



# Weekly News

26<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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

## Mothering Sunday

Today Mothering Sunday is celebrated in churches to acknowledge and thank God for the love and care of mothers. At St Peter's, small posies of flowers are provided for us to give to our mothers – thank you to our Brownies and Guides for making them.

However, we must also acknowledge those for whom Mothering Sunday is a difficult time and also include them in our prayers. This prayer is from the Mother's Union website [www.makeamothersday.org](http://www.makeamothersday.org).

*Loving Father, we pray for those for whom Mothering Sunday is a time of heartache rather than celebration.*

*We pray for those who have never known their mother or whose mothers have died. **Heavenly Father, bless them with your love.***

*We pray for those who long to be mothers, but as yet have not had their own child. **Heavenly Father, bless them with your love.***

*We pray for those who have lost a much loved child. **Heavenly Father, bless them with your love.***

*We pray for those who have a difficult relationship with their mother. **Heavenly Father, bless them with your love.***

*May they all have the comfort of knowing that your love for them is constant, your understanding is perfect, your compassion is never ending.*



**Amen**

## Confirmation Service next Sunday!

James Bell, the Bishop of Ripon, will be coming to St Peter's next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, to confirm: **Pouyan Ansari, Judith Cantlow, Anya Daley, Adam Davison, Harry Day, Noah Di Virgillio, Charles Gower-Smith, Victoria Harrison, Grace Humphreys, Annabel Kirman, Shoreh Naseri, Imogen Thompson-Vear, Anyta Vance and Timothy Williamson.** The service starts at 6:30 pm. Please support the candidates with your prayers, as they take this momentous step in their faith journey.

## St Peter's Flower Festival

We are holding a Flower Festival in Church in the first week in June with the theme *Sing it with Flowers*. The organisers, Sue Heapy and Helen Stalker, hope we can provide refreshments each day for visitors to the Festival. If you are available to help in any way – perhaps prepare and serve food and drinks, clear tables, operate the dishwasher or collect money - on any of these dates or times, please contact Sue at [brynsusie@hotmail.com](mailto:brynsusie@hotmail.com) or on 07540 355305:

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – 10:30 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 to 3:30 pm

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June** - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 to 3:00 pm

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – 1:30 to 3:30 pm

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June** - 10:30 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 to 3:30 pm

### Lent and Easter at St Peter's 2017

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	6:30 pm	Confirmation Service with the Bishop of Ripon, James Bell. Our Music Group will be leading the singing.
<b><i>Palm Sunday</i></b> 9 <sup>th</sup> April		During our services today everyone receives a palm cross to remember Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The Passion Narrative is read at Matins and Evensong.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00 pm	First part of the St Peter's Player's production <i>The Nail</i> followed by Compline.
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00 pm	Second part of <i>The Nail</i> followed by Compline.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00 pm	Third part of <i>The Nail</i> followed by Compline.
<b><i>Maundy Thursday</i></b> 13 <sup>th</sup> April	11:00 am 7:30 pm	Holy Communion – traditional said service Choral Communion commemorating the Last Supper.
<b><i>Good Friday</i></b> 14 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30 am 10:15 am 12:00pm 2:00 pm	<i>Family Activities and Crafts</i> , followed by a short <i>Good Friday Family Service</i> and refreshments. Full performance of <i>The Nail</i> . <i>An Hour Before the Cross</i> – meditations and music.
<b><i>Easter Eve</i></b> 15 <sup>th</sup> April	7:30 pm	Lighting of the New Fire
<b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b> 16 <sup>th</sup> April		All our usual Sunday Services with the Flowering Cross – celebrating Christ's resurrection with joy!

## A Drama for Easter Sunday



Last year, for Good Friday, I wrote a short piece for the children, which took the place of the sermon. I called it 'The Road to Calvary' and the three children taking part, not only learnt their lines perfectly, but acted it so well that many were looking round to see for themselves what was being described. The background was that the children were selling oranges at the roadside, when the procession taking Jesus from Jerusalem to his place of execution passed them by, and they were able to describe what was happening.

Having then been asked whether children could also participate this year, obviously there was no place for them in **The Nail**, the play St Peter's Players are performing during Holy Week. Therefore, I have written something on similar lines for the 9:30 Service on Easter Sunday, when the children can describe the events around the Tomb. So again, I hope you will be able to come along and enjoy the children's contribution. We are so fortunate to have some wonderful talent and I hope that this time there will be more than just the three children involved. Moo Alcock, our very special producer will, I am sure, be able to make the play as realistic as before.

Terry Knowles

## Walking Through Spring

I walked through Spring when roots had stirred from sleep;  
and Winter's fog had cleared from the sky;  
when streams had thawed, and water clean  
and deep  
meandered over rocks; the curlew's cry  
joined bleats of early, cotton lambs, newborn  
and oak tree buds had started to unfold;  
I saw the first, fine, leafy shoots of corn,  
that, touched by warmth, would grace the  
fields with gold.

And when the sun set in a globe of flame,  
transforming silver bark to orange-red,  
a sleepy soul trudged back the way she came,  
assured of even brighter days ahead.  
So sad when we, involved with worldly things,  
can fail to see the gifts that nature brings.

*Barbara Stone*



# Today's Services: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Mothering Sunday

**8:30 Holy Communion**

**9:30 Family Communion**

*There is **no** Sunday Club for school age children today, but all children and their parents are welcome to gather in the café area, where there are toys and activities to share during our Family Communion Service*

**Hymns** 6, 390, 533, 480

**Reading** Exodus v 1 - 9

**Preacher:** Sue Pearce

**11:00 Choral Matins**

**Setting** Harris in A (Benedicite)

**Hymns** 238, 389, 499 (omit\*)

**Psalm** 19

**Readings** 1 Samuel 1 v 24 – 2 v 11  
Luke 1 v 39 - 56

**Anthem** Magnificat (Harris in A)

**Preacher:** Hannah Beck



**4:30 Afternoon Church** Celtic Worship *Refreshments from 4.15*

**Hymns:** 1030, 443, 32

**Preacher:** Sarah Martin

**6:30 Choral Evensong**

**Setting** Gibbons (Short Service)

**Hymns** 388, 487, 507

**Psalm** 31

**Readings** Micah 7  
James 5

**Anthem** Lord, let me know mine end (*Greene*)

**Preacher:** Alan Garrow

**Our Duty Wardens today are:**

Jo Bagley and  
Richard Harrison



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:**

Rosemary Almond, Derry Bentall, Patricia Campbell, Jane Crabtree, Denise Craven, Hilary Clark, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, Edna Hodgkiss, Kath McGough, Marjorie Mills, Henry Pantin, Wendy Smith, Margaret Thackeray, Angus Turner, Linda Ware and Wendy Wright.

**Also in our prayers this week:**

- Mon** St Peter's Fabric Committee  
Victims of the attacks on Westminster
- Tues** Victims of intolerance and prejudice  
Amnesty International
- Wed** All the St Peter's Lent groups  
Volunteers at Harrogate Hospital
- Thurs** St Peter's Sunday Club  
All who work with young people
- Fri** St Peter's Breakfast Club  
The Harrogate Homeless Project
- Sat** Sarah Martin, Lay Reader  
St Peter's Sides Persons

**The Collect for Mothering Sunday**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

**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 30  
Jeremiah 17 v 5 - 18  
John 9 v 18 to end
- Tues** Psalm 79  
Jeremiah 18 v 1 - 12  
John 10 v 1 - 10
- Wed** Psalm 90  
Jeremiah 18 v 13 to end  
John 10 v 11 - 21
- Thurs** Psalm 86  
Jeremiah 19 v 1 - 13  
John 10 v 22 to end
- Fri** Psalm 102  
Jeremiah 19 v 14 - 20 v 6  
John 11 v 1 - 16
- Sat** Psalm 32  
Jeremiah 20 v 7 to end  
John 11 v 17 - 27



# What's on This Week

<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup></b>	11:30 am Community Café 2:00 pm Shanty Folk Singers 7:00 pm St Peter's Players Rehearsal in the Brostoff Hall 7:00 pm Teaching and Learning Group
<b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup></b>	12:30 pm Healing Service 2:00 pm <i>Faith Pictures</i> in the Undercroft with Hannah Beck 7:00 pm PCC meeting 7:00 pm Bi-Polar UK Support Group
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am <i>Faith Pictures</i> in the Undercroft with Pete Hallam 10:30 am Café RefleXion 6:30 pm NA Meeting 8:00 pm The Hour
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am Parent and Toddler Group 11:00 am Holy Communion 12:30 pm Lunchtime RefleXion 2:00 pm St Peter's Handbell Ringers at Wesley Centre 7:30 pm Choir Practice
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup></b>	9:30 am AA Meeting 10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team 6:30 pm Youth Club – Quiz Night 7:00 pm Bell Ringers 7:30 pm <i>Faith Pictures</i> in the Gallery with Sherlita Gilliland
<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 am – 4:00 pm Weeton Dramatic Society are having a Refreshment Day.

## Book Worms Wanted

St Peter's Library Group needs people of all ages to review one of the books from our Library for the Weekly News. Please speak to Toria (01423 797818).

### Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Communion
4:30	Afternoon Church – <i>Holy Communion</i>
6:30	Confirmation Service with Bishop James

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 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.

## My inspiration - polar pioneer, Henry Worsley

I first heard about the polar explorer, Henry Worsley, through my Dad. He knew Henry in the Army. Dad told my brothers and me that Henry was planning to attempt the first ever solo, unassisted and unsupported crossing of Antarctica.

During his journey, Henry would be updating his progress each night via satellite phone. We followed Henry's daily diary each night and listened to him talk about his progress.

Henry was keen to answer questions from young people who would hopefully become future explorers. I asked whether there was anything that he regretted not packing, or wished that he hadn't taken. Henry replied that he wished he had packed some spare headphones as his had stopped working in the cold, and he couldn't listen to music during the day on his journey. Every day we watched Henry's marker move closer to his target on the satellite map. With only 30 miles to his destination, and having already travelled 913 miles over 71 days, Henry reported that it was journey's end. He was both exhausted and very ill. Henry was picked up and flown to South America, where he went straight into surgery. Sadly Henry died as a result of an infection on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2016. We were all very upset to hear the news, but realised he had died following in the footsteps of his hero Ernest Shackleton. Henry also set out to raise £100,000 for an injured soldier's charity – the total now stands at over £525,000.

I, along with a few other children, have been asked to take part in a tribute to Henry's life by the Friends of the Scott Polar Research Institute at the Royal Geographical Society in London. I will speak alongside explorer Robert Swann and Michael Palin, about how he has inspired me. I am really looking forward to this.

Harry Day

*How exciting! Good luck with this, Harry, and please let us know how you get on!*

## Tic Tac Sunday

Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April is **TICTAC** Sunday – **Tins In Church; Tins At Church**. St Peter's gives out food parcels every day to those in need. Please, when you do your shopping this week, remember to pick up an extra tin or two to bring to Church next week to put in the hamper.



**Electoral Roll**

If you are not already on St Peter's Electoral Roll and would like to be, please fill in one of the forms at the back of Church and return it to the Parish Office. Then you will be able to vote at our AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00 pm.

Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from



the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.

### In Memorium - Easter Flowers



If you wish to have a loved one commemorated by name alongside the Easter Lilies on the High Altar, please give that person's name along with any donation (cash only) to Sue Heapy (07540 355305) before 9<sup>th</sup> April.

### St Peter's Library Book Table



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

after the 9:30 and 11:00 am services  
Come and borrow an inspirational book!



**New to St Peter's?** Please fill in one of the cards in the pews and also ask one of the clergy or sides persons for your welcome pack.

### Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (2<sup>nd</sup> April) will be noon on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below)

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