

MY LORD and MY GOD



Weekly News

3rd April 2016

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A Final Thought

On 7th April I pass the baton on to our new vicar, Alan Garrow, but before doing so I want to give a huge word of thanks to all who have kept our seven day a week pattern of public worship thriving. Prayer lies at the heart of all we do and are as a church family. Of course that's just a part of the picture. Together we have risen to the challenge of handling an increasingly busy flow of activity involving scores of community groups and thousands of visitors. This has been achieved with the commitment of over 250 volunteers, and particularly the staff and the 50 or more who lead our numerous teams and activities.

My son and daughter-in-law bought two guinea pigs for our grandchildren last autumn. Family and animals visited Harrogate in December, with the guinea pigs frantically running around grazing on the roundabout near our house. After Christmas we received a text saying that they now had *four* guinea pigs. I couldn't help laughing when Caroline my wife texted back asking them to be lined up for a photo. My son said that would be very tricky as they never seemed to keep still (guinea pigs owners will know what I mean).

For some reason or other this made me think of St. Peter's! Our range of activities will probably continue to follow their present pattern, at least for a while, but the coming of a new vicar is a great opportunity to pause, think and pray about God's priorities for the future. Is this even possible when we are involved in such a wide variety of activity?

Well, a month ago our son sent us this photograph. If guinea pigs can do it, maybe we can too. Let us learn from the past but lean into the future, trusting that God will fulfil his purposes in and through us.

Tim Hurren (*Interim Minister* – until 7th April!)



Squeak, Biscuit, Gary and Bubble lining up for their photograph!

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Before the excitement of Alan's formal licensing on Thursday and our opportunity as a congregation to welcome the Garrow family at the Faith Lunch next Sunday, we would like on behalf of everyone at St Peter's to express our heartfelt thanks and highest admiration for the wonderful job Tim has done as our Interim Minister since June last year.



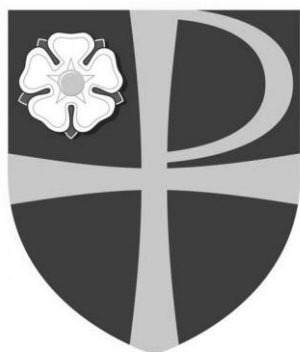
It is widely recognised that an interregnum, or transition period, is a time of challenge for any church, and especially a church with a large congregation whose retiring incumbent has been in post for several years. The risk is that the church stands still and loses direction, and that congregational numbers dwindle during a time of uncertainty and drift.

Tim made clear from the outset his determination that this was not going to happen at St Peter's. He has led us in maintaining our wonderfully varied schedule of services, and in keeping a sense of ongoing mission at the forefront of our worship. With the support of our team of clergy and readers, Tim has ensured that Alan will find in us a church that has impetus and momentum, and not one that has stagnated in the absence of a permanent incumbent.

We have all benefitted from Tim's detailed overhaul of our internal organisational framework, with the streamlining of our various task groups, each addressing a specific aspect of our life and ministry. Tim's previous experience in business has been invaluable in producing a management structure that reflects the huge diversity of roles and functions that St Peter's represents for so many different people and groups.

Most of all, we have been blessed to have at the helm someone who is St Peter's through and through. Having wished Tim a happy retirement once (some years ago now), and then gladly welcomed him back again, today we again thank him for everything he has done for us. We are delighted for St Peter's that Tim will remain involved in our life and mission, but are equally delighted for him and Caroline that he will do so with far less of the responsibility that he has shouldered so willingly and so effectively over the last year.

Sian Lockwood and Oliver Longstaff (*Churchwardens*)



Institution and Licensing of our new Vicar

The institution and licensing of our new Vicar, the Revd Dr Alan Garrow, takes place this Thursday, 7th April, at 7:30 pm. We welcome The Right Revd James Bell, Bishop of Ripon; our new Archdeacon, The Venerable Beverley Mason, on her first visit to St Peter's; and our patron, the Revd Paul Oakley. Wine, soft drinks and canapés will be served after the service.

Afternoon Fellowship



At the last meeting of the Afternoon Fellowship members were delighted by an interesting talk and display of historic costumes presented by Mrs Dolores Craven. Mrs Craven had made all the beautiful and elaborate outfits shown, having taken great care with her research and historical detail. The gowns were made especially

to be worn when performing musical rides on horseback, riding side saddle, which she and her group have presented at many prestigious shows and events, including Windsor. The next meeting will be on Monday 11th April, when the presentation will be given by Duncan Verity entitled 'Music, Dance and Comedy'.



BRYN HAWORTH

*An inspirational & entertaining evening of
Gospel Rock & Blues*

in Concert

Woodlands Methodist Church

Wetherby Road, Harrogate

Friday 8th April at 8:00 pm

Tickets £7, Family Ticket £16 (2 adults + 2 children)

Contact Ernest 01423 889560 or Joan 884053



Helping Hands

Are you able to spare an hour or two each Friday morning to join our band of cleaners who polish and clean the church ready for Sunday services? If so, do come along on Fridays at 10:00 am. We are a friendly bunch and enjoy a coffee and chat afterwards.



A Thank You from Sue Heapy

Many thanks to all who made a donation towards the Easter memorial lilies, or the other Easter flowers. Thanks to your generosity, the Flower Team were able to make our Church even more beautiful.

Town Centre Bible Study Group

This term the theme will be the Beatitudes and the next session will be on Friday 8th April from 10:00 – 11:45 am in the Undercroft at St Peter's.

Today's Services: 3rd April 2016

2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

There is no Sunday School today and Little Lights is in the Gallery, where parents are welcome to take younger children to play with the toys, but will still be able to see and hear what is going on in Church!

Hymns As announced
Readings Acts 5 v 27 - 32
John 20 v 19 to the end
Preacher: Christine Jack

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Stanford in C
Hymns 140, 135, 138, 612
Readings 1 John 5 v 4 - 12
John 20 v 19 - 23
Anthem This is the day (*Anon*)
Preacher: Tim Hurren

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Allan Stalker and
Angus Turner

4:30 Afternoon Church *Refreshments from 4.15*

Hymns: 32, 303, 27, 362
Readings Revelation 1 v 4 - 8
John 20 v 19 to the end
Preacher: Hannah Beck

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Ireland in F
Hymns 141 (omit*), 159, 149 (part 1 and doxology)
Psalm 85
Readings Wisdom 9 v 1 - 12
Galatians 4 v 1 - 5
Anthem If we Believe That Jesus Died (Goss)
Preacher: Michael Hunter



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:

Derry Bentall, Diana Braithwaite, Ann Campbell, Brian & Jane Crabtree, Denise Craven, Hilary Clark, Pam Gardiner, Beryl Hague, Vicky Harrison, Edna Hodgkiss, Betty Johnson, Kath McGough, Marjorie Mills, Roy Scott (Scotty), Wendy Smith, Christine Steele, Bill Tate, Aileen Taylor, Margaret Thackeray and Linda Ware.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** David, our Treasurer
Debt Counselling Charities
- Tues** Rachel, our PCC secretary
School secretaries
- Wed** The Parish Magazine group
Our local newspapers
- Thurs** Our new vicar, Alan Garrow
Beverley, our Archdeacon
- Fri** Afternoon Church
Childminders
- Sat** Myles & Rachael's wedding at St Peter's
Cake makers and decorators

The Collect for 2nd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of 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.

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** *Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Psalm 111
1 Samuel 2 v 1 - 10
Romans 5 v 12 to end
- Tues** Psalm 8
Exodus 15 v 22 – 16 v 10
Colossians 1 v 15 to end
- Wed** Psalm 30
Exodus 16 v 11 to end
Colossians 2 v 1 - 15
- Thurs** Psalm 28
Exodus 17
Colossians 2 v 16 – 3 v 11
- Fri** Psalm 61
Exodus 18 v 1 - 12
Colossians 3 v 12 – 4 v 1
- Sat** *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, martyr 1945*
Psalm 84
Exodus 18 v 13 to end
Colossians 4 v 2 to end

Please continue to pray for all those people killed and injured following



last week's terror attacks in Brussels and Lahore.

What's on This Week

Mon 4th

1:30 pm St Peter's Computer Group
2:00 pm Shanty Folk Group
7:30 pm Yoga with Holly

Tues 5th

12:30 pm Healing Service
2:00 pm Music Men
7:00 pm PCC meeting
8:00 pm Zero Carbon Prayer Meeting

Wed 6th

9:30 am Beginners Yoga with Rachel
11:15 am Yoga for Seniors with Rachel
10:30 am Café RefleXion
6:30 pm NA Meeting

Thurs 7th

11:00 am Holy Communion
2:00 pm Handbell Ringers
7:30 pm The Institution and Licensing of our new Vicar, the Revd Dr Alan Garrow

Fri 8th

9:30 am AA meeting
10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team
10:00 am Town Centre Bible Group
6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
7:00 pm Bell Ringers

Sat 9th

8:45 am Weight Watchers
1:00pm Wedding of Myles Ashworth and Rachael Mason



If you have attended Church for 6 months, or you live in the Parish, you are entitled to be on our Electoral Roll, which gives you full voting rights at the AGM. Please collect a form from the back of Church, or ask a sidesperson, and hand it in to the Parish Office before 15th April.

Next Sunday 10th April

3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
12:00 Faith Lunch
4:30 Afternoon Church
(in the Hall this week)
6:30 Choral Evensong

The Queen's 90th Birthday



Churches throughout the country are being encouraged to hold an exhibition that illustrates the life of the parish over the Queen's lifetime.

Our Archive Group are planning such an exhibition to be held in Church during June. Church Parish Magazines and other records that cover the last 90 years are being scoured for interesting photographs and articles.

The Queen will celebrate her 90th birthday on 21st April 2016 at Windsor Castle.

Do you have any articles or photographs of interest – particularly dating back to the early days of the life of the Queen? Maybe you saw the Queen on one of her visits to the town and would like to share your memories. Maybe you attended a Garden Party and have a story to tell. There may be an opportunity for interviews if you have a good story to tell! Please share your thoughts with the Archive Group by contacting Charlotte Bonini charlottebonini@btinternet.com or Stuart Holland stuart@stuartcholland.co.uk



This is the official Church of England logo being used for celebration events. It was designed by 10 year old Lucas Salinger from Potten CE School, Hertfordshire and depicts a circular crest bordered by children holding hands. It is dissected by a cross, reminiscent of the one that hangs above the altar at Holy Trinity, the village church. It has two candles and the number 90 in the quarters; and is topped by the Royal Crown and the E-II-R insignia, representing in Latin Elizabeth Regina II – Queen Elizabeth.

Exploring the Bible - a New House Group

*fortnightly sessions beginning with Pilgrim: a Course for the Christian Journey
Wednesday 6th April at 7:15 pm at 26 Wedderburn Road, HG2 7QH
Further details from Christine Jack: cjack1@gmail.com or tel: 07792 192167*



The Marriage Course

A free seven session course for any married or cohabiting couples whether your relationship is strong or struggling. Each session starts with a meal. Starting on Monday 11th April at 7.00 pm

To book a place please contact Wynn on 07804 798010 or David & Sheila on 01423 871412. Sponsored by Life Destiny Church, but all are welcome.

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 (10th April) will be noon on Wednesday 6th April. Please send any items (including photos) to Tim Hurren at:

tim.hurren@ntlworld.com

or to Marian Chambers at:

marian.chambers@btinternet.com



**Starbeck
Methodist**
C H U R C H

The Harrogate Band

in Concert

Saturday 16th April at 7:30 pm

Tickets £7 (child £3)

Family £16 (2 adults+2children)

tel: 01423 887939 or pay on the door

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Weekly News Sheet

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DON'T FORGET

Next Sunday, 10th April, there will be a Faith Lunch at 12:00 pm after Matins to welcome Alan Garrow and his family to St Peter's.

Everyone welcome!



BANS OF MARRIAGE

The banns of marriage are published between **Thomas Hancock** and **Sophie Quinn**. This is for the second time of asking.

If any of you know any reason in law why they may not marry each other you are to declare it.