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

The line, which is available 24 hours a day, has been set up by the Church of England particularly for those unable to access online church services.

Financial Giving

If you would like to support us financially at this difficult time, please use these bank details to contribute by BACS:

St Peter's Church PCC Harrogate
account at Natwest Bank PLC

Sort Code: 53-50-21

Account No: 67137628

or **download a Planned Giving Form** from the website. **THANK YOU!**

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (24th May) will be noon on Wednesday 20th May. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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