



Weekly News

26th July 2020

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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How are our finances?

Across the globe individuals and institutions at every level of our society are attempting to assess the financial cost of Covid-19. For a few this is positive, for others it is potentially devastating. Here at St Peter's we have many reasons to be thankful. The vast majority of those who contribute through Standing Order have continued to do so. Profound thanks to everyone who has continued to support the Church in this way. Others now find themselves in very challenging financial circumstances and, quite rightly, have had to reduce their giving. Alongside the generally positive picture in relation to Standing Orders we have experienced significant losses. First, those who usually give a cash offering week by week have generally been unable to do so. Second, we have lost income through lettings. Third, we have had to cease all our fundraising activities. We tentatively estimate that the overall loss due to the virus will be approximately £30,000. On top of this our regular income has not met our regular outgoings for several years. Thus, even discounting the effect of COVID-19, we currently project a further deficit of £40,000 for 2020. These are sobering figures. As we gradually emerge out of lockdown, therefore, please consider what you can give to support St Peter's, either regularly, or as a one-off donation. And remember, if you are a UK taxpayer, signing a Gift Aid form increases the value of your donation by a massive 25%. For details see the Financial Giving page of the website: <https://stpetersharrogate.org.uk/about-stpeters/financial-giving/>

Thank you

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

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 is so much. The music at Matins. The choir and the glorious anthems. Before COVID-19 I found the Communion Service reached out to me and gave me the opportunity for special prayers. Online I try to do that, and it sometimes works for me! The way Church reaches out to those less fortunate, the hard work of the volunteers, that's truly inspiring. I am enjoying the Worship Online at Matins. The chance to acknowledge it is Sunday and everything else stops for that hour. It's good to sing along!

I imagine there is much to organise for the online Services. I shall continue with that for the time being. I am missing being in the lovely building. Every good wish to those involved.

Valerie

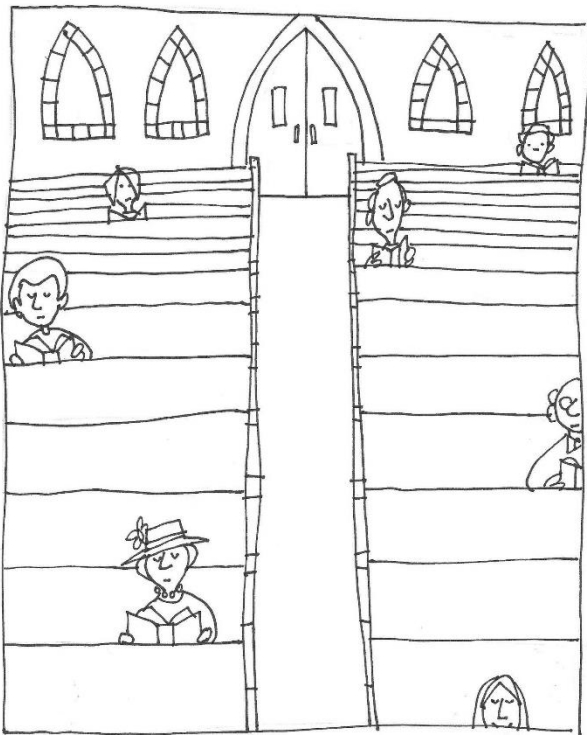
I love the sense of community at St Peter's - that it is a place of welcome to everyone, whatever their story. I love that it provides a sense of belonging, putting an arm around those who might be isolated, struggling or in need of support; all without judgement. Something that makes me reflect each time I attend, is the prayer for those across the world who are suffering - it reminds me every time to think about people beyond my small corner of the world when it is easy to be both self-involved and selfish.

Katy James

Parish Walk total has risen to £1, 850

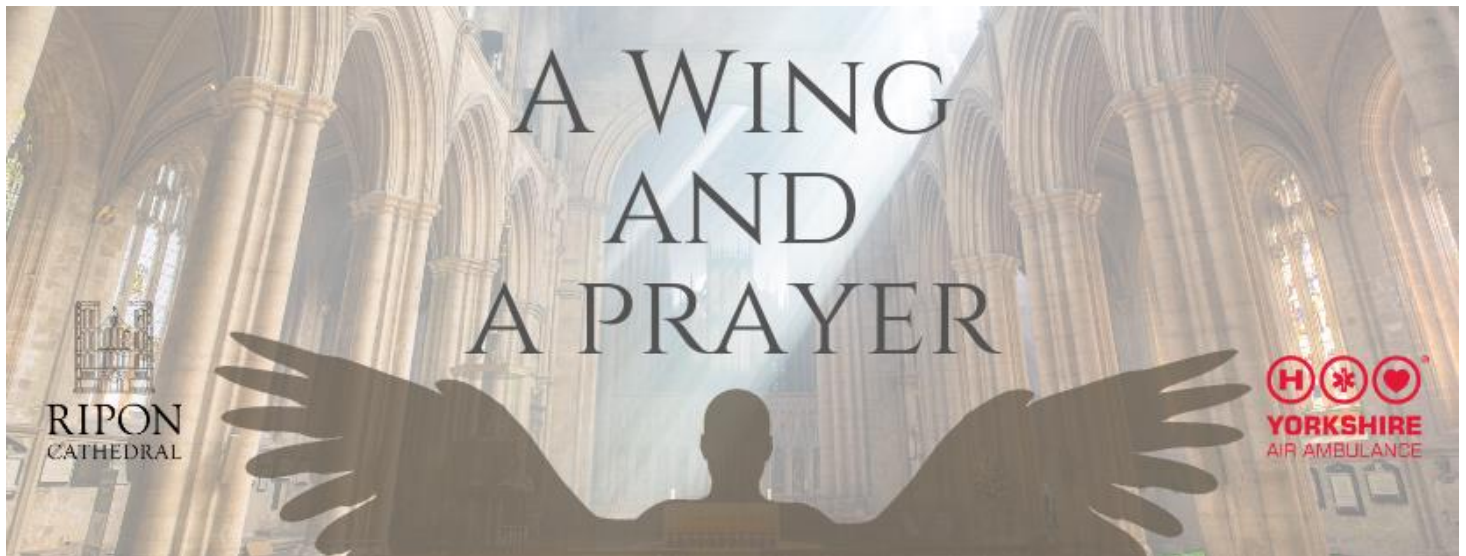


Helen Harrison, Jan Edwards and Gillian Thornton visited 18 churches in total on their Parish Walk to raise funds for St Peter's food ministry. Three other groups were inspired to do their own walks – the Brewer family, the Bursell family and Sarah Martin with Alex and Zak Armour. So far £1,850 has been raised, but you can still donate: please visit their [Just Giving Page](#) or cash, in an envelope marked **Helen Harrison – Parish Walk**, can be left in the Donations Box in Church. We can claim an extra 25% on donations through Gift Aid if we have your name and address – email helenudy@ntlworld.com. More details and pictures are available on our [website](#)!



To keep everyone safe, please:

- **follow the one way system** – down the side aisles and up the centre aisle;
- **keep your distance** at all times, even when you share the peace;
- **form a single, distanced queue** in front of the dais to receive Communion – a wafer, but not wine, will be distributed (please indicate in advance if you need a gluten-free wafer);
- **remember no refreshments** will be served after the service, but bottled water is available if you need it;
- **leave via the West Door** after the 9:30 am service, if you are able. **Thank you!**



Over £130,000 has been raised by Ripon Cathedral's inspiring 'A Wing and a Prayer' project – launched in May with the support of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. The money raised will be used to offset the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on fundraising events and visitor donations – sources of income on which the Cathedral and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance both rely.

'A Wing and a Prayer' aims to create an installation of origami angels that fills the nave with prayers for those who have lost their lives to Coronavirus and those in the NHS and other front line services who are risking their own lives for the sake of others. The display will reflect how people from our community have come together during these uncertain times to support one another. Helen Callear, Director of Fundraising (North and East) for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, said: "We would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity at this difficult time and thank Ripon Cathedral for choosing us as their partner charity."

The exhibition will be available to view through August and September during opening hours. Donations and prayer requests are still welcome – www.riponcathedral.org.uk/pray-for-our-angels

Readings for Sunday 26th July

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Old Testament	1 Kings 3 v 5 - 12
Gospel	Matthew 13 v 31 – 33 and v 44 - 52
Epistle	Romans 8 v 26 to end



This week's online worship

As not everyone can come to Church and take part in the services every week, we are continuing to live-stream services. To join in follow these links: [9:30 am Holy Communion](#) and [11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion \(BCP\)](#) – Alan Garrow, our Vicar, 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](#).

Sanctuary: the end of a strange year

Our Curate, Chris Clayton, who leads our youth group Sanctuary, writes, " Well what a strange year it has been and let's pray that it gets better when we start up again in September. I would like to personally thank everyone in Sanctuary the leaders and young people - you are all amazing and it is a real joy and privilege to lead this amazing group and work alongside such passionate and crazy leaders.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to everyone involved in the Talent Show. So far we have raised £605 for the two charities. This total has smashed what we hoped to raise (£400) so you should be extremely proud.

Sanctuary will be restarting in September and details (including registration forms) will be emailed to you. We will also be welcoming new members who have moved up to year 7, which will be great. If you know of anyone that you want to invite then please let me know and I will email them directly.

Also in September we will be continuing our weekly Bible Study on Zoom or possibly in person. With that in mind I am including a link to a daily free podcast, I really want to encourage you to spend 10 minutes a day using it <https://www.youthbioy.org/>

I know that lockdown has been a struggle for everyone and especially so for some. Please know you are all in my prayers and we will continue to do everything in our power to make Sanctuary fun and engaging for everyone. Have a great summer holiday and see you in September."

*If you would like to know more about the two charities or to donate please visit these Just Giving pages: for [Open Arms Malawi](#) or for [Stand by Me](#) or pop an envelope marked '**Talent Show**' into the donations box in Church. If you are in Year 7 or above and would like to join Sanctuary, please speak to Chris or email him at chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org.*

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	All healthcare workers All the staff at Harrogate Hospital
Tues	All who are affected by Coronavirus COVID-19 Those in self-isolation at home
Wed	Vulnerable children with safeguarding and welfare needs Staff and residents of care homes
Thurs	All our emergency services Ambulance drivers and paramedics
Fri	Those who are leading our nation Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer
Sat	Paul Medforth, Churchwarden The Department of Work & Pensions, supporting workers, benefit claimants and businesses

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 1 1 Samuel 10 v 1 - 16 Luke 22 v 24 - 30
Tues	Psalm 5 1 Samuel 10 v 17 to end Luke 22 v 31 – 38
Wed	<i>Mary, Martha and Lazarus</i> Psalm 119 v 1 - 32 1 Samuel 11 Luke 22 v 39 - 46
Thurs	<i>William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, anti- slavery campaigners</i> Psalm 15 1 Samuel 12 Luke 22 v 47 - 62
Fri	Psalm 19 1 Samuel 13 v 5 - 18 Luke 22 v 63 to end
Sat	Psalm 23 1 Samuel 13 v 19 – 14 v 15 Luke 23 v 1 - 12

The Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us
with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the
flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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To safely have and to hold – a 'new normal' wedding

On Saturday 4th July, St George's Church, Leeds, was the setting for one of England's first 'new normal' weddings, with social distancing, no singing and lashings of sanitiser. Rector Lizzy Woolf officiated at the marriage of Leeds couple Tom Hall and Heather McLaren and told how the happy ceremony took place safely thanks to necessary precautions: "It was such a pleasure to be able to marry



Tom and Heather, after their wedding was delayed for three months due to the pandemic. It wasn't the wedding they had planned originally, but it was still a very beautiful and special day. We live-streamed the service so those not able to attend in person were also able to take part."

Jennyruth Workshop responds to Coronavirus closure

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak many organisations, businesses and charities have been forced to either close down completely or devise new, innovative ways of keeping going. Jennyruth Workshops exists to meet the needs of 28 adult workers through a variety of creative activities that offer individuals with learning disabilities opportunities to produce a wide range of products that are sold at craft fairs and other locations. In a short space of time the staff devised new systems that have enabled the work of the charity to continue. Staff have come into the workshops to devise products and prepare basic materials for the workers to collect from outside the building to work on at home. Later they can return their finished products to the workshop. You can support Jennyruth Workshops by ordering something from their online shop: www.jennyruth.co.uk/shop.

Ripon Cathedral has now reopened



Sunday 5th July was the first time since lockdown that Holy Communion has been celebrated in the Cathedral.

It followed a special service on Saturday evening – the first act of public worship since March – led by the Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines, in which the Paschal candle was lit and carried in to the darkened Cathedral, symbolizing the resurrection and the light of Christ coming in to the world.

The Dean of Ripon, John Dobson said: "It's been wonderful this weekend to

see the Cathedral community gathered together once more in the Cathedral itself. It's amazing how soon we get used to arrangements that just a few months ago we couldn't have imagined; the spreading out of chairs; the use of hand sanitiser; receiving communion in one kind only and not singing hymns yet! Even so the atmosphere has been tremendous with a great spirit of celebration as we have taken this significant step as restrictions are eased."

For full details of opening times and services visit www.riponcathedral.org.uk

St Peter's Players production postponed!

John Hain has announced that this year's production by the St Peter's Players of *Oliver!* will have to be postponed until 2021. At present indoor performances, including drama, comedy and music, are not allowed to take place in front of a live audience. There are also restrictions on singing or playing wind and brass instruments. Meanwhile John is working on a 'virtual' production – watch this space!

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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.

St Peter's Church is open for:

Private prayer from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm every day except Sundays.

The Breakfast Club providing 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** each week from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.

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

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 (2nd August) will be noon on Wednesday 29th July. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below)

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