



# Weekly News

30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate, HG1 1PB

## Pupils at St Peter's Church of England Primary School SHINE

Spiritual, caring community; Happy, healthy; Inclusive and respectful; Nurturing confidence; Education to achieve full potential.



As a governor of St Peter's I have visited the school on many occasions to meet pupils and have always been impressed with their polite and confident behaviour and their ability and willingness to engage in conversation about their schoolwork. It really is a school that nurtures each child and *'truly reflects a loving Christian family where all work together and support each other'* (SIAMS Inspection report 2019).

After a challenging year for the school community with the unprecedented situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic, pupils will be starting school, some for the first time and others returning after many months. The scale of the challenge that teachers face with pupils within the same class having had quite different experiences of the lockdown is immense. We are fortunate to have a team of dedicated and experienced leaders who have made careful plans to ensure that pupils and staff will be welcomed back into a safe environment. At the start of term there will be a period of time to help pupils familiarise themselves with the new rhythm of the school day so they can begin their education confidently.

As members of the Church I would encourage you all to pray for a positive start to the new school year for the youngsters as they begin their education in this wonderful gem of a school in our community.

Linda McPhee, *Chair of Governors, St Peter's Church of England Primary School*

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.

## Wellspring Therapy & Training

Wellspring Therapy & Training was established in 2003 and in 2018 moved into new premises at 78 High Street, Starbeck. They provide affordable, psychological support to people in distress and promote good mental health through therapeutic work, education and training. Although Wellspring is a Christian organisation, they offer their services to all, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ethnic or cultural background and to people of any faith or none. However, because of their Christian ethos they believe that every young person and adult in the Harrogate district matters to God, which leads them to do everything they can to provide the support they need. St Peter's Church supports their work with young people in particular.



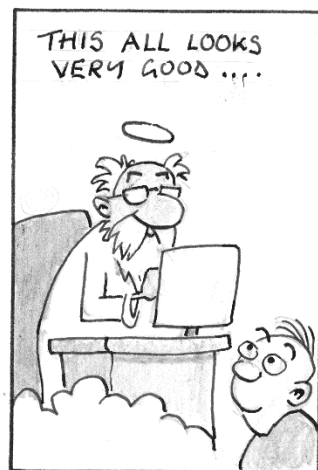
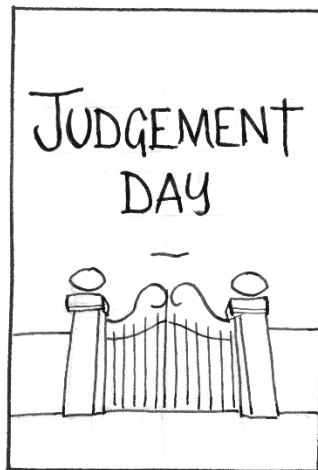
**Wellspring** runs an eight week **Empower course** on Thursday evenings for teenagers aged 14+ to explore, explain and improve their self-esteem. The aim is to create a safe and confidential space so young people can talk about real stuff and experience the positive power of working in a small group. This course runs three times a year, but the next course is still to be confirmed due to the current social distancing rules. For more information phone *01423 881881* or email *empower@wellspringtherapy.co.uk*

**Wellspring** also offers **counselling** for young people aged 8 – 18 years. A trained counsellor will help the young person understand the issues they face by encouraging them to talk about what is bothering them, listening carefully and prompting thoughtful exploration. They won't judge or criticise but will offer support and encouragement to express difficult feelings and to make sense of their 'world'. This provides an opportunity to re-think things and make some positive changes.

Until recently Wellspring's building has been closed but is now open to some of their counsellors and staff. All their counselling sessions are being held online or on the phone. They are currently planning for the autumn term, so that face-to-face counselling can resume as soon as it is safe to do so. To find out more visit the website *www.wellspringtherapy.co.uk* or to book an appointment phone *01423 881881*.



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## 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](#).

**Bank holiday Organ Recital**  
**by John Longstaff,**  
streamed live from  
**St Peter's Church**  
**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 2.30pm**  
Including pieces by Bach, Handel, Franck and more.



Please support St Peter's Church by donating at:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/stpetersharrogate>

Sit back with a cup of tea and enjoy the recital from home  
Join via Zoom  
Webinar ID: 851 8517 7905  
Passcode: 787670



*On the shores of Lake Starnberg in Germany, Sue Pearce finds a new use for masks – protecting drinks from wasps!*

# Today's Services: 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

## 9:30 Family Communion

### Hymns

Readings Romans 12 v 9 to end  
Matthew 16 v 21 to end

Preacher: Chris Clayton

**Our Duty Warden today is:**

Ian Birt

## 11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Stanford in B flat (Jubilate)  
Hymns 621, 385, 585 (omit\* verse)  
Psalm 107 v 23 – 32 (said)  
Readings Jeremiah 15 v 15 - 21  
Matthew 16 v 21 to end  
Anthem O rest in the Lord (*Mendelssohn*)  
Preacher: Chris Clayton

## 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!**

## Two services being trialled this week!

This week sees the return of our midweek **Holy Communion** Service on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 11:00 to 11:30 am. This will be a simple, said service of Holy Communion using contemporary language.

**Afternoon Church** is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September from 4:15 to 5:00pm on a trial basis to see if it is practicable. If you would like to attend this service, please contact Chris Clayton (07407 258733) to book your place. These services will not be streamed online. There will be no refreshments available, but you may like to bring your own.

**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, Michele Roszak, Frances Roxby-Proud and Colin Sinclair.

**RIP** Pauline Edwards and Alan Richardson

**Also in our prayers this week:**

- Mon** All healthcare workers  
Staff at screening centres testing for Coronavirus COVID-19
- Tues** Those who are leading our nation  
The House of Commons returning from recess today
- Wed** The people of Nepal, Assam and Bangladesh affected by floods  
The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War
- Thurs** All our emergency services  
The 999 and NHS 111 call centre staff
- Fri** Those affected by COVID-19  
All at St Peter's CE Primary School
- Sat** Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's  
*Wellspring Therapy & Training*, promoting good mental health

**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** *Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary*  
Psalm 98  
2 Samuel 11  
Acts 8 v 26 to end
- Tues** Psalm 106  
2 Samuel 12 v 1 - 25  
Acts 9 v 1 – 19a
- Wed** Psalm 111  
2 Samuel 15 v 1 - 12  
Acts 9 v 19b - 31
- Thurs** *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher, 604*  
Psalm 115  
2 Samuel 15 v 13 to end  
Acts 9 v 32 to end
- Fri** Psalm 139  
2 Samuel 16 v 1 - 14  
Acts 10 v 1 - 16
- Sat** Psalm 121  
2 Samuel 17 v 1 - 23  
Acts 10 v 17 - 33

**The Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



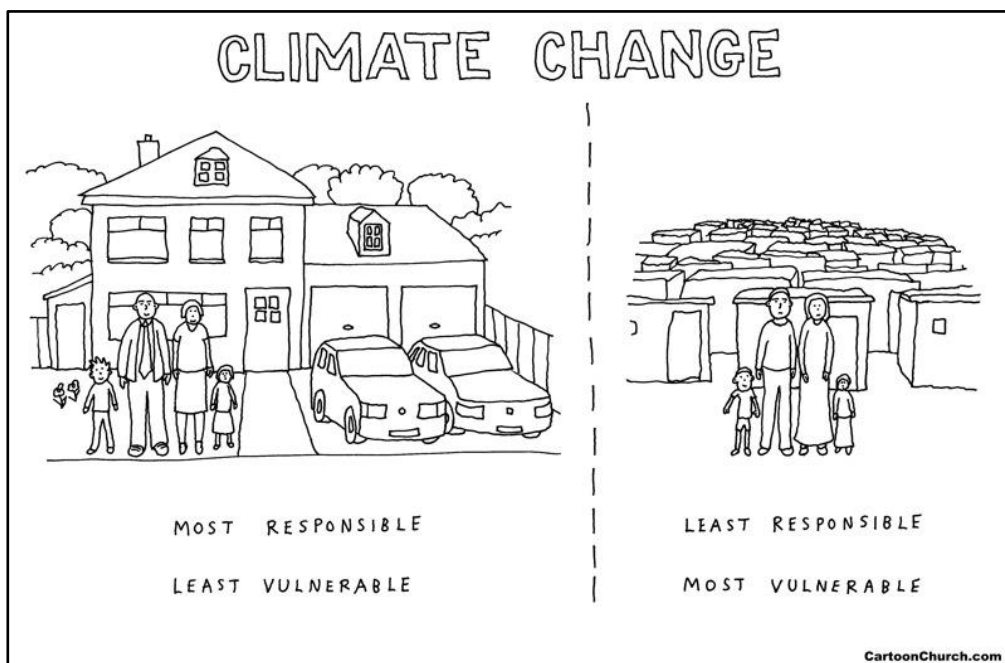
## If only we had known...

I've been reflecting on what my church and myself personally could have done differently, if only we had known that the pandemic was coming. Even six months warning and I think we all might have done some training in video conferencing, made sure everyone in church was in a buddy group and of course got a stock of loo roll and pasta in.



If we had thought it through a bit more, maybe we would have organised a town wide or village strategy to ensure the most vulnerable were cared for, fed and safe. Perhaps we would have started a healthy eating drive or stopped smoking to improve our chances with Covid-19. We certainly would have expected the Government to put money into researching a vaccine and bolstering the NHS. One thing that has struck me profoundly in the last few months is how governments and individuals have understood the science, assessed the risk and radically changed their behaviour accordingly.

So what about the even greater threat to our society, humanity, and God's creation - climate breakdown? We have known about this for decades and have time to prepare. What am I doing and how could my Church be playing its part to save lives? Unlike Coronavirus, we already understand much of the science of climate change, the research has been conducted, but there is no 'vaccine' that has the potential to stop runaway climate change if we continue to increase the greenhouse gases we emit. Unlike Coronavirus, where we have all learnt to social distance, wash our hand and wear a mask to protect others, most of us don't assess the risks of our daily fossil fuel lifestyles and how these impact on our neighbours. And how would we feel about radically changing our behaviour to save lives? We have all the tools to decarbonise; are we choosing to use them yet?



We are in the foothills of the effects of climate change and just like the pandemic, it shines a light on the inequality in our society. In the UK, those living in poor quality housing are more likely to be flooded and unable to afford adequate home insurance and in heatwaves it is the

elderly who are most likely to die from heatstroke. If we are to love our neighbours as ourselves, we should care about climate justice.

In the global picture, it is the Western developed world (which has the highest per capita carbon emissions), that can best adapt to rising sea levels and more extreme weather, whereas countries such as Bangladesh will feel the greatest impact and have the fewest resources to develop resilience and are the



*This lady is one of the 5.4 million people affected by this year's monsoon floods in Bangladesh. As of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 the UN reports 220 deaths.*

least responsible for causing global heating. If black lives matter, we should care about climate justice.

As the UK Government looks to invest in a green recovery, what action can we take personally to be part of the solution?

Perhaps it's time for some personal carbon emissions training. You could use the 10 point plan at [www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/lifestyles](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/lifestyles) to help you get in shape. Or how about getting stuck in with your local climate action group to ensure the most vulnerable in our communities benefit from government investment in green jobs, funding for energy efficiency improvements in homes and active travel initiatives.

While hindsight is a wonderful thing, for the climate emergency we already have the science, can assess the risk and have everything we need to change our behaviour. When we look back, we won't be able to say, 'If only we had known...'

*Jemima Parker, Leeds Diocesan Environment Officer*

## **Anniversary of the end of the Second World War**



Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Germany had surrendered on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, VE Day, but the story does not finish there. The world witnessed three more months of intense fighting and the annihilation of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by two atomic bombs before the War came to a

close. The Japanese officially surrendered a few weeks later on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945. *'Those of us who remember the conclusion of the Far East campaign, whether on active service overseas, or waiting for news at home, will never forget the jubilant scenes and overwhelming sense of relief. Amongst the joy at the end of the conflict, we also remembered, as we do today, the terrible devastation that it brought, and the cost borne by so many.'*

Her Majesty The Queen on VJ Day 2020

## 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

[stpeterschurchhgtooffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschurchhgtooffice@gmail.com).

**The Breakfast Club** 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** is served from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.

**Hot food** to eat in 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.

## Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (6<sup>th</sup> September) will be noon on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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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.