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The Parish Newsletter for St Peter's Church, Harrogate

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Welcome to the parish newsletter of St Peter's - the church overlooking the War Memorial, at the heart of Harrogate.

The picture above is of our choir, who sing at our services every Sunday morning and evening.

Just before Christmas they took part in an amazing performance of Handel's Messiah directed by our Director of Music, John Longstaff - that's him in the smaller picture.



During Holy Week, on Wednesday 8th April they will be performing J S Bach's Mass in B minor. They will be joined by a chamber choir,

an orchestra and some very special guest singers. Come and hear a live performance of this magnificent piece of music - full details of how to get your

ticket are on the back page. Or why not come along to one of our Lent groups or Easter services - you will be made very welcome!

Tidings of comfort and joy shared throughout Advent



The congregation at Afternoon Church. It's on every Sunday starting at 4:15 pm. An informal service for all the family.



The children at 9:30 am Family Service helping the Vicar with his sermon



The Bursell family out delivering the Advent newsletter. There is a copy of THE NET for every house in the Parish.



Amnesty International encouraging people to write Christmas cards to send to people suffering human rights abuses.

Last December the Diocese of Leeds encouraged us to create a photographic record of some of our activities in the run up to Christmas.

This was posted on social media under #leedscofeadvent. Here are some of the images we used.

Alan Garrow
Vicar of St Peter's



The team preparing lunch for our Sunday Lunch Club, which meets at the Wesley Centre or St Peter's each week.



Christine and Eve handing out hymn books and welcoming people to our 9:30 am Family Communion Service.



St Peter's Music Group combining their Christmas party with a rehearsal. They play at our 9:30 am Sunday service.



Afternoon Church holding an awe-inspiring Advent service by candlelight

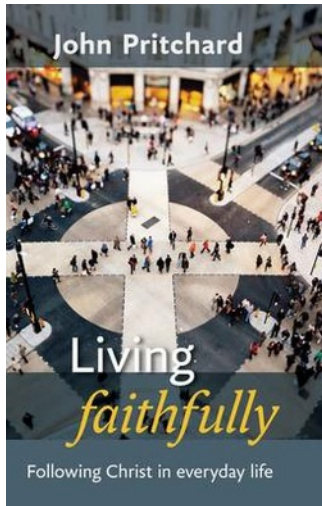


Sara with donations for the Christmas Hampers



Refreshments being served after our 8:30 am Holy Communion service

A book for Lent - *Living Faithfully: following Christ in everyday life*



Lent is the six week period leading up to Easter. It's one of the most important times of the year for Christians around the world. Lent is frequently seen as a time of solemn observance and preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. From its start on Ash Wednesday until its conclusion on Easter Sunday, Lent has been a traditional time for fasting or giving something up. Many Christians also use Lent to study their Bibles and pray more intensively, making use of devotional books and following Lent courses.

At St Peter's we will be using this book by John Pritchard, the former Bishop of Oxford, to direct our Lenten worship and reflections. Each chapter identifies an issue, explores how we might respond and encourages us - through stories, humour, quotes, questions and prayer - to seek to make a difference. There will be sermons, articles in our pewsheet, *The Weekly News*, and study groups all following that week's theme. Full details are on our website, where you can download *The Weekly News*, listen to the sermons and find out about where the study groups are being held.

Lent and Easter at St Peter's

February

Wednesday 26th 11:00 am Holy Communion marking the beginning of Lent, which will include the tradition of Ashing (the marking of foreheads with ash).
Ash Wednesday

March

Sunday 1st *First Sunday in Lent* with all our usual Sunday services - the tradition of Ashing will also take place at our morning services.

Sunday 22nd *Mothering Sunday* with all our usual Sunday Services - a small posy of flowers, made by St Peter's Brownies and Guides, will be given with love to every mother attending our services today.

April

Holy Week

Sunday 5th *Palm Sunday* - during our services today everyone receives a palm cross to commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem and the Passion Narrative is read at Matins and Evensong.

Monday 6th 7:00 pm **Compline** - a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day

Tuesday 7th 12:30 pm **Healing Service** - with prayers and the laying on of hands

Wednesday 8th 7:15 pm Performance of **Bach's Mass in B minor** with St Peter's Choir, guest singers and an orchestra

Thursday 9th 11:00 am Holy Communion - a traditional said service

Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm **Choral Communion commemorating the Last Supper**

Friday 10th 10:00 am **Good Friday Family Service** with craft activities and hot cross buns

Good Friday 2:00 pm **An Hour before the Cross** - meditations and music on the crucifixion of Christ

Sunday 12th *Easter Day* with all our usual Sunday Services - celebrating with joy Christ's resurrection - don't forget to bring a flower to add to the Flowering Cross.

Leading soprano Dame Emma Kirkby to sing at St Peter's



The great English soprano Dame Emma Kirkby will be singing at St Peter's Church in a Holy Week concert on Wednesday 8th April at 7:15 pm. She is one of the world's most renowned early music specialists and has sung on over 100 recordings.

St Peter's Choir continues its collaboration with Vocalis, Harrogate's leading chamber choir, in a performance of J S Bach's Mass in B minor. The soloists will be Aoife O'Connell and Emma Kirkby (sopranos), Emma Stannard (alto), James Micklethwaite (tenor) and Andrew Greenan (bass). The Harrogate Bach Players will be led by Fiona Love, with organist Simon Lindley. The concert will be conducted by John Longstaff, Director of Music at St. Peter's. Tickets £15 on sale from the Parish Office or Eventbrite from mid-February. Please join us on this very special evening.

Daily Services at St Peter's

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm Monday to Saturday

Sundays

- 8:30 am **Holy Communion** - a traditional said service held in the Choir stalls
- 9:30 am **Family Communion** - a structured but informal service accompanied by our Music Group. There is a Sunday Club for children.
- 11:00 am **Choral Matins** - a traditional service led by our Choir. On the first Sunday of the month this is Choral Communion.
- 4:15 pm **Afternoon Church** - starting with refreshments, a service for all the family.
- 6:30 pm **Choral Evensong** - a Cathedral style service led by our Choir. On the third Sunday of the month we have Choral Communion

Tuesdays

- 12:30 pm **Healing Service** - this includes prayers with laying on of hands

Wednesdays

- 10:30 am **Café RefleXion** - coffee, cake and Bible reflections

Thursdays

- 9:30 am **Parents and Toddlers** - stories, songs and prayers in Church, followed by time for coffee and play up in the Hall
- 11:00 am **Holy Communion** - a traditional said service
- 11:30 onwards **Lunchtime RefleXion** - food for your body and soul: a delicious lunch with readings and music

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