



Weekly News

25th November 2018

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

The Joy of Home Groups



When I joined St Peter's Church, many moons ago, I thought I was a 'proper' Christian, but I soon realised I needed more scriptural knowledge to take my faith to a deeper level. I had so many questions in my head that the Sunday sermon could not satisfy. So, I decided to search out a Home Group.

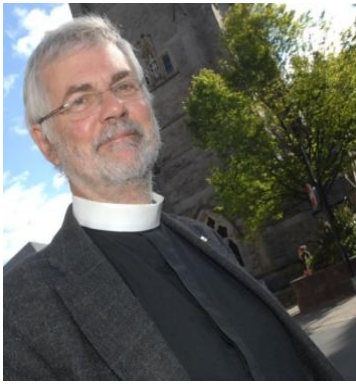
Meeting with more mature Christians and doing a structured Bible study began to fill in the gaps

and get me answers to my doubts, fears and misconceptions about Christianity. As I got to know the Group as individuals I started to feel 'safe' enough to ask even the silliest questions about Christianity and to share personal things about my own my life. We were regularly reminded by the Group leader that anything said within the meeting was to remain confidential. I felt secure enough to ask for personal prayers along with praying for others. This sense of freedom encourages people to share their Christian journey from which we can learn much and find great comfort. You may realise that a worrying situation you might be in is not unique and someone else has been there before and survived!

Another advantage of being part of a Home Group, is knowing each other so well that you feel supported when times get rough, as your Christian friends have a deep knowledge about you and your circumstances. Life does not always run smoothly and the power of prayerful and sometimes practical support at such times cannot be overstated.

Tessa Gilbert

If you would like to join a group for fellowship, study and prayer (or maybe host one in your own home), then please speak to Sarah Martin (07913 259490) or the Vicar, Alan Garrow.



St Peter's Evening Fellowship Annual Dinner

This year our Evening Fellowship are holding their annual dinner at Ascot House, Kings Road, on Thursday 6th December. The guest speaker is our very own Canon Tony Shepherd MBE, retired Vicar of St Peter's. Please contact Richard Bion on 01423 569701 or pick up a form from the back of Church to book your place.

Want to understand the readings on Sundays better?

Low Harrogate Cell Church, who meet at 4 St Marys Avenue, 7.30 – 9:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, study next Sunday's Bible readings each week. We feel that this helps us to understand and appreciate the readings better when we hear them in Church. Spare copies of the readings, in two translations, and commentary will also be available at the back of Church, if you are interested. If you would like to join us for tea, biscuits, fellowship and support, and Bible study, please contact Hannah Beck on 07503 186455

St Peter's youth group, **Sanctuary**, meets tonight, Sunday 25th November, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, in the Brostoff Hall. Please use the Glass Foyer entrance in the precinct. Chris Clayton has all the details!



St Peter's Parish Events Team raised a magnificent **£1, 783** for the work of our Church at their Refreshment Day last Saturday! Well done and thank you for all your hard work!



St Peter's Church

6:00 pm Friday 7th December

Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas carols, featuring a choir and acclaimed harpist and singer, Lucy Bunce. There will be a retiring collection for:



Doors open at 5:30 pm for you to enjoy Crafts stall – Mulled wine – Mince pies

Deadline
is this
FRIDAY!

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival 8th – 15th December

Why not enter a tree in this year's festive display? It's free to enter and is open to everyone – individuals, families, clubs, businesses – all are welcome!

Please contact the Festival Organisers Sue Dawson (07717 862899) or Louise Knight (07764 493475) with any queries. Entry forms will need to be in by:

Friday 30th November

THE NET
The Parish Newsletter for St Peter's Church, Harrogate

Advent 2018

In this issue:

- Sanctuary our new Youth Group
- Family friendly services and events
- Details of all our Advent and Christmas Services
- Alpha sparking life-changing conversations

Welcome to **THE NET** - the parish newsletter of St Peter's - the church in the centre of Harrogate right beside the War Memorial. Our youth club has had a makeover and the brand new Youth Alpha starts in 2019 - find out more inside. All our Christmas and Advent services are listed, with details of two family-friendly events - why not celebrate Christmas with us?

Join us this Christmas

I was talking to a friend recently who told me that her town had doubled in size, in quite a short period of time, while the population had stayed almost exactly the same! How is that possible? The answer is that the number of dwellings had doubled, but each dwelling was now occupied by about half the number of people compared with previously. We are living in a time when there is a tendency to grow further and further apart from one another, when we spend less and less time with the people we live closest to. Christmas is an opportunity to reverse that trend. It gives us the chance to take stock and notice what we really value - which, for many people, includes spending time with our families and neighbours in shared community celebration.

At St Peter's we rejoice in being a meeting place between people, and people and God, every day of the week, every day of the year. Over the Christmas period there will be a vast number of opportunities to join with others in giving thanks for the gift of community life - as we also give thanks for a God who, when we turn away does not reject us, but comes to meet us in his Son!

In this edition of THE NET you'll find details of all our Christmas services, as well as information about exciting developments for children and young people. Come and join us - you will be truly welcome!

Alan Garrow (Vicar of St Peter's Church)

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THE NET is coming out today!

The Advent edition of our Parish newsletter - THE NET - comes out today and focuses on **Making Families and Young People Welcome**. There are also details of all our **Advent and Christmas** events and services, as well as invitations to the **Alpha** and **Alpha Youth** courses starting in the New Year. We aim is to deliver a copy to every household in our Parish, but we need your help to do this. If you would like to help deliver THE NET this time or in the future, then please give your name and details to Hannah Beck (07503 186455), the Parish Office (568218) or to one of the Clergy.

Thanks to Hannah, the bundles of newsletters are ready in the South Transept for our regular distributors to collect today and deliver in the coming week. If you can't deliver your newsletters, then please let Hannah know. Thank you very much for making this part of St Peter's ministry possible.

Marian Chambers (*Parish Newsletter Editor*)

Advent Candle Service

Next Sunday, 2nd December, is the first Sunday in Advent, so please join us for our Advent Candle Service starting at 6:30 pm. St Peter's will be filled with beautiful words, music and candlelight, as we prepare for the coming of Christ into the world.



Young people (Yr 7+) are invited to a

Sanctuary Advent Special

Sunday 9th December
6.00-8.30pm
St Peter's Vicarage
13 Beech Grove, HG2 0ET

Sanctuary
St Peter's Youth

ST PETER'S HARROGATE
FEEDING HUNGRY PEOPLE

Dress: smart casual
RSVP alan.garrow@gmail.com

Today's Services: 25th November 2018

The Sunday next before Advent
Christ the King

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

There is Sunday Club for school age children today - please gather in the café area at the front of Church at the start of the service. Pre-schoolers and their parents are welcome to stay in this area, where there are toys and activities to share for the whole service.

Hymns 124, 27, 40, 315

Readings Revelation 1 v 4b - 8
John 18 v 33 - 37

Preacher: Alan Garrow

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Vaughan Williams in G (Te Deum)

Hymns 165, 460, 398

Psalm 29

Readings Isaiah 32 v 1 - 8
Revelation 3 v 7 to end

Anthem Zadok the Priest (*Handel*)

Preacher: John Longstaff

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

Hymns: 379, 250, 384

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Wood in E flat (no.2)

Hymns 590, 172, 546

Psalm 72

Readings Daniel 5
Revelation 1 v 4b - 8

Anthem Rejoice! The Lord is King (*Walter Stanton*)

Preacher: Michael Hunter

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Angus Turner 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:

Tim Akers, Rosemary Almond, Jane and Brian Crabtree, Jan Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Gill Gibson, Vicky Harrison, Edna Hodgkiss, Caroline Kelly, Peter Norbury, Peggy Palmer, Alan Richardson, Frances Roxby-Proud, Colin Sinclair and Linda Ware.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	The Weekly News Editorial Team The children sponsored through <i>Compassion UK</i>
Tues	St Peter's Animal Welfare Group Local animal charities
Wed	St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship All attending our Healing Service
Thurs	All our Communion Administrants All who lead the prayers at St Peter's
Fri	John and Patricia Stableford, Churchwardens Emeriti Her Majesty, the Queen
Sat	Hannah Beck, Lay Reader Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love

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 96 Isaiah 40 v 1 - 11 Revelation 14 v 1 - 13
Tues	Psalm 97 Isaiah 40 v 12 - 26 Revelation 14 v 14 - 15 to end
Wed	Psalm 112 Isaiah 40 v 27 - 41 v 7 Revelation 16 v 1 - 11
Thurs	Psalm 125 Isaiah 41 v 8 - 20 Revelation 16 v 12 to end
Fri	<i>Andrew the Apostle</i> Psalm 47 Ezekiel 47 v 1 - 12 John 12 v 20 - 32
Sat	Psalm 145 Isaiah 42 v 10 - 17 Revelation 18

The Collect for the Sunday next before Advent

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

What's on This Week

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily

Fairtrade Christmas Shop – open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Old Baptistery.

Mon 26th 2:00 pm Singing Folk

Tues 27th 12:30 pm Healing Service
7:00 pm Bi-Polar Support Group
7:00 pm PCC meeting

Wed 28th 9:30 am Bible RefleXions – **The Ten Commandments**: Reliability
10:30 am Café RefleXion
7:00 pm Bible Study group at 26, Hookstone Drive - **The Book of Romans** – The Living Sacrifice (chapter 12)

Thurs 29th 9:30 am St Peter's Parent and Toddler Group
11:00 am Holy Communion
12:30 pm Lunchtime RefleXion
2:00 pm St Peter's Handbell Ringers at Wesley Chapel
7:30 pm Choir Practice

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

Sat 1st 7:30 pm **Christmas Concert** with the Fisher Singers and Harrogate Band

Next Sunday 2nd December

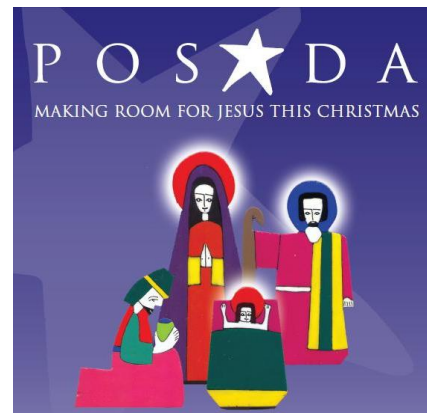
The First Sunday of Advent

8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Communion
4:30 Afternoon Church –
Holy Communion
6:30 **Advent Candle
Service**

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.

Celebrate Posada at St Peter's

Advent is fast approaching, bringing with it the opportunity to welcome the Posada into your home. For those not familiar with the tradition of the Posada, it's a celebration originating in Mexico whereby, during Advent, Nativity figures travel around an area visiting a different home every night to commemorate Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. If you would like to host the St Peter's Posada for a night during Advent please seek Cathryn Brewer out after the 9:30 am service or contact her via email at cathmbrewer@yahoo.com.



#Follow the Star this Christmas

#FollowTheStar, the Church of England's national Advent and Christmas campaign for 2018, is based on the journey of the Wise Men as they followed the star to find the Christ child. There will be an interactive calendar with some lovely **Star ideas for families and churches** in the countdown to Christmas, such as:

Star Friends – write this simple prayer onto a paper star 'Loving God, bless my friend today'. Then give it to a friend who shines like a star for you.

You can also sign up for daily emails which include a picture, a short Bible passage, a simple prayer and an action to reflect on. Find out more and join in at www.churchofengland.org/followthestar.

Next Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven announced

Our next Archdeacon is to be **Canon Jonathan Gough**, Assistant Chaplain General to the Army since 2014. In addition to long service to the Army both at home and abroad, he was previously Ecumenical Secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury. His Army service included tours of duty as Senior Chaplain to Catterick Garrison and to the Army Foundation College in Harrogate; he was also deployed with soldiers on operations in Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq.



Stir Up Sunday!

Today is Stir Up Sunday – so called because it's the traditional day for making Christmas puddings, said to be inspired by the collect for the day in the Book of Common Prayer that begins: *Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people*. So if you are making your pudding today – happy stirring!



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 (2nd December) will be noon on Wednesday 28th November. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below)

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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 something extra to bring to Church next Sunday to put in the hamper.

Green Your Life eco tip of the week

November – recycling

Be pedantic about your recycling! Think about every item you put in the bin; should it go to landfill? Loo rolls come on card tubes, sweets come in foil or paper wrappers, apple cores can be composted and most packaging can be recycled now.



New to St Peter's? Please fill in one of the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to one of the clergy.