



Weekly News

28th June 2020

The Third Sunday after Trinity

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What does St Peter's mean to you?

There are very many reasons why I'm proud to be part of St Peter's Church. As I look around the congregation on a (normal) Sunday I'm awestruck by all the different ways in which people give of themselves to serve God and serve others in the town, their workplace, and in the life of this extraordinary worshipping and serving community. It is all those contributions that make St Peter's a place of belonging, purpose and worship for a diverse array of people.

What I love about St Peter's

This Sunday we celebrate St Peter's Day, so what do you love about St Peter's Church? High up on the list for me would be our volunteers. As I consider our current team I see star players in every position. I also love the way people with all kinds of different backgrounds can find in St Peter's a place to call home. One aspect of our life I find particularly moving is the way St Peter's provides a positive context for people seeking freedom from addiction.

I hope one of the things you love about St Peter's is that we are a body of Christ where you know you belong. Finding ways to express that belonging has been particularly challenging in these COVID-19 times. That is why this edition of the *Weekly News*, and thereafter a *Monthly Digest*, is being posted to those without internet access. If you tell me what you love about St Peter's, we might include that in a future edition.



Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's

Worship and prayers on radio, television and telephone(?)

If you are unable to access the internet and cannot join in with our online worship then why not listen to a service on the radio (or even your telephone) or watch one on television?

Radio 4's Sunday morning service is broadcast at 8:10 am each week. Last Sunday it was a service exploring fatherhood and God as Father, with Ben Lindsay, Guvna B and Lord Michael Hastings. There was music from various artists including the London Community Gospel Choir. It lasts about 40 minutes.

Daily HOPE is a **free** phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers from the Church of England. Dial 0800 804 8044 anytime to listen to a message from Archbishop Justin Welby and then choose to listen to the Church of England's weekly service; the Hymn or Prayer Line; or to join in with traditional morning and evening prayers.

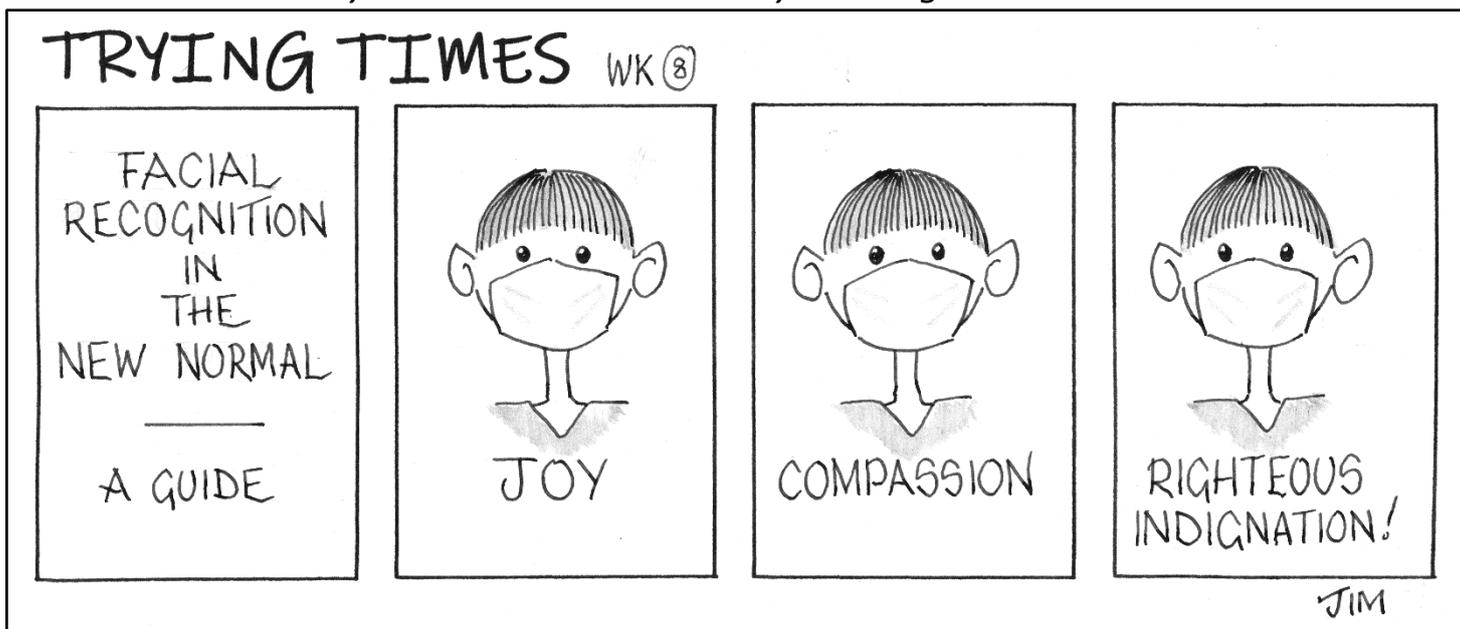
Songs of Praise comes from Northern Ireland this week

Songs of Praise is broadcast on Sundays at 1:15 pm on BBC One with a combination of hymns and songs together with uplifting stories of faith from around the UK. On Sunday 28th June presenter, Claire McCollum, shares her love of her home of Northern Ireland by looking back on some of the recent interviews she has done for the programme including one with a Christian geologist at the Giant's Causeway and another with a former professional footballer who was called to the priesthood. This programme lasts about 30 minutes.

Sunday Worship on BBC One

This is a series of Sunday morning services which were recorded before the closure of all church buildings was announced. They are broadcast on Sunday mornings at 10:45 am and have mainly been from Hereford or Bangor Cathedrals. However this week the service for Father's Day was from Holy Trinity Platt Church in Manchester led by the Rector, the Revd Dr Paul Mathole, with songs and hymns recorded by Songs of Praise in 2017. The programme usually lasts about 30 minutes.

If you do have access to the internet, both Songs of Praise and Sunday Worship are available on BBC iPlayer and the Radio 4 Sunday morning service is on BBC Sounds.



Welcome to St Peter's Church

We are pleased that you have chosen to come in and, if you've come for a time of reflection and prayer, we hope you will find peace and a closeness to God. In the Bible in Psalm 46 God says, 'Be still and know that I am God'. So, sitting in God's presence in the quiet of this building where past generations have offered their prayers is an excellent way to pray. However, sometimes we need words to help us to articulate what we feel. So here are some prayers and bible texts that may offer some starting points for your own reflection and prayer:

Matthew 11 v 28 - 30 *Jesus offers to take on our burdens*

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

A good way to start a time of prayer

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid.

Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit that I may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**

A prayer for those who suffer

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care

Those who are ill or in pain, Knowing that whenever danger threatens

Your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.

Comfort and heal them and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Loving God, thank you for this house of prayer where we praise and thank you for all you have given us. Help us to go out into the world, refreshed by your Spirit, to do what you have called us to do in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm 121:

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not suffer your foot to stumble; he who watches over you will not sleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall keep you from all evil; it is he who shall keep your soul. The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Readings for Sunday 28th June

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Old Testament	Ezekiel 3 v 22 to end
Gospel	John 21 v 15 - 22
Epistle	Acts 12 v 1 - 11



This week's online worship

Although St Peter's is now open for private prayer, our services continue online with [9:30 am Holy Communion](#) and [11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion \(BCP\)](#) each Sunday – today is our Patronal Festival when we celebrate St Peter from whom our Church takes its name. Although St Peter's Day is on 29th June, a Patronal Festival is allowed to be transferred to the nearest Sunday.

The reredos behind the high altar in Church has a painting of St Peter with the risen Christ on its central panel. It refers to the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples, on the seashore in Galilee. The text on the panel says, '*Lord thou knowest that I love thee*', which is Peter's answer to Christ's question. Read the full story in John 21.

[Morning and Evening Prayer](#) are at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday – please come and join us, just follow the links for all the options and instructions.

But, what if I don't have access to the internet?

You can listen to our two Sunday Services live on your phone.

To listen to the 9:30 am Holy Communion:

1. Dial **0131 460 1196**
 2. When asked enter the Meeting ID **822 660 892** followed by a hash #
 3. You will then be asked to enter your personal ID – just press hash # again
 4. When asked enter the Meeting's password **294002** followed by a hash #
- You should now be able to hear the service!

To listen to the 11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion (BCP):

5. Dial **0131 460 1196**
 6. When asked enter the Meeting ID **636 318 496** followed by a hash #
 7. You will then be asked to enter your personal ID – just press hash # again
 8. When asked enter the Meeting's password **216195** followed by a hash #
- You should now be able to hear the service!

Be aware, however, that your phone provider will charge you for this service. The best way to find out how much it costs per minute is to contact your provider and ask the cost of a call from your phone to an 0131 number on a Sunday morning.

Sanctuary, our youth group, are holding a Charity Talent Night

Sanctuary are planning to raise money for two charities by holding a virtual Talent Night on Sunday 12th July. They are busy recording their contributions, making videos about their chosen charities and arranging a Just Giving page. There is talk of a 'custard challenge' – I wonder who the victim volunteer will be?

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, Sheila Pantin, Alan Richardson, Michele Roszak, Frances Roxby-Proud and Colin Sinclair.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** The victims of the stabbings in a park in Reading
The families and friends of the three men who died
- Tues** All who are affected by Coronavirus COVID-19
Those feeling lost, lonely and isolated
- Wed** All healthcare workers
Medical researchers working to develop a vaccine
- Thurs** All our emergency services
Essential public service workers
- Fri** Those who are leading our nation
Rishi Sunak, Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Sat** Sarah Martin, Lay Reader
All those working from home

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** ***Peter the Apostle***
Psalm 71
Isaiah 49 v 1 - 6
Acts 11 v 1 - 18
- Tues** Psalm 73
Judges 9 v 1 - 21
Luke 15 v 11 to end
- Wed** *Henry, John and Henry Venn the Younger, priests*
Psalm 77
Judges 9 v 22 to end
Luke 16 v 1 - 18
- Thurs** Psalm 78 v 1 - 39
Judges 11 v 1 - 11
Luke 16 v 19 to end
- Fri** ***Thomas the Apostle***
Psalm 92
2 Samuel 15 v 17 - 21
John 11 v 1 - 16
- Sat** Psalm 76
Judges 12 v 1 - 7
Luke 17 v 11 - 19

The Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity

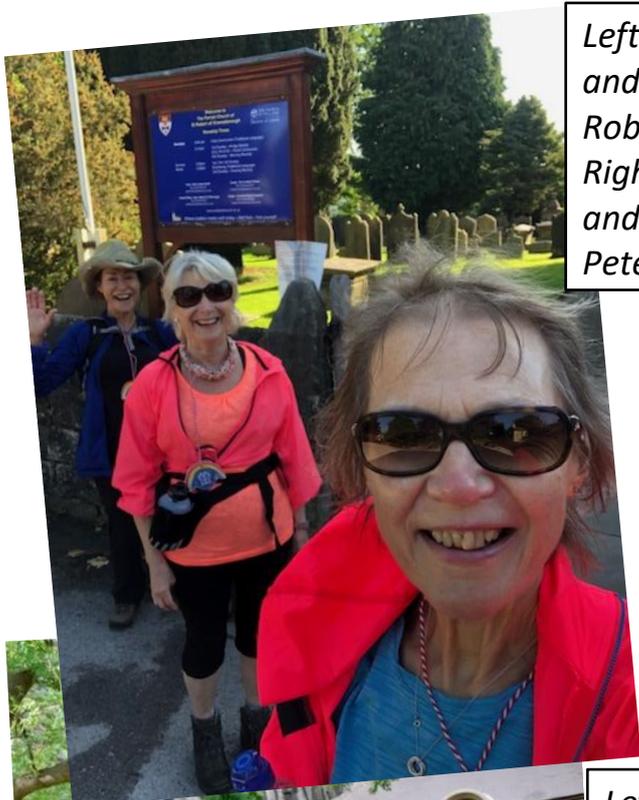
Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Parish Walk raises a staggering amount!

Helen Harrison, Jan Edwards and Gillian Thornton left St Peter's Church at 7:00 am on Saturday 20th June and walked the full route visiting 13 parish churches and 5 non-conformist churches. At each church they paused to pray for the church leaders and congregations, as well as their surrounding communities. Three other groups were inspired to do their own Parish Walks – the Brewer family, the Bursell family and Sarah Martin was joined by Alex and Zak Armour.



*Left: Helen, Jan and Gillian at St Robert's, Pannal.
Right: Alex, Zak and Sarah at St Peter's West Door*



*Left: The Bursell family at Christ Church.
Right: Megan and Dylan Brewer at St Luke's.*



Helen Harrison says, " This has been a great experience for everyone who took part. The donations to date have been beyond our wildest dreams. Thank you so much and we will give you an update and final total in due course."

So far almost £1,500 has been raised to support St Peter's ongoing food ministry and it's not too late to donate, please visit their [Just Giving Page](#) or cash, in an envelope marked **Helen Harrison – Parish Walk**, can be left in the Donations Box in Church. More details and pictures are available on our website!

Light an online candle to remember someone

You can now light an online candle on the Church of England's website to make space to pray. You can light a candle online to pray for yourself, for a loved one or for a particular situation just visit: www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals/light-candle-remember-someone

Volunteers wanted for Cathedral's *Wing and a Prayer* project



Ripon Cathedral is looking for volunteers to make origami angels to create an installation of 11,000 paper angels that will fill the nave with prayers for those who have lost their lives to the Coronavirus and for those in the NHS, and other frontline services, who are risking their lives for the sake of others.

The paper and printed instructions can be delivered to volunteers' homes, and there are also YouTube videos, at various speeds, showing how to fold the paper. It takes about three minutes to make one angel. The installation is to raise funds for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and for Ripon Cathedral. The public is encouraged to donate an angel and leave a prayer for a special person.

If you are interested in being involved, please email Carolyn Sands carolynsands@riponcathedral.org.uk. Help fill the Cathedral with angelic prayers!



Do you need some help while self-isolating?

If you, or someone you know, needs a hand with collecting shopping or prescriptions, or just wants someone to talk to, our NHS Volunteer Responders are here to help.

Join the thousands of others throughout England who are already receiving support – even if it's just for a friendly chat.

Call 0808 196 3646 or visit nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk

Help is available if you have a medical condition which makes you vulnerable to COVID-19, especially if you are over 70. You also qualify if you are pregnant or have a disability.

Royal Voluntary Service is a registered charity 1015988 (England and Wales) & SC038924 (Scotland).



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Are you in need of some daily hope during this lockdown?

We have a new FREE telephone line for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections.

0800 804 8044



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Faith in Later Life CONNECTIONS



St Peter's Church is closed except for:
Private prayer from 12:00 – 2:00 pm
each weekday and on Saturdays.

The Breakfast Club, which provides
hot takeaway food from Monday to
Saturday (8:20 – 8:45 am).

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.

Keeping in touch

Is there somebody from St Peter's
you'd like to be touch with? Let
Carole Raw, our Parish Administrator,
know on 07425 161425 and she'll ask
if they'd be happy to give or receive a
call. You can also call Carole to
request a phone call from one of the
Clergy - or you can always phone
them direct.

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 (5th July) will be noon on
Wednesday 1st July. Please send any
items (including photos) to Alan
Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers
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