



Weekly News

27th September 2020

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Election Call

Under normal circumstances we hold our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at the end of April. This is an occasion where we review the past twelve months; hear reports; ask questions; and look to the months ahead. This year, however, this is postponed until **Tuesday 20th October at 7.00pm – in Church** and also via [Zoom](#).



Both our Churchwardens, Patricia Stableford and Paul Medforth, are stepping down

Sadly, both of our brilliant current Churchwardens, Paul Medforth and Patricia Stableford, will be standing down at this meeting, so the APCM will provide an opportunity to say thank you to them for their sterling service both before and during the current extraordinary period. Furthermore, of course, we will need to elect two new Churchwardens. I am delighted that Sian Lockwood and Sarah Martin have

agreed to stand for election. Forms for any further nominations will be available at the back of Church and also online – follow the [Annual Meeting](#) hotlink from the Home Page at www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk.

This year we also have space to elect six new members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and four Deanery Synod Representatives (who also serve on the PCC). Nomination forms and a 'PCC Tonight' booklet outlining the purpose and remit of PCCs will be available at the back of Church and also online – again, follow the *Annual Meeting* link. To stand for election as a Churchwarden, a member of the PCC, or a Deanery Synod Representative, you must have been a member of the St Peter's Electoral Roll for at least the preceding six months. The best way to find out what's really involved is to ask someone who's been there before, so do feel free to talk with any current members of the Council (listed on the *Annual Meeting* web page) or to one of the Clergy.

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

St Peter's Annual Animal Service



Our annual Animal Service is at 4:15 pm on Sunday 4th October. If you are bringing an animal, it must be under control at all times – either on a lead or in a carrier – and stay with you at your table. Or, if you prefer, just bring a photo of your pet or a toy animal. To check availability and to book a place please contact our Curate, Chris Clayton, (07407 258733 or chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org).

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

St Paul's Letters part 2 - a Bibletrack seminar by Dr Chris Tilling

Chris Tilling is a New Testament scholar and tutor in New Testament Studies at St. Mellitus College in London. He is the author of a popular theology blog site entitled *Chrisendom*. This seminar is at Mowbray Community Church on Saturday 10th October, starting at 10:00 am with a DVD presentation by Chris Tilling, followed by a facilitated discussion. Tickets cost £4 for the morning, a reduced rate as no breakfast or mid-morning refreshments will be available.



Sanctuary meet again at the Valley Gardens



In their first get together since lockdown, nine members of our youth group, Sanctuary, played crazy golf in the park! Congratulations to Alexander, Finlay and Will for all getting a hole in one at the same hole one after another. Amazing!

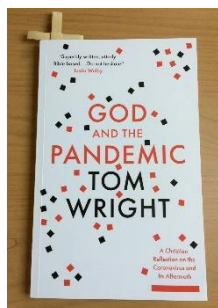
Licensing of Catharine Davies last Sunday



From left to right: Bob Mathews, Chris Clayton, Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, Catharine Davies, Alan Garrow and Archdeacon Jonathan Gough.

St Peter's Church was as full as the current restrictions allow for the admission and licensing of Catharine as a Licensed Lay Minister (Reader). After a welcome and prayers from the Bishop, Bob Mathews was commissioned as Assistant Warden of Readers for the Ripon Episcopal Area. Catharine then had to make a formal declaration of assent and obedience. The Epistle was read by Sarah Martin, Reader at St Peter's, and the Gospel by Stewart Davies, also a Reader and Catharine's husband. The sermon was given by Archdeacon Jonathan Gough, who then presented Catharine to the Bishop to be admitted to the office of Reader. Catharine received a Bible and her licence from the Bishop and was vested in a blue scarf by Stewart. She was congratulated with long and loud applause from everyone! The Bishop asked the congregation to uphold and encourage her in her ministry and to continue to pray for her – and with God's help we will.

Catharine writes, "I want to thank people for their support – in prayers or presence – which I felt as a wave willing me on, for which I am and will continue to be so very thankful for. Whilst the official licensing is the 'rubber stamp', it is the authentic and tangible sense of being among and supported by the people of St Peter's that is the ongoing blessing in this ministry. It reminds me I am here to serve with gratitude, but one amongst many 'ministers'."



God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and its Aftermath by Tom Wright

Discover a different way of seeing and responding to the current pandemic; an approach drawing on Scripture, Christian history, and the way of living, thinking and praying revealed to us by Jesus.

Today's Services: 27th September 2020

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Fourth Sunday of Creationtide

9:30 Family Communion

Hymns 124 *Give thanks*, 14 *All things bright and beautiful*, 455 *All my hope on God is founded*

Readings Exodus 17 v 1 - 17
Matthew 21 v 23 - 32

Preacher: Catharine Davies

Our Duty Warden today is:
Oliver Longstaff

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Moeran in E flat (Te Deum)

Hymns 334, 458, 207

Psalms 126, 127

Readings Exodus 17 v 1 - 17
Matthew 21 v 23 - 32

Anthem For the beauty of the earth (*Rutter*)

Preacher: Catharine Davies

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!**

This week's worship online

Thanks to our technical team (*pictured here*) 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 \(BCP\)](#). [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](#).



Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, Mary Burcher, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, Keith Helsby, David Hipkin, Caroline Kelly, Charlie Martineau, Sheila Pantin, Michele Roszak, Frances Roxby-Proud and Colin Sinclair.

RIP – Derek Clarkson and James Fenton

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Those who are now in danger of being evicted from their homes
Rough sleepers and the homeless
- Tues** Those struggling to access tests for COVID-19
Diagnostic testing laboratories working hard to source equipment and qualified staff to increase capacity
- Wed** All healthcare workers
Patients and staff in intensive care units
- Thurs** All who are affected by COVID-19
The launch of the new NHS contact tracing app today
- Fri** Those who are leading our nation
The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson
- Sat** Carole Raw, Parish Administrator
Staff and residents of care homes

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 44
1 Kings 12 v 25 – 13 v 10
Acts 19 v 8 - 20
- Tues** **Michael and all Angels**
Psalm 34
Daniel 12 v 1 - 4
Acts 12 v 1 - 11
- Wed** *Jerome, translator of the Scriptures, 420*
Psalm 119 v 57 - 80
1 Kings 17
Acts 20 v 1 - 16
- Thurs** Psalm 57
1 Kings 18 v 1 - 20
Acts 20 v 17 to end
- Fri** Psalm 51
1 Kings 18 v 21 to end
Acts 21 v 1 - 16
- Sat** *George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Peacemaker, 1958*
Psalm 68
1 Kings 19
Acts 21 v 17 - 36

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Creationtide

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life;
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.

What's on This Week

St Peter's Church is open for private prayer from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm every day except Sundays.

- Mon 28th** 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Tues 29th** 4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
- Wed 30th** 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
7:00 – 8:00 pm **Sanctuary's Bible Study Group** meets online
Meeting ID: 939 9798 3766 / Passcode: 131152
- Thurs 1st** **11:00 am Holy Communion**
4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
- Fri 2nd** 10:20 am Funeral of James Fenton at Stonefall Cemetery
11:00 am Service of Thanksgiving for the life of James Fenton
4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Sat 3rd** 4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
- Sun 4th** ***Harvest Festival***
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch
4:15 pm **Animal Service**
4:30 – 6:30 pm **Sanctuary**, our youth group, are going to the Harrogate Clue HQ Escape Rooms. There are limited places, so book with Chris Clayton (£15 per person) as soon as possible. Meet at the Glass Foyer doors in the precinct and you will need to bring a face covering.

Next Sunday 4th October
The Seventeenth Sunday after
Trinity

Harvest Festival

9:30 Family Communion

11:00 Choral Communion

4:15 Afternoon Church –
Animal Service

**To check availability and to book a
pew at our morning services
contact our Parish Administrator,
Carole Raw at
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** (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 are available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Love never fails. In time of crisis, love unites us all

This autumn, Christian Aid wants us to reach out to our neighbours near and far, and show them that in times of crisis, love never fails. When crisis arrived on our doorsteps this year, neighbourly love helped us through. This autumn, through our Harvest Services, we can harness the power of neighbourly love and make a life-changing difference to vulnerable communities around the world.



Angela's daughter, Ariana, harvesting their new crop of cocoa pods on their farm

In Nicaragua, climate change threatens Angela's livelihood. Because of the climate crisis, her coffee beans don't ripen properly and she's losing a lot of her crop. But, with support from Christian Aid's partner, Soppexcca, Angela and her community are shifting from production of coffee to climate-resistant cocoa. At a time of crisis, her community are supporting each other, coming together as a cooperative to share knowledge and protect their livelihoods.

St Peter's Church will be celebrating the work of Christian Aid at our Harvest services next Sunday 4th October. If you would like to make a donation please do so at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/global-neighbours-autumn-appeal>.

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!

HM Government NHS

We must keep on protecting each other.

HANDS FACE SPACE

STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES



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 next Sunday or from 4:00 – 5:00 pm daily.



Tuesday 20th October

7:00 pm at St Peter's Church

To vote at this meeting you will need to be on St Peter's Electoral Roll – the forms are available at the back of Church or to [download on the website](#).

Please return the completed form to the Parish Office by 6th October.



New to St Peter's? Please give your contact details to one of the Clergy after the service.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (4th October) will be noon on Wednesday 30th September. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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