



# Weekly News

27<sup>th</sup> December 2020

The First Sunday of Christmas

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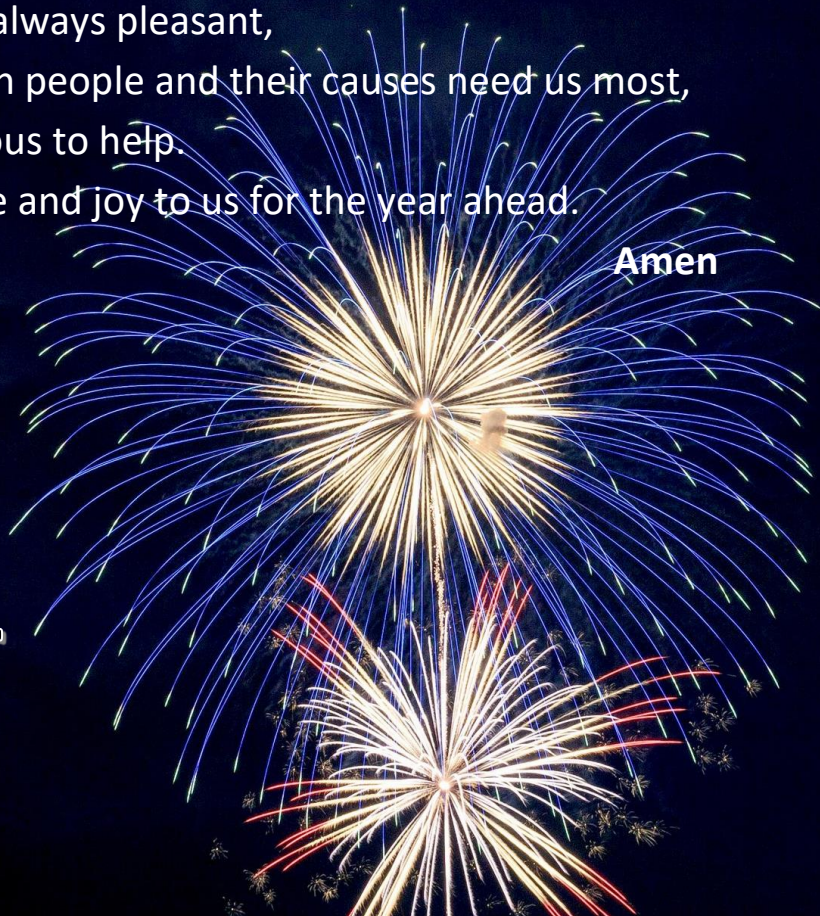
St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate, HG1 1PB

## A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding us from sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making our path easy,  
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from us,  
But by taking fear from our heart;  
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making our life always pleasant,  
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most,  
And by making us anxious to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.

Amen

Happy  
New Year  
2021



# Today's Services: 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## The First Sunday of Christmas

The Sunday after Christmas Day (BCP)

*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** 243 *In the bleak midwinter*, 602 *While shepherds watched*,  
1350 *Infant holy*, 491 *See Him lying on a bed of straw*

**Readings** Isaiah 61 v 10 – 62 v 3  
Luke 2 v 22 - 40

**Preacher:** Alan Garrow

**Our Duty Warden today is:**  
Sian Lockwood

### 11:00 Choral Matins

**Setting** Smart in F (Jubilate)

**Hymns** 58, 64, 444

**Psalm** 21

**Readings** Isaiah 61 v 10 – 62 v 3  
Luke 2 v 22 - 40

**Anthem** Lully, lulla (*Leighton*)

**Preacher:** Alan Garrow

## 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 join us to bring in the New Year!



On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December, New Year's Eve, we are holding two special services. **Pray for 2021** - come and light a candle and pray for our nation and for the world, drop in between 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Then later our atmospheric, candlelit **Watchnight Service** starts at 11:30 pm (**no booking required**).

## Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – The Epiphany

9:30 Family Communion 11:00 Choral Communion

To check availability and to book a pew at our morning services contact our Parish Administrator, Carole Raw, by noon on Thursdays on 07425 161425 or at [stpeterschurchhqtooffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschurchhqtooffice@gmail.com)

**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.

**Also in our prayers this week:**

- Mon** Doctors and nurses  
The staff at diagnostic testing laboratories
- Tues** Those in self-isolation at home  
Those who have been made redundant and are facing an uncertain future
- Wed** St Peter's Food Parcel Scheme  
All those living in temporary accommodation
- Thurs** Those delivering essential public services  
The social services
- Fri** Hannah Beck, Lay Reader  
St Peter's Bell Ringers
- Sat** Chris Clayton, our Curate  
All those enabling our online worship

**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** ***The Holy Innocents***  
Psalm 36  
Genesis 37 v 13 - 20  
Matthew 18 v 1 - 10
- Tues** *Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr 1170*  
Psalm 19  
Isaiah 57 v 15 to end  
John 1 v 1 - 8
- Wed** Psalm 113  
Isaiah 59 v 1 – 15a  
John 1 v 19 - 28
- Thurs** Psalm 102  
Isaiah 59 v 15b to end  
John 1 v 29 - 34
- Fri** ***The naming and circumcision of Jesus***  
Psalm 103  
Genesis 17 v 1 - 13  
Romans 2 v 17 to end
- Sat** Psalm 18 v 1 - 30  
Isaiah 60 v 1 - 12  
John 1 v 35 - 42

**The Collect for the First Sunday of Christmas**

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ:

grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**or**

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.



## What's on This Week

*St Peter's Church is open for private prayer from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm every day except New Year's Day and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.*

- Mon 28<sup>th</sup>** 4:30 pm Hot food  
**Tues 29<sup>th</sup>** 4:30 pm Food parcels  
**Wed 30<sup>th</sup>** 4:30 pm Hot Food  
**Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> *New Year's Eve***  
11:00 am **Holy Communion**  
4:00 – 6:00 pm **Pray for 2021**  
4:30 pm Food parcels  
11:30 pm **Watchnight Service**  
*(no booking required for today's services)*  
**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> *New Year's Day***  
4:30 pm Hot food  
**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>** 4:30 pm Food parcels  
**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>** 1:00 pm Sunday Lunch

## Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next full edition of the Weekly News (3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021) will be noon on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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The **Breakfast Club** provides a free, hot breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:15 – 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.