



Weekly News

23rd August 2020

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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Renewing, repairing, restoring



SEASON OF CREATION

The coming 'Season of Creation' from 1st September to 4th October is the period in the annual church calendar dedicated

to God as creator and sustainer of all life. This year it is more important than ever to reconsider our role in renewing, repairing and restoring our commitment to God's creation.

Environmental benefits noted early during the Covid-19 crisis - from cleaner air to newly audible birdsong as the volume of cars and planes reduced - appear to have been temporary. With lockdowns easing, these already have dissipated: China's experience of dramatic improvements in air quality in February and March has already reverted to pre-lockdown levels. In our desire to 'return to normal', the world risks a future with more traffic, more pollution and climate change that worsens faster than ever.

Experts acknowledge the increasing number of new human infections are of animal origin – the result of an expanding human population disturbing established ecosystems and poor practices in intensive factory farming. As well as questioning our lifestyle choices, this is about how we engage with structural change, pressing our politicians to hold agribusiness to higher standards of ecological and epidemiological sustainability.

People's activities have changed in previously unthinkable ways, including a shift to virtual meetings and homeworking, which suggests there is a public willingness to change behaviour and practice which would promote a more sustainable lifestyle.

As the Church, for God's sake, we need to join in.

Catharine Davies, *Licensed Lay (Reader) Minister in training*

Catharine will be licensed by Bishop Helen-Ann at St Peter's on 20th September at 6:30 pm.

Every year St Peter's Church gives at least £3,000 in donations to different charities – half of these are local and half are working overseas. Find out more about these charities, the work that they do and how the lockdown has affected them.

Time Together Harrogate

Time Together is a small local charity with over twenty years' experience of supporting individuals with additional needs and disabilities to live life well.



Their one-to-one support is focused on encouraging independence and healthy living choices, increasing confidence, and improving well-being.

Alongside the one-to-one support work they also facilitate various clubs and groups and host events for individuals and families with additional needs and disabilities including social clubs, fitness classes and activity groups. However, COVID-19 has forced their premises to temporarily close, so these groups have stopped.

Individuals with disabilities and additional needs often face social isolation and barriers to connection which has a detrimental effect on their mental health and well-being. This issue is magnified by the current restrictions and many of the clients and club members are now isolated without social contact. Despite some restrictions being lifted, many of them will have to continue to stay in isolation because of their health conditions or other difficulties.



Time Together has adapted some of its services by moving online. Jess Ward from *Inspire Youth* has been running virtual Games Zone sessions with activities and challenges like designing and making board games. Vicky Little from *The Little Harrogate Studio* (pictured left) usually teaches **FiIT TOGETHER**, an inclusive fitness class, at the centre; now she is offering classes online via Facebook.

Due to the current restrictions all of the charity's upcoming fundraising events have been postponed or cancelled, and they are unable to hire out their premises – all of which has severely reduced their income. They had plans to make improvements to their premises to ensure a dementia and autism friendly, safe and welcoming space for all their clients, but this cannot happen without fundraising.

They are working hard to reduce the impact of social isolation and keep the Time Together community feeling connected and together despite being physically apart. Find out more at www.timetogether.info or visit their [Facebook](#) page.





St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

Last chance to book your place!

If you are planning to join **St Peter's Ladies who Lunch** at our next meeting, then please let Sue Heapy know **TODAY!** We are meeting this Wednesday 26th August at 12:15 pm as usual at the Palm Court Café at the bottom of Montpellier Hill. Sue needs to confirm numbers in advance - so please call, text or email her (07540 355 305 or brynsusie@hotmail.com). Hope to see you there!

Popular Organ Recital

31st August (Bank Holiday Monday) at 2:30 pm

John Longstaff plays:

Prelude and Fugue in E flat - Johann Sebastian Bach

Organ Concerto in F op 4 no 5 – GF Handel

Sheep may safely graze - Johann Sebastian Bach

Sonata no 3 in A major – Felix Mendelssohn

Choral no 3 – César Franck

Humoresque 'L'organo primitivo' – Pietro Yon

Toccata (symphony no 5) – Charles-Marie Widor

**Zoom Webinar ID:
851 8517 7905**

Passcode: 787670

**St Peter's Church
Harrogate
Facebook Page**

Please donate to St Peter's Choir and Organ Fund at their Just Giving Page

Fresh from the farm every week!



FREE RANGE EGGS

Fresh, large **Ian Taylor** eggs available from Hannah Beck after any service on Sundays.

*Donations for
St Peter's Church welcome!*

ONLINE EXHIBITION



Exhibition by
**FRIENDS
of the
MERCER GALLERY**

A celebration of creativity in lockdown
Vote for your favourite pieces at:
www.friendsofthemerccerartgallery.co.uk

Readings for Sunday 23rd August

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Old Testament	Isaiah 51 v 1 - 6
Gospel	Matthew 16 v 13 - 20
Epistle	Romans 12 v 1 - 8
Preacher	John Longstaff



This week's worship online

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 \(BCP\)](#). 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](#).

To keep everyone safe, please:



- **wear a face covering and use the hand sanitiser**
- **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!**

St Peter's Church is now open for:

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

Services on Sundays – 9:30 am Family Communion and 11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion (BCP) – to check availability and to book a pew contact our Parish Administrator, Carole Raw at stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com.

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

A hot **Sunday Lunch** (with distanced seating) is served from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.

Hot food to eat in (with distanced seating) or take away, available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Food parcels available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

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

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** All healthcare workers
Hospital Chaplaincy Teams
- Tues** All who are affected by
Coronavirus COVID-19
Pupils caught up in the stressful,
confusing A level grading system
- Wed** *Time Together Harrogate*
Those feeling lost, lonely and
isolated
- Thurs** All our emergency services
Those delivering essential public
services
- Fri** Those who are leading our nation
Education Secretary, Gavin
Williamson, as schools prepare
for a full return in September
- Sat** Sarah Martin, Lay Reader
All those working from home

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** *Bartholomew the Apostle*
Psalm 86
Genesis 28 v 10 - 17
John 1 v 43 to end
- Tues** Psalm 89 v 1 - 18
2 Samuel 5 v 1 - 12
Acts 7 v 1 - 16
- Wed** Psalm 119 v 105 - 128
2 Samuel 6 v 1 - 19
Acts 7 v 17 - 43
- Thurs** Psalm 92
2 Samuel 7 v 1 - 17
Acts 7 v 44 - 53
- Fri** Psalm 88
2 Samuel 7 v 18 to end
Acts 7 v 54 - 8 v 3
- Sat** *The Beheading of John the Baptist*
Psalm 97
2 Samuel 9
Acts 8 v 4 - 25

The Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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Rhythm of Life – an invitation from the Bishop of Leeds

*As Christians, we believe Jesus should be at the heart of our rhythms of life, whatever our circumstances. This will have a far-reaching impact on our own wellbeing and the good of others – on our **loving, living and learning**.*

*I would like to invite you to join the diocesan 'Rhythm of Life' venture. This will involve individual commitments, accessing resources and mutual support. Some key areas will be given special attention: **praying, encouraging, sharing, reflecting, celebrating, resting and creating**.*

To join in, there are four simple steps:

1. Taking stock.
2. Making one or more practical commitments.
3. Participating with others.
4. Reviewing your commitments periodically.

You can get started by visiting learning.leeds.anglican.org/RoL and downloading the [Quick Start Guide](#) and the [Practical Commitment Card](#). You could also take part in a [Rhythm of Life Get Started](#) session on 8th September 2020 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm – a chance to find out more about this initiative and have your questions answered. To register your interest and to receive the Zoom meeting link, please email RoL@leeds.anglican.org.



Re-Imagining the Church

Lockdown lessons meets The Acts of the Apostles



Re-imagining the Church

This is a webinar for the Diocese of Leeds featuring Sophie Jelley (*Bishop of Doncaster*), Philip North (*Bishop of Burnley*) and Robin Gamble (*Diocese of Leeds Adviser for Church Growth*). It will be taking place on 3rd September from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. To book a place and receive access to the webinar send an email to communications@leeds.anglican.org.

THE FOODBANK

WAYS YOU CAN HELP IN 2020



FIND OUT
WHAT IS
NEEDED



PICK UP EXTRA
ITEMS WHEN
YOU SHOP



THEY DO A
GREAT JOB AT
THE FOODBANK



GOSSIP
POSITIVELY

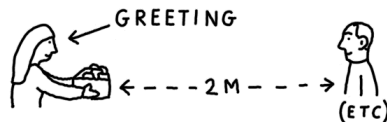


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ONLINE
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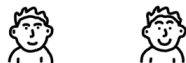


VOLUNTEER
(REALLY IMPORTANT AS
MANY VOLUNTEERS OVER 65
AND NOW SELF-ISOLATING)

WHY IS THE
NEED FOR
FOODBANKS
INCREASING?



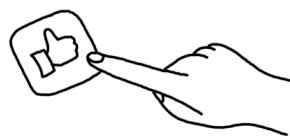
ASK AWKWARD
QUESTIONS



[BUT
CHECK
LOCALLY]



ASK PEOPLE FOR
FOODBANK DONATIONS
RATHER THAN PRESENTS

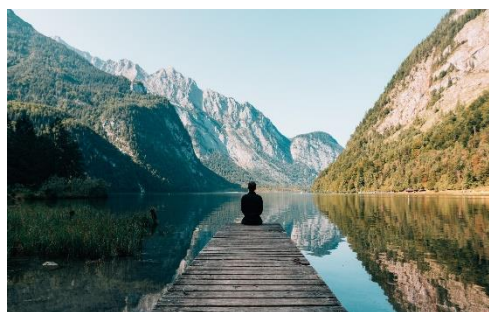


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St Peter's is continuing to give out food **every day** to those in need. If you would like to donate something - toiletries, tinned and dried food – please bring it to Church from 8:00 – 9:00 am on Mondays to Saturdays, 1:00 – 2:00 pm on Sundays or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

New Environment resources for Season of Creation released



Reflections, written by Christine Jack, on how we can care for God's green Earth are at the head of a host of new and updated resources about the environment from the Diocese of Leeds, in time for this year's Season of Creation. The Season of Creation runs from 1st September until 4th October each year, with the theme

for 2020 being **A Jubilee for the Earth**. Jemima Parker, Diocesan Environment Officer, said: "I'm grateful to Christine for producing these reflections, and for the work of the Diocesan Environment Group and Parish Environment Officers more widely. In the midst of the current situation, we must not lose sight of other issues which deeply affect our world. The Season of Creation is a time where we can focus on God's call to all of us to protect the world He gave us, and I encourage churches to try to do so this September." The reflections can be downloaded [here](#).



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

Are you in need of some daily
hope during this lockdown?

We have a new FREE telephone
line for you to ring to hear
comforting hymns, daily prayers
and reflections.

0800 804 8044



CONNECTIONS

Creator God, we see your hand in
your creation;
On the earth we see and feel your
love and care for us;
Your earth feeds us and clothes us.
Lord forgive our greed and selfish use
of your gifts.
May we learn to share the earth, to
work and to care for every part of it,
So that all who live now and in the
future may enjoy its care for us.

Amen

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 (30th August) will be
noon on Wednesday 26th August.
Please send any items (including
photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian
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