



Weekly News

13th December 2020

The Third Sunday of Advent

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Join Alpha online – invite a friend

Such a lot of what people love about Alpha is the experience of meeting together and eating together. So how could it possibly be the same online? The answer is, of course, that it's not the same – the benefits of physically meeting together can't be replicated.

There are, however, some surprising and significant benefits all the same. First, it is really easy to attend. You don't have to rush to get out of the house, you can get home and stay home and, if you have children, you don't need to find a babysitter. Second, there's something about online discussion that makes it particularly easy for everyone to participate. Third, it's dead easy to invite a friend – there's no strange environment to deal with, they will be entirely at home! And, to top it all, you don't have to worry about remembering people's names – they're always there on the screen.

If you're not sure what Alpha's all about, there's lots of information online – including at harrogatealpha.org. Or, if you've previously wondered about Alpha, but never quite had the space in your life, then our online Alpha could be the perfect opportunity to give it a try. The first meeting, led by Sarah Martin, will be on Wednesday 20th January from 7:00 – 8:30pm. The whole experience runs each Wednesday evening for eleven weeks. To sign up phone Sarah on 07913 259490. Give it a go and invite a friend.



You've got time.

St Peter's Church

Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Starting 20th January 2021

Join us in 2021 #AlphaOnline
alphaharrogate.org



#AlphaOnline

Alan Garrow, *Vicar of St Peter's Church*

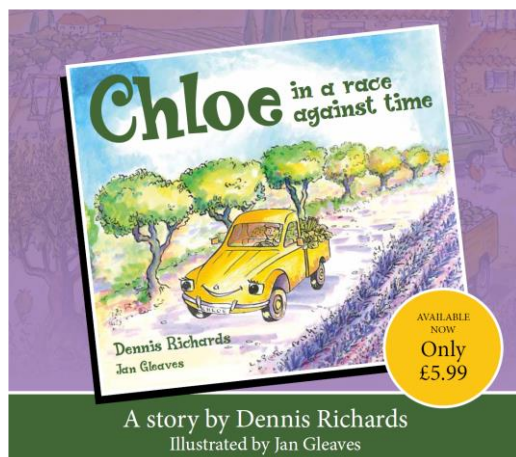


**St Peter's Church
Christmas Services
2020**

Sunday 20 th	9:30 am	Family Communion (<i>booking required</i>)
	11:00 am	Choral Matins (<i>booking required</i>)
	6:30 pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (<i>online only</i>)
Thursday 24 th Christmas Eve	11:00 am	Holy Communion (no booking required)
	4:00 pm	Christingle Service (<i>online only</i>)
	6:30 pm	Carols for Christmas Eve (<i>online only</i>)
	11:30 pm	Midnight Mass (<i>booking required</i>)
Friday 25 th Christmas Day	9:30 am	Family Communion (<i>booking required</i>)
	11:00 am	Choral Communion (<i>booking required</i>)
Sunday 27 th	9:30 am	Family Communion (<i>booking required</i>)
	11:00 am	Choral Matins (<i>booking required</i>)
Thursday 31 st	11:00 am	Holy Communion (no booking required)
	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Light a candle and pray for 2021
	11:30 pm	Watchnight Service (no booking required)

Don't forget the deadline for booking the above services is noon on Thursday 17th December! Please contact Carole Raw, our Parish Administrator, on 07425 161425 or at stpeterschurchhgtooffice@gmail.com. **Thank you!**

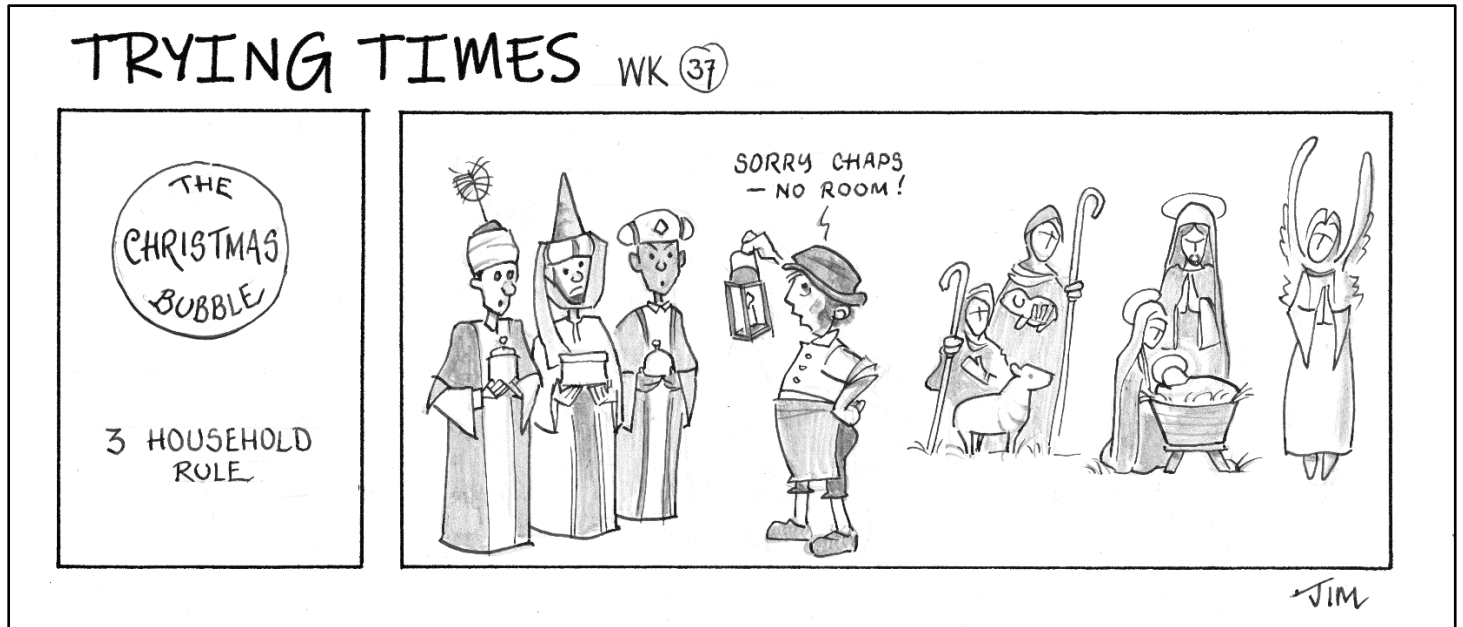
A new children's book from Dennis Richards



Dennis Richards was Head Teacher of St Aidan's CE High School for 23 years. He writes a monthly education column in the Harrogate Advertiser and is also a Lay Reader here at St Peter's. His new book, *Chloe in a race against time*, is the follow-up to *Benji goes to the seaside* and is again illustrated by Jan Gleaves. It is a bedtime story for early years children, written in rhyming couplets, this time set in France. If you would like to buy a copy email your name and

delivery address to greystreetpublishing@gmail.com, and if you mention St Peter's Church we will receive a £2 donation. Then pay by BACs to Account 37740160, sort code 30-93-91 (Janet Gleaves), using your name and postcode as a reference.

Trying Times cartoons are now available as a book



Now over 30 of Jim Godfrey's **Trying Times** cartoons have been published in a book which is being sold with all profits going to the Methodist charity [Action for Children](#). A copy costs £5 (including P&P) and can be delivered to you or an address of your choice. Order forms can be downloaded [here](#) at our website, or text or telephone Jo on 07979 767630.

#The Light Shines - the BIG switch on is at 4:00 pm on Friday!



A sneak preview of another window that has appeared in Harrogate! You will be able to download a **trail of light** to follow on 18th December from the [Harrogate Hub](#) website, then try to spot as many windows as possible as you walk round – please share your pictures on social media using the hashtag **#thelightshines**.

Today's Services: 13th December 2020

The Third Sunday of Advent

This week's theme: *The mystery of the Messiah*

Please arrive no later than 5 minutes before the start of the service, so everyone can be safely seated at a distance

9:30 Family Communion

Hymns 821 *Into the darkness*, 491 *See Him lying on a bed of straw*,
498 *Silent Night*, 410 *O Come O come Emmanuel*

Readings Isaiah 61 v 1 – 4 and 8 - 11
John 1 v 6 – 8 and v 19 -28

Preacher: Sarah Martin

Our Duty Warden today is:
Ian Birt

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Sumsion in B flat (Benedicite)

Hymns 37, 595, 38 (omit *verse)

Psalm 62

Readings Isaiah 61 v 1 – 4 and 8 - 11
John 1 v 6 – 8 and v 19 -28

Anthem I sing of a maid (*Jack Longstaff*)

Preacher: Sarah Martin

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

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

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

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

RIP: Mary Burcher

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Producers and distributors of vaccines
The NHS Test and Trace service
- Tues** Those facing financial hardship
David Fisher, our Treasurer
- Wed** Vulnerable children with safeguarding and welfare needs
The team preparing Sunday Lunch
- Thurs** Harrogate police officers
All those providing care or help to a vulnerable person
- Fri** All those cleaning our Church after each service
Mission Possible UK
- Sat** Sian Lockwood, Churchwarden
Martin House, hospice care for children and young people

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** *John of the Cross, poet*
Psalm 40
Isaiah 49 v 14 - 25
1 Thessalonians 5 v 1 - 11
- Tues** Psalm 70
Isaiah 50
1 Thessalonians 5 v 12 to end
- Wed** Psalm 75
Isaiah 51 v 1 - 8
2 Thessalonians 1
- Thurs** *Eglantyne Jebb, founder of Save the Children*
Psalm 76
Isaiah 51 v 9 - 16
2 Thessalonians 2
- Fri** Psalm 98
Isaiah 51 v 17 to end
2 Thessalonians 3
- Sat** Psalm 146
Isaiah 52 v 1 - 12
Jude

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord

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.

Fairtrade Christmas Shop – open Monday to Saturday from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm in the Old Baptistery

Mon 14th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Tues 15th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Wed 16th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Thurs 17th	11:00 am Holy Communion 4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Fri 18th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Sat 19th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Sun 20th	1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch

Our Online Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



Join us for our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Peter's online next Sunday 20th December at 6:30 pm. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings. The readings are interspersed with Christmas carols and anthems sung by our wonderful choir. Please follow the link [here](#) or on our website!

Next Sunday 20th December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
6:30	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols - online only

To check availability and to book a pew at the morning services contact our Parish Administrator, Carole Raw, by 12:00 pm on Thursday 17th December at stpeterschurchhqtooffice@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.

St. Peter's School has spaces in Reception for September 2021



We are looking forward to welcoming parents back into our school as soon as we can but in the meantime we want you to consider St Peter's as your first choice of primary school for your child.

What is special about St. Peter's Primary?

- Here we instil a love of learning, by providing a rich and varied curriculum which nurtures all children to 'SHINE and share their shine'.
- Ofsted rates us 'Good' with 'Outstanding Early Years'.
- Here we build the skills for lifelong learning through the five key skills of Relationships, Resilience, Resourcefulness, Risk Taking and Reflection.
- We are graded an 'Excellent Church of England school'. Here we respond to the needs of the children and their families in a way that is underpinned by the Christian values of the community.

Can I choose St. Peter's if I don't go to church?

- Yes, St. Peter's is a Church school but is here to serve all of the local community.

Can I choose St. Peter's if I do not live in the catchment area?

- Yes, St. Peter's has a tiny catchment area. We take children from across the town centre and beyond.

Where do children go onto from Primary?

- We feed mainly into St. Aidan's and Harrogate Grammar.

Visit our website and find out more about us or give us a call on 01423 569684.

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021, apply to NYCC admissions <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>.

Gertrude is Lost has raised £823 - so far!



As St Peter's Players had to postpone their production of 'Oliver' until 2021, they used their many talents to produce this light-hearted film about a village talent contest. It is still available on [St Peter's YouTube](#) channel and has been viewed over 60 times. Viewers were asked to vote for their favourite act and the winner was Ralph Williamson. Well done, Ralph!

And, you can still make a donation on their [Just Giving Page](#).



St Peter's is continuing to give out food **every day** to those in need. If you would like to donate something 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.

Here is a prayer to say as the third candle on your Advent wreath is lit:

We lit the first candle to pray for hope.

We lit the second candle to pray for peace.

We light the third candle to pray for **joy**, for ourselves and for everyone. We give thanks for the beauty of joy and the way it comes to us when we do not expect it. We pray for everyone who feels no joy. May they find some glimmer of joy that shines like this candle flame.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, joy of the hearts that know you, fill us and all your world with joy. Come close to us this Advent.

Amen



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 (20th December) will be noon on Wednesday 16th December. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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