



Weekly News

31st December 2017

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

Happy New Year 2018



The New Year can often bring a mixed bag of emotions and memories for many of us. Some may have just experienced the best year ever and look forward to an even better ahead. Others may have just struggled through, weighed down by fear, loss and worry. The fresh calendar year brings hope for things to be better, with a longing for wounds and hurts to be healed.

Whether you've just had the greatest year of your life so far, or are incredibly glad to see this one finally over, one truth still rings clear amidst it all. You are not alone. Not ever.

Our God is with us. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, that reminder has the power to carry us right into a fresh, new start. He is Emmanuel, God with us. And though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5 v 17

Marian Chambers, *Weekly News and Parish Newsletter Editor*

Today's Services: 31st December 2017

The First Sunday of Christmas

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 420, 602, 357, 491

Readings Galatians 4 v 4 - 7
Luke 2 v 15 - 21

Preacher: Alan Garrow

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Stanford in B flat (Jubilate)

Hymns 65, 75, 444

Psalm 105 v 1 - 11

Readings Isaiah 52 v 7 - 10
Galatians 4 v 4 - 7

Anthem The Word Made Flesh (*Philip Wilby*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Oliver Longstaff
and Ian Birt

4:30 Afternoon Church Service of the Word *Refreshments from 4.15*

Hymns 602, 498, 36

Preacher: Hannah Beck

6:30 Evening Prayer (said)

Readings Jeremiah 23 v 1 - 6
Colossians 2 v 8 - 15

Preacher: Sue Pearce

11:30 Watchnight Service



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.

Next Sunday 7th January – The Epiphany

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

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Tim Akers, Rosemary Almond, Heather Bellis, Denise Craven, Hilary Clark, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Gill Gibson, Peggy Harris, Vicky Harrison, Edna Hodgkiss, Caroline Kelly, Steve Martin, Kath McGough, Alan Richardson, Colin Sinclair and Linda Ware.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Our Parish Newsletter, THE NET
The Harrogate Hub, support for those feeling lost, lonely or isolated
- Tues** St Peter's Lunchtime RefleXions
Epilepsy Action Support Group
- Wed** All St Peter's House Groups
The Undercroft Group
- Thurs** Men's Breakfast at St Peter's
The emergency and rescue services
- Fri** Sian Lockwood, Churchwarden and our Safeguarding Officer
St Peter's Safer Church Group
- Sat** Tim Hurren, Associate Vicar
Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

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** *The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus*
Psalm 103
Genesis 17 v 1 - 13
Romans 2 v 17 to end
- Tues** Psalm 18 v 1 - 30
Ruth 1
Colossians 2 v 8 to end
- Wed** Psalm 127
Ruth 2
Colossians 3 v 1 - 11
- Thurs** Psalm 89 v 1 - 37
Ruth 3
Colossians 3 v 12 - 4 v 1
- Fri** Psalm 48
Ruth 4 v 1 - 17
Colossians 4 v 2 to end
- Sat** Psalm 99
Jeremiah 23 v 1 - 8
Matthew 20 v 1 - 16

The Collect for the First Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ:

grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.



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.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (7th January 2018) will be noon on Wednesday 3rd January. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or Marian Chambers.

What's on This Week:

Alpha starts here - a display in the Glass Foyer. Daily from 1st – 8th January

Mon 1st New Year's Day

Tues 2nd 12:30 pm Healing Service

Wed 3rd 10:30 am Café RefleXion

Thurs 4th 11:00 am Holy Communion
3:00 pm Memorial Service for Tony Sweeney
7:00 pm Breakfast Club are going to the Pantomime
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Fri 5th 9:30 am AA Meeting
10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team
7:00 pm Bell Ringers

Sat 6th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Refreshment Day held by 16th Harrogate Scout Group
2:00 pm Fairtrade Meeting

Sun 7th 2:00 pm Season's Art work from the Autumn Term

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