



Weekly News

10th January 2021

The First Sunday of Epiphany

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St Peter's Life under Lockdown 3.0

In view of the rapidly rising infection rate in the Harrogate area the Parochial Church Council has decided to adopt every reasonable measure to protect our congregations, visitors, volunteers and staff. This means that, while we are not legally compelled to close the church building for worship and private prayer, we have decided to do so with immediate effect. We will, of course, continuously monitor developments and will seek to wind back these measures as soon as it is responsible to do so. [Sunday morning worship at 9.30am and 11.00am](#) will continue to be available **online** as previously. These services will also be followed by [Zoom Coffee](#). [Morning and Evening Prayer](#) will also continue to be available online. All other services are, for the time-being, cancelled. Further opportunities to connect on Zoom include:

Coffee and Chat Zoom Drop-In Monday - Friday at 11:00 am:

[Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 824 6177 5096 Passcode: 165473

A mix of Clergy and Welcomers will be online at 11:00 am each weekday to spend time mixing and chatting. There will also be opportunities for prayer. Starts on Monday 11th January.

Join Alpha Online from Wednesday 20th January 7:00 – 8:30 pm for 11 weeks:

Contact Sarah Martin on sarah@makeadifference.co.uk or 07913 259490. Find out more about what's involved at www.alphaharrogate.org.

As previously, if you need pastoral support, please contact one of the Clergy, Churchwardens or the Churchwarden Emeritus. For enquiries about offering or receiving practical support, please contact our Administrator, Carole Raw, Monday - Thursday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. For contact details see the website or the back page of the *Weekly News*.

Even though we cannot, for the time being, meet in the same physical location, let's continue to stay in contact, encouraging one another and building one another up in faith by every means possible.

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church



A star is born

On Christmas Eve morning Ripon Cathedral held their **Journey to Bethlehem** children's crib service. The congregation are asked to come dressed as characters from the Nativity and then they help to re-tell the story of the first Christmas! Some of the cast posed for pictures afterwards - well done especially to baby Wilfred who made such a fabulous king on this, *his* very first Christmas!

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

New Creation part 1 - a Bibletrack seminar by Dr Tom Wright

This online seminar via Zoom is on Saturday 30th January starting at 10:00 am with a DVD presentation by Tom Wright, followed by a facilitated discussion. For this seminar there is a charge of £2 per computer and places must be booked in advance. Visit hstm.org.uk for full details.



Taking God to work – an interview with Mark McAllister

Thursday 14th January at 7:30 pm

This is the first in a series of three recorded Zoom interviews, exploring the relationship between Christianity and work. Being a Christian involves all of our lives, including our work, whether paid or unpaid. We hope this series of interviews will help you feel more confident, as you hear how other Christians have lived out their faith in their working lives. January's speaker is Mark McAllister – an engineer by profession, who has worked in the international oil industry since 1979. To book a place email Carol Stenner (carol.stenner@leeds.anglican.org) or visit the Digital Learning Platform: learning.leeds.anglican.org.



Disability Drop-in – 20th January from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

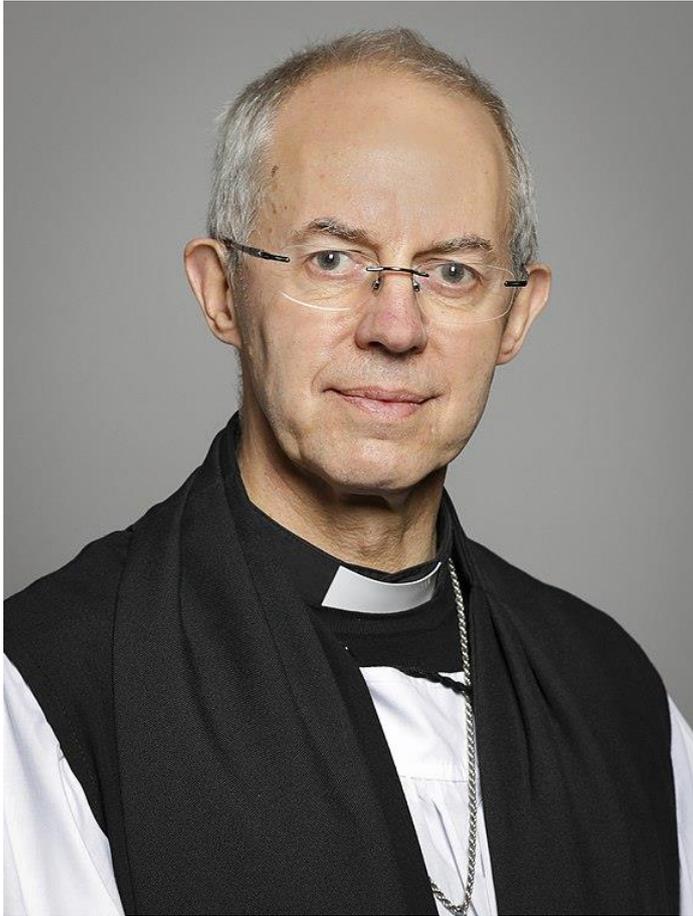
An opportunity to seek advice, support, and a friendly face for any disability or additional needs matters online. We recognise the last few months have been stressful for everyone, but perhaps more so for disabled people, or those who support people with disabilities, so if you want to join us for a chat and a virtual cup of tea to talk anything over, this is your chance. Please email

katherine.grasham@leeds.anglican.org for the Zoom link if you would like to come.



The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message for 2021

The Archbishop recorded the message in the chapel at Guys and St Thomas' Hospital. It was first broadcast on BBC One and can be viewed on iPlayer [here](#).



This chapel is at the heart of Guy's and St Thomas' in central London – one of Britain's largest and busiest hospitals.

Like health workers across the country, the staff here have been on the front line of the coronavirus crisis and have responded with incredible bravery, skill and care.

It's my local hospital, a few minutes' walk from where I live. During the pandemic, I've been volunteering as an assistant chaplain – working for the senior chaplain, the wonderful, Reverend Mia Hilborn.

We visit COVID wards and other units – spending time with patients, staff and relatives.

One evening, I might be with a young child, praying with him and his mother. On another I could be sharing a joke with

someone – finding a moment of warmth and connection in a frightening time.

Sometimes the most important thing we do is just sit with people, letting them know they are not alone.

This year has seen tremendous pain and sadness. Many of us have lost family members or friends, often without being able to say goodbye. For anyone who is on the dark and difficult journey of grief – a path I know myself – I want to assure you that I am praying for you.

But it's at St Thomas' that, alongside acknowledging this darkness, I find reasons to be hopeful for the year ahead. Because what I see here teaches me something about human beings – and about God.

This crisis has shown us how fragile we are. It has also shown us how to face this fragility. Here at the hospital, hope is there in every hand that's held, and every comforting word that's spoken. Up and down the country, it's there in every phone call. Every food parcel or thoughtful card. Every time we wear our masks.

The Bible tells us that God rejoices in these small acts of love – because they reveal who we truly are: human beings made in God's image, deeply connected to one another.

Such gestures speak to me of Jesus – the one who shows us what God's love looks like. And for this reason, we can have hope for each and every month ahead. May God bless you, and all those you love, in this coming year.

Today's Services: 10th January 2021

The First Sunday of Epiphany

The Baptism of Christ

9:30 Family Communion

Readings Genesis 1 v 1 - 5

Mark 1 v 4 - 11

Preacher: Alan Garrow

11:00 Choral Communion

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Hymns 93, 335, 90 (*omit verse 3*), 86 (*omit *verse*)

Readings Genesis 1 v 1 - 5

Mark 1 v 4 - 11

Anthem The three Kings (*Cornelius*)

Preacher: John Longstaff



All this week's services are online

St Peter's Church is now closed for in person worship, but 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 \(BCP\)](#). Or why not watch the services on our YouTube channel later in the day? [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.

TRYING TIMES WK (41)



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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** All healthcare workers
The COVID-19 vaccine centre at the Great Yorkshire Showground
- Tues** All who are affected by COVID-19
Local retail, hospitality and leisure businesses closed by this third lockdown
- Wed** John Longstaff, Director of Music, celebrating his 60th birthday
St Peter's Choir
- Thurs** All our emergency services
The fire and rescue service
- Fri** Those who are guiding our nation
Sir Patrick Vallance, Chief Scientific Adviser
- Sat** Dennis Richards, Lay Reader
St Andrew's Children's Home in Chosica, Peru

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 2
Amos 1
1 Corinthians 1 v 1 - 17
- Tues** *Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167*
Psalm 8
Amos 2
1 Corinthians 1 v 18 to end
- Wed** *Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher, 367*
Psalm 20
Amos 3
1 Corinthians 2
- Thurs** Psalm 21
Amos 4
1 Corinthians 3
- Fri** Psalm 67
Amos 5 v 1 - 17
1 Corinthians 4
- Sat** Psalm 33
Amos 4 v 18 to end
1 Corinthians 5

The Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit:

grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.

or

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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.

Mon 11th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Tues 12th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Wed 13th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Thurs 14th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Fri 15th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Sat 16th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Sun 17th	The Second Sunday of Epiphany 9:30 am Family Communion 11:00 am Choral Matins 1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch 6:00 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary's Drop-in Zoom Session Meeting ID: 960 6015 0061 Passcode: 766049



Comment out loud

St Peter's Church
Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Starting 20th January 2021

Join us in 2021 #AlphaOnline
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Holocaust Memorial Day – 27th January 2021



The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2021 is **Be the light in the darkness**. It encourages everyone to reflect on the depths humanity can sink to, but also the ways individuals and communities resisted that darkness to 'be the light' before, during and after genocide.

Light during the darkness – resistance, rescue and kindness

There are many ways to be that light in the darkness, and some people choose to resist – often at great risk to themselves. The White Rose movement in Nazi Germany, whose young leaders were executed after their capture in 1943, distributed leaflets calling for non-violent resistance to the regime.

Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of light, was celebrated in concentration camps across Europe during the Holocaust despite the appalling conditions and limited resources. People made menorahs from scrap wood or metal and lights from threads from their camp blankets, observing their traditions and resisting the attempts to extinguish their Jewish identity.

Despite the personal danger they faced, there are examples during every genocide of individuals and groups defying regimes to save those they could. Choices like these are a beacon of hope, and an inspiration for others to resist cruelty and evil. When the Nazis invaded Hungary in 1944, Vali Rácz (*pictured right*), a Hungarian singer and film star, chose to rescue five of her Jewish colleagues by hiding them in her own home. She was arrested by the secret police, but refused to give them away even after being imprisoned and interrogated for two weeks – all five escaped!



Sometimes it is the smallest of choices and actions that provide light in dark places. Survivors emphasise that any kindness, when you are surrounded by suffering, indifference, and persecution, is powerful.



During the Genocide in Bosnia, Safet Vukalić (*pictured left*) took comfort from the people in his community who wanted to help – from the neighbour who refused to join the Bosnian Serb army, to the soldiers already in the army who brought him medication and food instead of torturing and killing like others did. In turn, his family also showed kindness and generosity to others, as his sister made long journeys every day to bring food to men imprisoned in concentration camps. To read more about the White Rose movement, Vali Rácz and Safet Vukalić visit www.hmd.org.uk.

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!

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (17th January) will be noon on Wednesday 13th January. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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reflections and prayers



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You can still join us online

The building may be closed, and we may not be able to gather as we normally do, but we're still here if you need prayerful or practical support. The Weekly News is available on the website and our Sunday and daily services are all available online.