



Weekly News

12th July 2020

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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Rebuilding the Ship

Our situation is a bit like that of sailors who must rebuild their ship while at sea. The new form has to be constructed even as the old form must remain serviceable. Thus we find ourselves in a period where we are gradually rebuilding 'physical worship' (as in worship where we are physically gathered in the St Peter's Church building) at the same time as continuing with online worship for those who are shielding, or whom we are unable to accommodate because of limitations of space.

Today, Sunday 12th July, is the first Sunday when we plan to broadcast a whole, live service at 9:30 am and 11:00 am. This will give us an opportunity to learn more about what works and doesn't work in terms of the technology and choreography. Your feedback on these matters will be much appreciated. Next Sunday, 19th July, we plan to do the same in the light of lessons from the preceding week. Then, on 26th July, those who have booked will be joining us physically for a service that will also be streamed digitally. Booking for that 9:30 am Service is now closed.

As we venture forward there is likely to be a need for regular and sometimes detailed communication. If you are not already signed up for the **St Peter's e-News** may I strongly encourage you to do so – or, if you don't have email, to partner with someone who does (if that has not already been arranged)? Next Sunday I will communicate detailed information about what you can expect if you come to join us for physical worship, how we plan to minimise the risk of infection, and details of how to book for the coming weeks. Your patience as we rebuild the ship, will be much appreciated. Happy sailing,

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church



Come *Stand by Me* with *Open Arms* Talent Show!



Our youth group, **Sanctuary** are holding a [Talent Show](#) tonight, Sunday 12th July, starting at 6:00 pm, live on Facebook and Zoom. They are hoping to raise money for two charities - *Open Arms Malawi* and *Stand by Me* – both working with vulnerable children in some of the world's poorest countries. In response to the rising number of maternal deaths and orphaned babies, *Open Arms Malawi*, opened the doors of its first Infant Home in 1995 caring for 27 newborn

orphaned babies. Since then another home, Harrogate House, five foster homes eight nursery schemes and an outreach scheme have opened to serve over 200 families. In 1983 David Spurdle visited Lebanon during the civil war where he witnessed first-hand the needs of orphaned children. After this life changing experience, he committed to caring for sixty orphans at the Near East Boys Home, Beirut. He founded the charity *Kids Alive UK* that later became *Stand by Me*. Since then, the charity has rescued over 10,000 children across eleven countries.

If you would like to know more about the charities or to donate please visit one (or both) of these Just Giving pages: for [Open Arms Malawi](#) or for [Stand by Me](#). To increase donations, Chris Clayton has agreed to have custard poured over his head. The greater the amount of money raised; the greater the volume of custard poured!



Coronavirus Looking out for each other


Many vulnerable people continue to isolate and still need essential support.

HOW YOU CAN HELP SAFELY:

- ✔ Phone or keep in touch on social media
- ✔ Pick up food for others
- ✔ Pick up medicines

Find out how to help others safely at [gov.uk/safehelp](https://www.gov.uk/safehelp)

STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES



COME "STAND BY ME" WITH "OPEN ARMS" TALENT SHOW

Talent-less or Talented it doesn't matter!

All acts are welcome, whether you are young or old, funny or serious, just show them what you've got!

Our talent show is in aid of Open Arms Malawi and Stand By Me, two great charities supporting children's welfare.

Details on how to donate can be found on the St Peters Website & Facebook page.

**VIDEOS SENT TO CHRIS BY THUR 9TH JULY
SHOW - SUNDAY 12TH JULY @ 6PM
ALL DETAILS ON THE ST PETERS WEBSITE &
FACEBOOK PAGE**

You're welcome to come in and pray

We hope you find comfort and peace in this quiet place. Whatever, or whoever, is on your mind today, be still before God, who cares for you and those you love.

A good way to start a time of prayer

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid.

Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit that I may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lord Jesus Christ,

you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you.

In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. **Amen**

A prayer for those who suffer

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care

Those who are ill or in pain,
Knowing that whenever danger threatens

Your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.

Comfort and heal them and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

When someone is in hospital

Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, understood people's fear and pain before they spoke of them, we pray for those in hospital; surround the frightened with your tenderness; give strength to those in pain; hold the weak in your arms of love, and give hope and patience to those who are recovering; we ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

A prayer for the bereaved

God of love and mercy, embrace all those whose hearts today overflow with grief, unanswered questions and such a sense of loss.

Grant them space to express their tears. Hold them close through the coming days.

Amen.

Loving God,

thank you for this house of prayer where we praise and thank you for all you have given us.

Help us to go out into the world, refreshed by your Spirit, to do what you have called us to do in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

We're working hard to ensure our Church building is safe and clean. Physical distancing and hygiene guidelines will be observed at all times. Hand sanitiser is always available to use during and after your visit. Enjoy the peace, the time to pray and God's loving presence with you here today.

Readings for Sunday 12th July

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| Old Testament | Isaiah 55 v 10 - 13 |
| Gospel | Matthew 13 v 1 – 9 and 18 - 23 |
| Epistle | Romans 8 v 1 - 11 |



This week's online worship

This is the first Sunday when we will be broadcasting live services from St Peter's Church on Zoom and Facebook, with those reading, interceding, leading music, preaching and so on physically present, but with the rest of the congregation online. To join in follow these links: [9:30 am Holy Communion](#) and [11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion \(BCP\)](#) – Stewart Davies, one of our Lay Readers, is our preacher today. You can also join in with [Zoom Coffee](#) after each service for 10 minute chats with three or four others.

[Morning and Evening Prayer](#) are at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday and will be live-streamed on Facebook and Zoom.

You can also watch any of these services at a later time on the [St Peter's Church YouTube Channel](#).

Social Media for beginners – FREE 2 hour online course

Would you like to learn how to use social media? North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Adult Learning and Skills Service are running this course on Tuesday 28th July starting at 1:00 pm. You will need to have access to a mobile phone, laptop or tablet or personal computer and an email account to make the most of this session. During the course you will:

- learn about different social networks such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram,
- learn how to connect with people and share pictures, videos and messages,
- find out how to stay safe online and protect yourself when using social media.

Delivery will be via Zoom, giving you the opportunity to ask your tutor questions and speak to other learners across the County. To enrol please call 01609 532536 from 8:30 – 17:00 Monday to Thursday (8:30 – 16:30 on Fridays) or email north.adultlearning@northyorks.gov.uk. Book now to secure your place!

St Peter's Church continues ...

St Peter's Church is closed except for:

Private prayer from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm each weekday and on Saturdays

The Breakfast Club, which provides a free, takeaway breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:20 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need. A hot takeaway

Sunday Lunch is available at St Peter's Church each week from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.

Hot takeaway food, tins and whatever else we have to give away is from 4:00 – 5:00 pm every day.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Nicky Aitken, Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, Mary Burcher, Louise Emrullahu, Cathy Fuller, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, David Hipkin, Caroline Kelly, Sian Lockwood, Charlie Martineau, Peggy Palmer, Sheila Pantin, Alan Richardson, Michele Roszak, Frances Roxby-Proud and Colin Sinclair.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Chris Clayton, on the first anniversary of his ordination
All those losing their jobs
- Tues** All who are affected by Coronavirus COVID-19
Funeral directors and crematorium staff
- Wed** All healthcare workers
Hospital Chaplaincy Teams
- Thurs** All our emergency services
Those involved in food production and distribution
- Fri** Those who are leading our nation
Her Majesty, the Queen
- Sat** Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's
All nursing homes and hospices

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 98
1 Samuel 1 v 1 - 20
Luke 19 v 28 - 40
- Tues** *John Keeble, Priest, 1866*
Psalm 106
1 Samuel 1 v 21 – 2 v 11
Luke 19 v 41 to end
- Wed** *Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, 862*
Psalm 111
1 Samuel 2 v 12 - 26
Luke 20 v 1 - 8
- Thurs** Psalm 115
1 Samuel 2 v 27 to end
Luke 20 v 9 - 19
- Fri** Psalm 139
1 Samuel 3 v 1 – 4 v 1a
Luke 20 v 20 - 26
- Sat** Psalm 121
1 Samuel 4 v 1b to end
Luke 20 v 27 - 40

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What I love about St Peter's

In a recent front page article our Vicar, Alan Garrow, asked readers to tell him what they love about St Peter's. Here are some more quotes from your replies:

There are many things I love about St Peter's Church in Harrogate. I love it not just because it is a very beautiful building right in the middle of a beautiful town, but most especially for its ethos, mission and vision. St. Peter's is a home to many with welcoming, hospitable, caring, thoughtful and friendly people. Dedicated people who are always there when one needs help the most. One will never feel hungry at St. Peter's spiritually or physically. Since lockdown, Alan, Chris and the volunteers are working non-stop every day to co-ordinate different safe ways to provide services to its parishioners far and wide; help with the local community and people who need help the most, like myself. I personally enjoy the prayers and many different services it offers every day, services that nourish my soul. I can't thank you enough St. Peter's for your kindness. Thank you very much. God bless,

Sherlita Gilliland

As you know I had previously been living in China and moved back to the UK at the end of September 2018 and found St Peter's or maybe I should say St Peter's found me. I walked up Parliament Street and heard the church bells, saw St Peter's and immediately thought 'that is my church if I decide to live in Harrogate.' I attended my first service in October 2018, and I have to say I felt at home and very comfortable at St Peter's. I was very happy to meet you, Alan, and for Chris Clayton to meet me for coffee. During the following months I have made many new friends and very much enjoy being part of the Church. The whole process of relocating was quite difficult, after having lived abroad for 12 years. For a long time I felt like a foreigner or an outsider, but I found everyone at St Peter's to be very friendly and welcoming. I really appreciate the variety and frequency of services.

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When I first arrived at St Peter's I immediately felt relaxed; it is a place where one can come and quietly worship in comfort and not feel out of place. The Church has a welcoming atmosphere and one feels accepted as part of the congregation immediately.

Pat Swallow

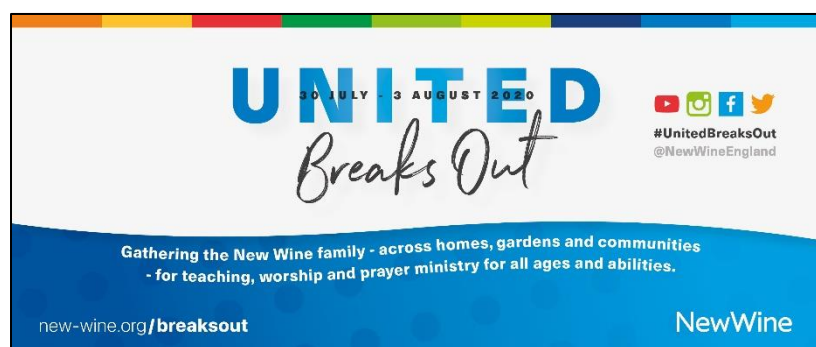
Families worshipping at home

Hi St Peter's family, hope you're all doing OK? I don't know about you, but I'm really missing worshipping together at Church! Recently I have been looking at worship resources online that families can access. There is some fantastic stuff! And for all ages. I hope these resources help you in your journey with God and you feel enriched and blessed! Take a look and click on the links! God Bless,

Samantha Clayton

[Spring Harvest Home](#) is still available on YouTube. Lots of resources for all ages with worship and teaching for teens and adults. The Big Start worship is for families with under eights, as well as Thought for the Day.

[Footprints](#) sessions from Great Yarmouth Minster aimed at families with young children (although could be for any age). Join the Curate, Helen, and her teddy, Father Ted, for chat, Bible stories, songs and prayers.

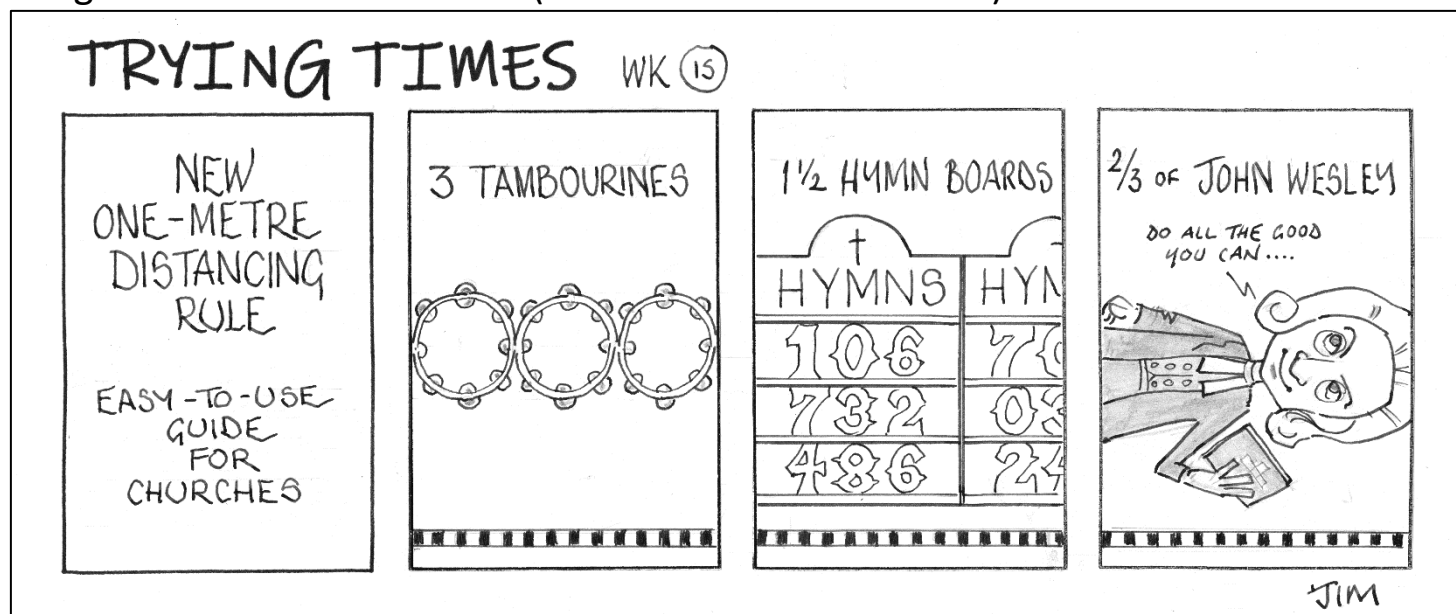


[UNITED breaks out](#) from New Wine will be available via YouTube for five days (30th July to 3rd August) for celebration, worship and teaching. For 11 – 18s, LUMINOSITY will bring breakfast devotions and chat, challenges, worship and seminars.

[Faith at Home](#) from the Diocese of Leeds is part of a national campaign that supports the faith development and pastoral care of children and young people. Each week there is a themed sheet with a story, prayer, game and a challenge.



[Diddy Disciples](#) from the Diocese of Southwark is aimed at babies, toddlers and young children. THE CHURCH AT HOME section has lots of creative ideas for building a time of worship for your family; a weekly storytelling podcast; and prayers and songs for babies and toddlers (with the words and music).





St Peter's is continuing to give out food **every day** to those in need. If you would like to donate something - toiletries, tinned and dried food - please bring it to Church from 8:00 - 9:00 am on Mondays to Saturdays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm on Sundays or 4:00 - 5:00 pm daily.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

The line, which is available 24 hours a day, has been set up by the Church of England particularly for those unable to access online church services.

Financial Giving

If you would like to support us financially at this difficult time, please use these bank details to contribute by BACS:

St Peter's Church PCC Harrogate

account at Natwest Bank PLC

Sort Code: 53-50-21

Account No: 67137628

or **download a Planned Giving Form** from the website. **THANK YOU!**

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (19th July) will be noon on Wednesday 15th July. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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