



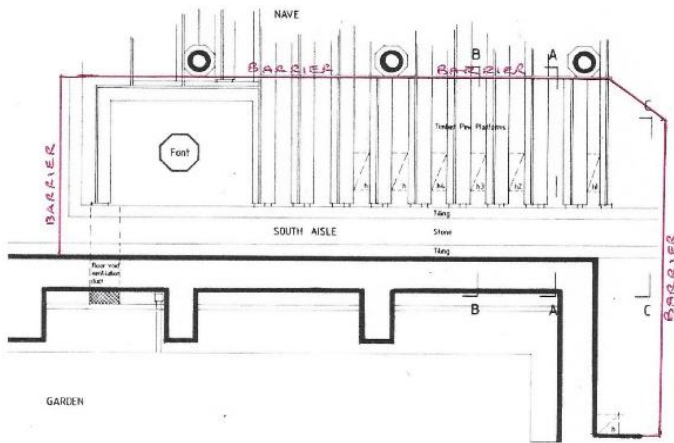
Weekly News

16th December 2018

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

South Aisle Floor Repairs



Long-awaited repairs to the South Aisle floor begin on 7th January 2019 and are due to continue for five weeks. These repairs are necessary because beetle-damage to supporting joists have made the floor unsafe. For the duration of the work the area outlined (*see diagram*) will be boarded out. The Old Baptistery and Bell Tower will still be accessible.

Church Closure Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th January 2019

Breakfast Club, Food Parcels, Morning and Evening Prayer will continue, but, otherwise, the Church will be closed to visitors on 7th and 8th January. The Healing Service will take place in the Choir Room. On Wednesday 9th January the Church will be open to visitors as normal. Thursday Communion will take place on Thursday 10th; Lunchtime Reflexions returns on Thursday 17th January.

Smell

During the repairs, wood will be treated with a chemical which has an unpleasant but non-toxic smell. Notice will be given when this process will take place.

Floor Covering

Once the floor is repaired a replacement, hardwearing grey carpet will be laid across the whole of the front of the nave. Notice of dates affected will be given nearer the time.

Parking

We will have access to only one parking space in the alley for the duration of the works. It is important that no one uses this space without prior arrangement with Carole Raw, Parish Administrator.

We are grateful to the trusts and individuals who have generously provided the funds for this essential work. Your understanding during the inevitable disruption will also be much appreciated.

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's



Christmas Break?

If your group is taking a Christmas break in the next few weeks, then please let me know before the deadline for the Christmas/New Year Weekly News editions – **noon on Wednesday 19th December**. I would also like to wish all our readers and contributors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Marian Chambers (*Weekly News Editor*)

Sunday Lunch Club Meets Today!

It is open to everyone and there's no need to book or bring anything – although donations towards the cost will, of course, be very welcome! Lunch today will be served at 1:00 pm. Please speak to Hannah Beck (07503 186455) or Yvonne Dawes (07960 779381) if you need to know more.

Sanctuary are at The Escape Room tonight!

Sanctuary, our youth group, are at the Clue HQ Escape Room tonight. Please meet promptly in the Glass Foyer - we set off at 5:30pm. If we finish early we will go back to Church for some of Chris's legendary hot chocolate, so please arrange to be collected at 8:00 pm from Church. Good luck everybody!



Alpha

St Peter's Church
Cambridge Road
Harrogate HG1 1PB
Starting 13th January 2019
Sundays 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Contact the Revd Chris Clayton
chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org

The gift that
keeps on *giving*

St Peter's Church
Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Starting 9th January 2019

Join us in 2019 #TryAlpha
Alpha.org/uk

Alpha

The Uncertainty of a Shepherd Boy

His father had taught him that great men foretold
of a King who would live in a castle of gold;
who would favour their people and ask them to feast,
and he'd punish their foes; all the sinners not least.

Well he stood on the hill in the dark and the cold,
but he saw no great King, decked in jewels and gold;
so he followed a friend to a crude cattle shed,
where a manger of hay had been used as a bed.

The snow fell and wind howled and rattled the door,
and the cattle lowed softly as they knelt in the straw.
Did his friends speak the truth? Did he hear *angels sing*?
could this small, fragile infant be Israel's King?



Barbara Stone



**St Peter's Church
Christmas Services
2018**

Thursday 20 th	9:30 am St Peter's School Carol Service
Sunday 23 rd	<i>Fourth Sunday in Advent with our usual Sunday morning services</i>
	6:30 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Monday 24 th	Christmas Eve
	10:00 am Shoppers' Coffee and Carols
	3:00 and 4:30 pm Christingle Services led by our Music Group
	6:30 pm Carols for Christmas Eve with St Peter's Choir
	11:30 pm Midnight Mass
Tuesday 25 th	Christmas Day
	8:30 am Holy Communion
	9:30 am Family Communion
	11:00 am Christmas Morning Service
Sunday 30 th	<i>The First Sunday of Christmas with our usual Sunday services</i>
Monday 31 st	New Year's Eve
	4:00 – 6:00 pm Lighting of the New Candles
	11:30 pm Watchnight Service

Today's Services: 16th December 2018

The Third Sunday of Advent

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 27, 124, 192, 410

Readings Philipians 4 v 4 - 7
Luke 3 v 7 - 18

Preacher: Chris Clayton

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Sumsion in B flat (Benedicite)

Hymns 607, 595, 38 (omit * verse)

Psalm 62

Readings Isaiah 25 v 1 - 9
Luke 3 v 7 - 18

Anthem This the Record of John (*Gibbons*)

Preacher: Sue Pearce



4:30 Afternoon Church *Crafternoon Church Refreshments from 4.15*
Come and make Nativity figures to help us tell the story of Jesus' birth. You can also make a special star to take home

Hymns: 1030

Preacher: Ruth Thompson-Vear

6:30 Choral Communion

Setting Darke in F

Hymns 37, 25, 318, 33

Readings Philipians 4 v 4 - 7
Luke 3 v 7 - 18

Anthem The Word made flesh (*Wilby*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Paul Medforth and
Ian Birt



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, Jane and Brian Crabtree, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Gill Gibson, Vicky Harrison, Edna Hodgkiss, David Neild, Peter Norbury, Alan Richardson, Frances Roxby-Proud, Colin Sinclair, Linda Ware and David Yardley.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	David Fisher, our Treasurer Christian debt counselling charities
Tues	All who are sick in body, mind or spirit Addiction Support Agencies
Wed	Minority religious communities living in fear in Pakistan The safety and security of Asia Bibi and her family
Thurs	St Peter's Toddler Group All who provide local services
Fri	The Sunday Lunch Club <i>Harrogate Homeless Project</i> , offering help and emergency accommodation to those in need
Sat	Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Those whose time is spent caring for others

Daily Readings

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	<i>Eglantyne Jebb, social reformer, founder of 'Save the Children', 1928</i> Psalm 40 Isaiah 49 v 14 - 25 1 Thessalonians 5 v 1 - 11
Tues	Psalm 70 Isaiah 50 1 Thessalonians 5 v 12 to end
Wed	Psalm 146 Isaiah 51 v 1 - 8 2 Thessalonians 1
Thurs	Psalm 46 Isaiah 51 v 9 - 16 2 Thessalonians 2
Fri	Psalm 121 Isaiah 51 v 17 to end 2 Thessalonians 3
Sat	Psalm 124 Isaiah 52 v 1 - 12 Jude

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's on This Week

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

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival – *Come and see our amazing display of decorated Christmas Trees and find out who the winners are! The Fairtrade Christmas Shop continues in the Old Baptistery. Daily from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.*

Mon 17th	7:00 pm St Peter's Choir are singing at the St Michael's Hospice Carol Service at Rudding Park. Rehearsal at 6:30 pm.
Tues 18th	12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 19th	9:30 am Bible RefleXions – The Beatitudes: <i>Thirsting for what is right</i> 10:30 am Café RefleXion
Thurs 20th	9:30 am St Peter's School Carol Service 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 21st	9:30 am AA Meeting 10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team 7:00 pm Bell Ringers
Sat 22nd	NO Refreshment Day today

Our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols is next Sunday

Join us for our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols here at St Peter's Church on Sunday 23rd December at 6:30 pm. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings. The readings are interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and include choral pieces sung by our wonderful choir. This is always a popular service, so you are advised to arrive in good time!



Next Sunday 23rd December
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
4:30 Afternoon Church
6:30 **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

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 – that's **TODAY!** Food parcels are available from 4:45 pm every day, except for Sundays, when it's 5:30 pm.

Local Business supports St Peter's Christmas Giving



A huge thank-you to the staff of *Go Home Direct Trading Ltd*, a company based in Knaresborough, who have collected toys, nappies and baby food for all the children that St Peter's Church Charitable Giving supports at Christmas.

Pilgrimage to Fountains Abbey

The Bishop of Ripon, Helen-Ann Hartley, says she is really looking forward to leading her first Boxing Day Pilgrimage from Ripon Cathedral to Fountains Abbey. The celebration of Eucharist at the Cathedral begins at 9:30 am and then the pilgrims will walk the 4 miles to the Abbey where there'll be a service of carols and prayers from approximately 12:00 noon in the Cellarium. Entrance to Fountains Abbey is free if you are joining the pilgrimage.



Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Professor Tom Wright – *Space, time and history: Jesus and the challenge of God*

The question of how we talk about God has become more and more confused in today's western culture. Where might such a conversation start, and how might it proceed? Come and hear this much in demand speaker - who is a leading scholar and theologian, retired Bishop of Durham and author of over eighty books - at St Mark's Church on Saturday 12th January 2019, starting with a continental breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets cost £8 (students £5) which includes the breakfast and refreshments.

The next Dean of York is announced



Downing Street has announced that the next Dean of York will be the Suffragan Bishop of Southampton, the Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost. Dr Frost, who will be installed in February 2019, will be the 76th Dean in a line dating back to 1093. Please pray for the new Dean, his wife Christine and their family as they move to Yorkshire.

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



Christingle makers needed!

On Christmas Eve there will be **two** Christingle services here at St Peter's! So, we need to make around 400 Christingles that morning in Church. Volunteers (adults and children alike) are welcome from 10:00 am on Monday 24th December. If you would like to help please let one of the Clergy know or contact the Parish Office on 568218 or stpeters.office@ntlbusiness.com.

Green Your Life

eco tip of the week

December – eco Christmas ideas

Why not reuse your wrapping paper? Take a bit of care unwrapping your presents (it adds to the gift experience), save the paper and reuse next year.



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

Deadline for Christmas/New Year

The deadline for the next two editions (23rd and 30th December) will be noon on Wednesday 19th December. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below)

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