



Weekly News

15th November 2020

The Second Sunday before Advent

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St Peters Players Proudly Present

Gertrude is **LOST**

Although the St. Peter's Players have had to postpone Oliver! it doesn't mean we haven't been busy and now we need your help!

Come and join us in an all new star performance featuring thrills, spills and more humour than you can shake a stick at!

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Join us on the 15th November at 4:15PM for our first ever virtual production of GERTRUDE IS LOST.



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15th November 4:15PM

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PRAYER FOR THE NATION

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York along with other senior church leaders have called for November to be a month of **Prayer for the Nation** during this second lockdown. In a letter to the nation on 4th November they wrote:

These are deeply challenging and difficult times for us all. When we are surrounded by fear and suffering, it can be hard to feel hopeful. This coming winter feels like it will be longer and darker than usual.

There is a story in the Bible where Jesus and his disciples are caught in a storm. The disciples are understandably terrified as the wind and waves threaten to overpower them. 'Why are you so afraid?', Jesus asks. This year, we too have been caught in a storm which often feels overwhelming. And yet we can look to Jesus, in the boat with us, who calms the storm and comforts us in our fear.

We are writing to share our belief that whoever you are, and whatever you happen to believe, you are loved by God. Beyond measure. We also want you to know that we are praying for you, particularly asking that Christ's love will comfort us, calm our fears, and lead our nation and our world through this terrible pandemic. Starting this week, we have asked every church to pray each day at 6:00 pm. We invite you to join with us. You'll be able to find simple resources on the [Church of England website](#) and social media channels.

The suggested daily prayer themes are:

Sunday	Family, friends and loved ones
Monday	Schools and colleges, children and young people
Tuesday	The elderly, isolated and vulnerable
Wednesday	Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing
Thursday	The NHS and other key workers
Friday	National and local government
Saturday	All who are grieving, and all suffering with physical and mental ill-health

St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

St Peter's Ladies who Lunch were looking forward to celebrating their 5th birthday at their meeting this month. However, due to the National Restrictions that came into force on 5th November this has had to be cancelled. Hopefully, we will be able to get together next month before Christmas – watch this space for details!



The Christian Aid Harvest Appeal

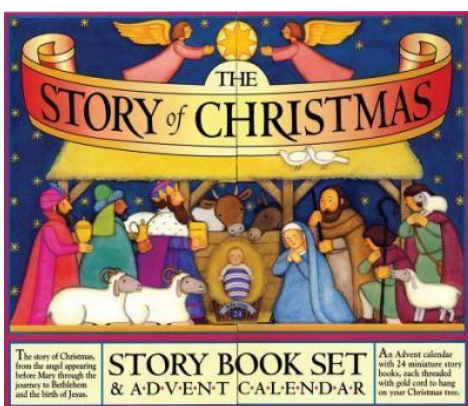
Very many thanks to all those who gave so generously to our Christian Aid appeal during Harvest Festival. The splendid sum of £302.43 was raised, £230 of which was gift-aided. During these difficult times, vital funds are needed more urgently than ever, so a special thank you to you all.

Judith Simpson (*Christian Aid Representative*)

St Peter's Altar Frontals Project

In 2019 the Parochial Church Council (PCC) set up the Altar Frontals Commissioning Group to oversee the renewal of our liturgical textiles. These textiles, the principle item of which is the altar frontal, mark the changing seasons of the Church's year and provide a means of expressing the vision and values of our Christian community. The Commissioning Group appointed the highly experienced textile designer [Polly Meynell](#) and her [proposed designs](#) are on our website. A [notice regarding planning permission](#) for the proposed new textiles is now also available on the website.

Advent Calendars that tell the story of Christmas



The Story of Christmas by Mary Packard

An Advent calendar with 24 miniature boardbooks telling the story of Christmas, from the angel appearing before Mary through the journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus. Each book has a gold thread so you can hang them on your Christmas tree after you've read them. About £12.99 from [Amazon](#), [Book Depository](#), [Embrace](#) and [Wordery](#)

The Real Advent Calendar

A great way for parents and grandparents to share the Christmas story with little ones, as well as giving them a Fairtrade chocolate treat every day in the lead up to Christmas. The 2020 design calendar comes with a 24-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent. Available direct from the [Meaningful Chocolate Company](#), or [Traidcraft](#), [Embrace](#) and Tesco shops for £3.99.



Today's Services: 15th November 2020

The Second Sunday before Advent

The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity (BCP)

9:30 Family Communion

Readings 1 Thessalonians 5 v 1 - 11
Matthew 25 v 14 - 30

Preacher: Alan Garrow

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Britten in C (Jubilate)

Hymns 7, 212, 435

Psalm 98

Readings Zephaniah 1 v 7, v 12 to end
1 Thessalonians 5 v 1 - 11

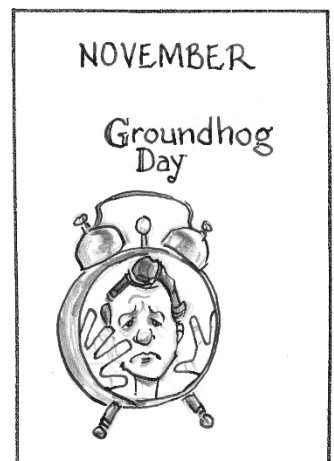
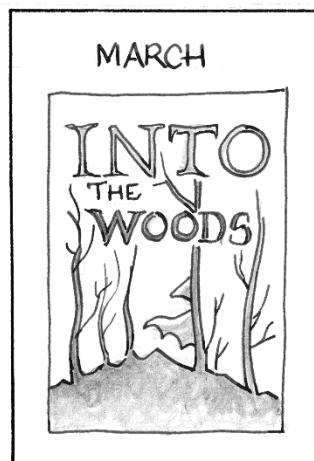
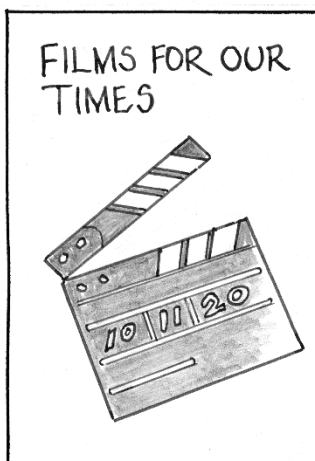
Anthem So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth (*Peter Aston*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

All this week's services are online

As churches in England are now closed for public worship, we are continuing to live-stream all our services. To join in follow these links or the ones on the website: [9:30 am Holy Communion](#) and [11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion \(BCP\)](#). [Zoom Coffee](#) is back after these services when you can join us for 10 minute chats with two or three 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.

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Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

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

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Schools and colleges, children and young people
St Peter's CE Primary School
- Tues** The elderly, isolated and vulnerable
St Peter's Breakfast Club
- Wed** Businesses, the workplace and economic well being
All those working from home
- Thurs** The NHS and other key workers
Hospital Chaplaincy Teams
- Fri** National and Local Government
The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson
- Sat** Those grieving, or suffering with physical and mental ill-health
Wellspring Therapy & Training, supporting people in distress and 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** *Margaret, Queen of Scotland*
Psalm 47
Daniel 8 v 1 - 14
Revelation 10
- Tues** Psalm 52
Daniel 8 v 15 to end
Revelation 11 v 1 - 14
- Wed** Psalm 56
Daniel 9 v 1 - 19
Revelation 11 v 15 to end
- Thurs** *Hilda, Abbess of Whitby*
Psalm 62
Daniel 9 v 20 to end
Revelation 12
- Fri** *Edmund, King, Martyr*
Psalm 63
Daniel 10 v 1 – 11 v 1
Revelation 13 v 1 - 10
- Sat** Psalm 78 v 1 - 39
Daniel 12
Revelation 13 v 11 to end

The Collect for the Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord

What's on This Week

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.

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

Mon 16th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Tues 17th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Wed 18th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Thurs 19th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Fri 20th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Sat 21st	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Sun 22nd	<i>Christ the King</i> <i>The Sunday next before Advent</i> 9:30 am Family Communion 11:00 am Choral Matins 1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch

Christmas Stamp appeal

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Fresh from the farm every week!



FREE RANGE EGGS

Fresh, large **Ian Taylor** eggs available to collect from the Welcomer's Desk.

*Donations for
St Peter's Church welcome!*



Will you join us and flood Harrogate with light, love and hope?

Harrogate Hub want people to get involved with the *#thelightshines* this Christmas and flood our town with light, love and hope – and ask others to join in too!

To get involved all you need to do is to decorate one (or more) windows of your house, flat or workplace, and then leave the lights on or curtains open each evening from 18th – 31st December, so people can see your fantastic displays.

Your design can be anything you like, but please include the words '**#The light shines John 1:5**' somewhere in it. Designs can be as elaborate as you like, but they can equally be some strings of fairy lights or a light box!

From 18th December, all the houses or buildings taking part will be plotted onto various trails and maps and posted on our website and other social media platforms. Families and friends can then either walk or run together, trying to spot as many fantastic window displays as possible! Please share pictures on social media of your displays or other windows you come across as you walk around the trails, using the hashtag *#thelightshines*.



Anyone can get involved with the *#lightshines* initiative, no matter where you live! To register please fill out the registration form before the deadline of Friday 11th December at [The Harrogate Hub website](#).

We hope and pray that you have lots of fun, and that, together, we can share the light, love and hope of Jesus this Christmas.



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!**

This week's *Prayer for the Nation*

Loving Father God, be with us in our distress; be with our families, friends, and neighbours, our country and our world.

Give health to the sick, hope to the fearful, and comfort to mourners.

Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers, insight to our Government, and patience to us all.

Overcome disease with the power of your new life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome to St Peter's Church



*You can still
join us
online*

The building may be closed for public worship, but the Church is still here! We are open for private prayer and our daily food ministry continues. The Weekly News is available on the website and our daily services are all available online.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (22nd November) will be noon on Wednesday 18th November. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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