



Weekly News

26th January 2020

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Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 – Stand Together

*Today we welcome members of the local Jewish community, who will be joining us for our **Holocaust Memorial Service** at 11:00 am.*

Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz on 27th January 1945 – this is a significant milestone and is made particularly poignant by the dwindling number of survivors who are able to share their testimony. It also marks the 25th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia - the massacres at Srebrenica and Žepa committed by Bosnian Serb forces in 1995.



Bosnian Muslim women mourn over a coffin of a massacre victim in Srebrenica

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 is **Stand Together**. It explores how genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately divided societies by marginalising certain groups, and how these tactics can be challenged by individuals standing together with their neighbours and speaking out against oppression.

Today there is increasing division in communities across the UK and the world. Now more than ever, we need to stand together with others in our communities in order to stop that division and the spread of identity-based hostility in our society. In order to combat hate in our communities, individuals have a crucial role to play in challenging what is seen as acceptable language and behaviour, especially on social media. When Holocaust Memorial Day was established in 2000 in Stockholm, delegates from the 46 countries were asked to sign a declaration, one of the statements says:

We recognise that humanity is still scarred by the belief that race, religion, disability or sexuality make some people's lives worth less than others. Genocide, antisemitism, racism, xenophobia and discrimination still continue. We have a shared responsibility to fight these evils.

A prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day 2020

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, the Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis and Senior Imam Qari Asim have united to write a new prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day 2020:

Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust. In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart.

Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us. In the light of God, we see everyone as equally precious manifestations of the Divine and can know the courage to face the darkness. Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish all darkness, love will prevail over hate and good will triumph over evil. Amen

Find out about Holocaust Memorial Day and this year's theme at www.hmd.org.uk

The Alpha Course starts here on Wednesday!

If you are a new Christian or just trying to discern what it is you do believe then **#Try Alpha** at St Peter's Church, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, beginning this Wednesday 29th January 2020. Look out for an invitation at the end of the pews, so you can bring a friend. Speak to Sarah Martin (sarah@makeadifference.co.uk or 0791 325 9490) to find out more or to tell her you're coming.



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Being a Christian involves all of our lives, including our work. Join us for a morning workshop exploring the relationship between Christianity and work.

Saturday 1st February

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

*St Margaret's Church Parish Centre
Church Lane, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 5LA*

Please contact Carol Stenner on 0113 353 0281 or carol.stenner@leeds.anglican.org

Fresh from the farm every week!



FREE RANGE EGGS FOR SALE
£1 for half a dozen

Larger than large **James Potter** eggs available from Hannah Beck after any service on Sundays, or during the week.

Ten pence from each sale goes to St Peter's Breakfast Club funds.

Thoughts about Depression

The following article, which is part of the 'Welcome, Inclusion, Respect' initiative, deals with the difficult subject of depression. It has been written by a member of our congregation.

Depression has been described in so many ways over the years; Churchill called it his Black Dog, others describe it as being under a dark cloud, a lead weight on the shoulders, or just 'not doing great'. I feel that none of these accurately describe the terrible black pit in the centre of my being; the inability to focus on things that I enjoy, the inability to sleep, the whole sensation of emptiness and despair that being depressed brings about.

Depression has many causes: lack of sunlight; hormone or chemical imbalance; a mental reaction to a traumatic or life changing event that could have happened in the long, distant past or is happening now, or just a culmination of these. I have had it on and off for over half of my life, and it still sneaks up on me. I suddenly realise that I am waking up earlier and earlier each day, there is a growing pile of unopened envelopes on the table, my child is eating junk food because I don't have the energy to cook, I close myself off from family and friends and existing becomes a replacement for living.

The worst thing you can say to someone who is depressed is 'we all get depressed'. If only I 'just got depressed' instead of the black hole that numbs all feeling except fear, terror and sadness. As a rational person I know that none of these feelings are true, but as a depressed person they are the most powerful sensations in the world. *If anything in this article resonates with you, please talk to someone – a trusted friend or family member, your GP or The Samaritans (telephone 116 123). The mental health charity Mind (mind.org.uk) has information about depression and how you can access treatment and support. There are tips on caring for yourself and guidance for friends and family. You don't have to go through this alone.*



St Peter's Evening Fellowship

The next meeting of the Evening Fellowship is on Thursday 6th February at 7:30 pm in the Brostoff Hall, when the guest speaker will be Tony Burkitt giving a fascinating talk about Ireland. We can't promise a traditional Irish pub session washed down with a Guinness, but it will still be great craic!

Mount Toubkal Trek – Fundraising for Wellspring

For those looking for a 2020 challenge, Wellspring (the Christian mental health charity) is looking to raise a team to trek Mount Toubkal in Morocco on 5th to 9th August 2020. If you would like details (either as a potential participator or supporter) flyers are at the back of Church. There is an information evening, with Arabian nibbles, at Wellspring on Monday 3rd February at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Today's Services: 26th January 2020

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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 1158, 1419, 1674, 1404

Readings 1 Corinthians 1 v 10 - 18
Matthew 4 v 12 - 23

Preacher: Chris Clayton

11:00 Holocaust Memorial Service



Please see separate order of service

Anthem Blessed are they that mourn (*Brahms*)

Preacher: Richard Morris

4:15 Afternoon Church *Celtic Worship*

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Sumsion in A

Hymns 492, 520, 10

Psalm 33

Readings Ecclesiastes 3 v 1 - 11
1 Peter 1 v3 - 12

Anthem When Jesus our Lord (*Mendelssohn*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Angus Turner
and Richard Bion

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.

**We're marking
Holocaust Memorial Day**



Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Nicky Aitken, Tim Akers, Pat Anderson, Peggy-Anne Binder, Ruth Bowes, Mary Burcher, Louise Emrullahu, Cathy Fuller, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, Edna Hodgkiss, Sian Lockwood, Charlie Martineau, Peggy Palmer, Alan Richardson, Frances Roxby-Proud, Oli Saul, Colin Sinclair and Keith Ward.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** St Peter's social media channels
Those who were murdered in the Holocaust and all subsequent genocides
- Tues** The Hospital Chaplaincy Team
The staff and patients at Harrogate Hospital
- Wed** St Peter's PCC
Our **Alpha** course starting tonight
- Thurs** **Sanctuary**, St Peter's Youth Group
The Children's Society, supporting vulnerable children
- Fri** St Peter's Welcomer's Team
All who visit St Peter's Church
- Sat** Graham Cornish, one of our retired Clergy
Peace and justice in the world

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 108
Genesis 11 v 27 – 12 v 9
Matthew 26 v 1 - 16
- Tues** Psalm 36
Genesis 13 v 2 to end
Matthew 26 v 17 - 35
- Wed** *Thomas Aquinas, priest and philosopher, 1274*
Psalm 46
Genesis 14
Matthew 26 v 36 - 46
- Thurs** *Charles, King and Martyr, 1649*
Psalm 47
Genesis 15
Matthew 26 v 47 - 56
- Fri** Psalm 65
Genesis 16
Matthew 26 v 57 to end
- Sat** *Brigid, Abbess of Kildare*
Psalm 68
Genesis 17 v 1 - 22
Matthew 27 v 1 - 10

The Collect for the Third Sunday of the Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

or

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

What's on This Week

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

#Try Alpha – a display in the Glass Foyer - find out more about the Alpha course starting at St Peter's on Wednesday 29th January

- Mon 27th** 1:30 pm **Thinking about God** discussion group in the Undercroft
2:00 pm The Singing Folk group
- Tues 28th** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Rachel's Art Class in the Brostoff Hall
12:30 pm Healing Service
1:30 – 4:30 pm Rachel's Art Class in the Brostoff Hall
7:00 pm Bi-Polar Support Group
- Wed 29th** 9:15 am Bible RefleXions: The Bible – The Bible as a lamp. *Looks at the Bible as something that enlightens and informs us as Christians.*
10:30 am Café RefleXion
6:00 – 8:00 pm **Alpha at St Peter's starts tonight!**
- Thurs 30th** 9:30 am St Peter's Parent and Toddler Group
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 am Lunchtime RefleXion
7:30 pm Choir Practice
- Fri 31st** 9:30 am AA Meeting
10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team
7:00 pm Bell Ringers
7:00 pm NA Meeting
- Sat 1st** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm **Vocalis**, the Harrogate chamber choir, are holding a Refreshment Day in Church.
- Sun 2nd** 6:00 – 7:30 pm **Sanctuary**, our youth group, with the **Faith Confirmed** course tonight

Next Sunday 2nd February The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Communion
4:15 Afternoon Church –
Holy Communion
6:30 Choral Evensong

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.



Sanctuary go bowling in Leeds

St Peter's youth group, **Sanctuary**, are going bowling at *Tenpin Leeds* on Saturday 8th February. They're meeting at St Peter's at noon and then travelling to Leeds by train. *Tenpin Leeds* is in the Merrion Centre and has 26 lanes. They'll be back at Church at about 4:30 pm. For more details or to book a place speak to Chris Clayton (chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org).

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Luke and Acts part 2 – a Bibletrack seminar by Dr Jane Williams

Jane Williams is a Christian theologian and writer. She is Assistant Dean and Lecturer at St Mellitus College. Her husband is Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury until his retirement in 2012. This is at Mowbray Community Church on 15th February, starting with a continental breakfast served from 9:30 am, and then a DVD presentation by Jane Williams, followed by a facilitated discussion. Tickets cost £5, students £3, including breakfast and refreshments.

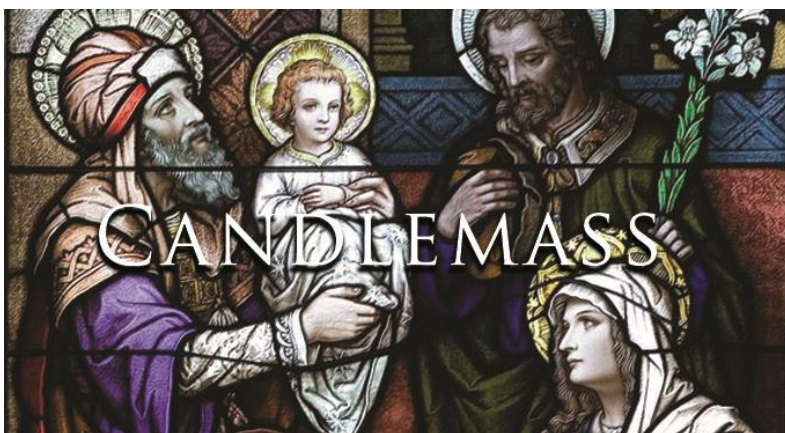
New national Church campaign looks for God in the everyday

Christians in our diocese and across the country will be finding God in the business of their daily lives as part of the Church of England's new national campaign. The #EverydayFaith campaign, which launched on Plough Sunday (12th January), includes an app, social media posts, daily emails and a 21-day reflection booklet full of

stories and support for living out the Christian faith.

Archbishop Justin Welby says in the introduction: 'God sends us as God's church to live out our faith in a variety of places and to share the hope and love we have with the people we meet in everyday life.' All the information you need to sign up to receive the emails, buy the booklet or download the Everyday Faith app is at www.churchofengland.org/everydayfaith.

Candlemas at Ripon Cathedral



Candlemas celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the temple. Come on **Saturday 1st February at 7:00 pm** to see the thousands of candles lighting up the Cathedral, the candlelit procession and then join in the Festal Eucharist to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world.

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 February) will be noon on Wednesday 29th January. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below)



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 - toiletries, tinned food, a packet of tea, biscuits - to bring to Church next Sunday to put in the hamper.

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Welcome to our Church!

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