



Weekly News

17th January 2021

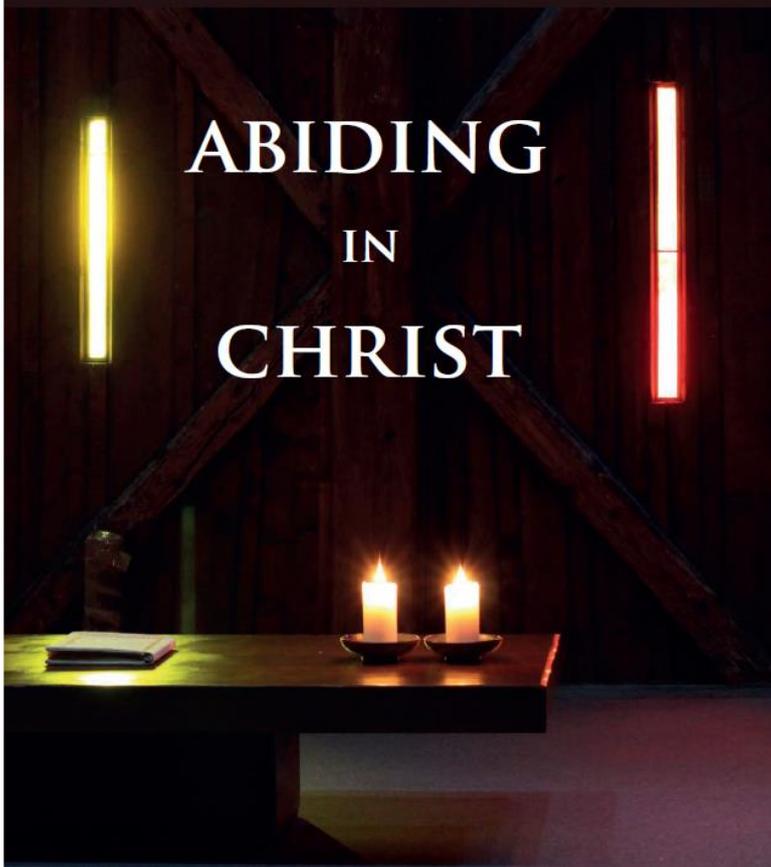
The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18th to 25th January 2021

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, 'Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit', is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

Today the community has fifty sisters, all women from different generations, Church traditions, countries and continents. In their diversity the sisters are a living parable of communion. They remain faithful to a life of prayer, life in community and the welcoming of guests. The sisters share the grace of their monastic life

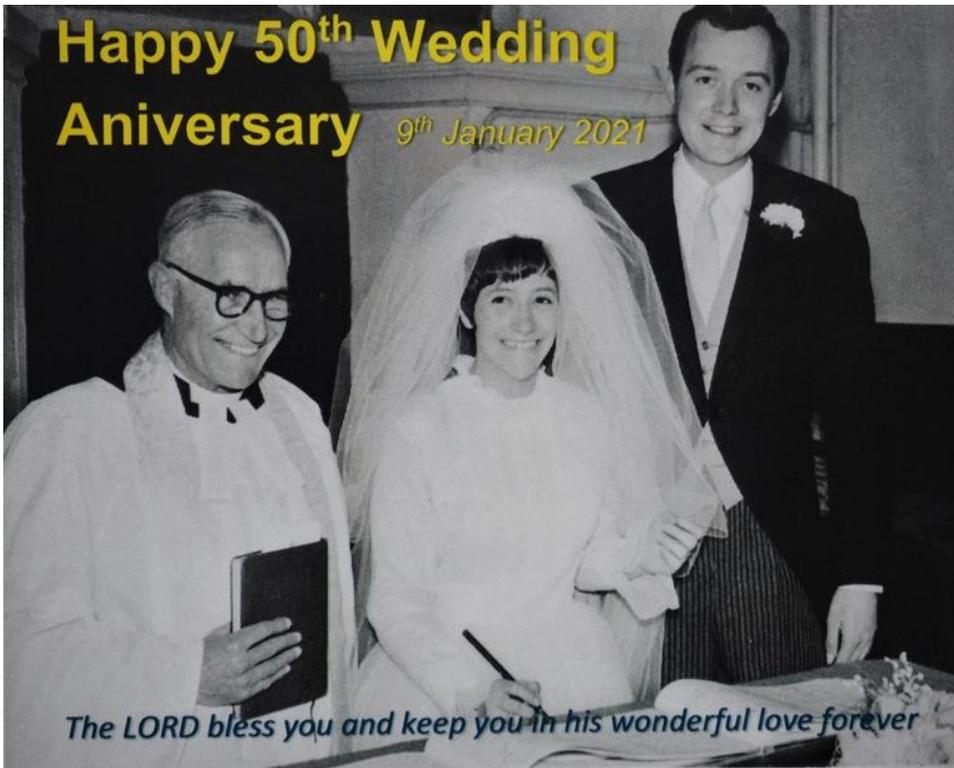
with visitors and volunteers who go to Grandchamp for a time of retreat, silence, healing or in search of meaning.

For 2021, the sisters are inviting churches across the world to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence that is rooted in the ancient traditions of the Church catholic. Each day there are two readings from the Bible, a meditation, a prayer, some questions and a 'go and do' section (provided by Christian Aid) on a particular theme – for example the theme on Day 1 is *Called by God*.

For 2021, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the resources are available to [download](#) only from the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website.

Marian Chambers, *Weekly News Editor*

Congratulations to Michael and Jane Bell!



Many thanks to Michael Bell for sending in this lovely photograph. Michael writes, "The time certainly has flown since, on a still, sunny morning, we were in St John's Church, Margate, getting married on 9th January 1971, later driving by a smooth, calm sea to our seafront reception. COVID made sure the day was a quiet one, but when this pandemic is over we'll celebrate in finer style."

Online Arthritis Action Groups

Arthritis Action Groups are an opportunity for people with arthritis to talk with others and share their tips on how to manage their arthritis and stay active whilst at home, and we are pleased to be now running online groups. We discuss a variety of self-management techniques. To take part telephone 0203 781 7120 or visit: <https://www.arthritisaction.org.uk/media-centre/events>.



Home Library Service

Books and more delivered to your door



A FREE service for people of all ages who are unable to get to the library or carry books themselves



Contact your local library for more information or call
Tel: 01609 533800 Email: libraries@northyorks.gov.uk

HM Government NHS

The Covid-19 vaccine is rolling out to the over 80s

People over 80 can now get the MHRA approved vaccine. Remember, you need two doses to be protected from Covid-19.

You'll be contacted when it's your turn. Find out more at nhs.uk/CovidVaccine

Step into Spring – FREE wellbeing course

This online course starts on 8th February and runs from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm every Tuesday for 3 weeks. For more information and to book visit [North Yorkshire Adult Learning Service](#) or call 01609 536066.

Plough Sunday message from the Bishop of Ripon



Last year, the Bishop of Ripon, Helen-Ann Hartley blessed a ploughshare during the Plough Sunday service which was attended by some 250 people including the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mrs Johanna Ropner, representing Her Majesty the Queen, pictured here with the Very Revd John Dobson, Dean of the Cathedral, and the Bishop. The service dates back to the Middle Ages when the ploughs

were blessed, and prayers offered for God's continuing providence for the agricultural year ahead. But with the traditional service unable to take place this year, Bishop Helen-Ann has made a short film on YouTube to mark the important event, which you can view [here](#).

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CORONAVIRUS

**STAY HOME
SAVE LIVES**

The new Covid-19 variant is spreading fast. Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 don't have any symptoms, but can still pass it on, putting people at risk and a renewed pressure on our NHS.

Everyone must stay home. If it's essential to go out, remember wash your hands, cover your face and make space.

Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

A prayer for the Blessing of the Plough

*Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
for in your abundant care you have given
us fertile land, rich soil, the seasons in their
courses.*

*You provide seed for sowing, water, light
and warmth to bring forth the miracle of
growth.*

*You give us skill to work the land, to
prepare and nourish it, that it may be
fruitful.*

*By your blessing, let this plough be a sign of
all that you promise to us.*

*Prosper the work of our hands and provide
abundant crops for your people to share.*

*Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.*

God speed the plough.

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Amen.

Today's Services: 17th January 2021

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

9:30 Family Communion

Readings 1 Corinthians 6 v 12 - 20

John 1 v 43 - 51

Preacher: Catharine Davies

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Howells Collegium Regale (Jubilate)

Hymns 87 (v 1, 3 and 6), 431, 430 (omit v 3 and 4)

Psalm 145 v 1 - 14

Readings 1 Samuel 3 v 1 - 10

John 1 v 43 - 51

Anthem The Song of the Tree of Life (*Vaughan Williams*)

Preacher: Catharine Davies

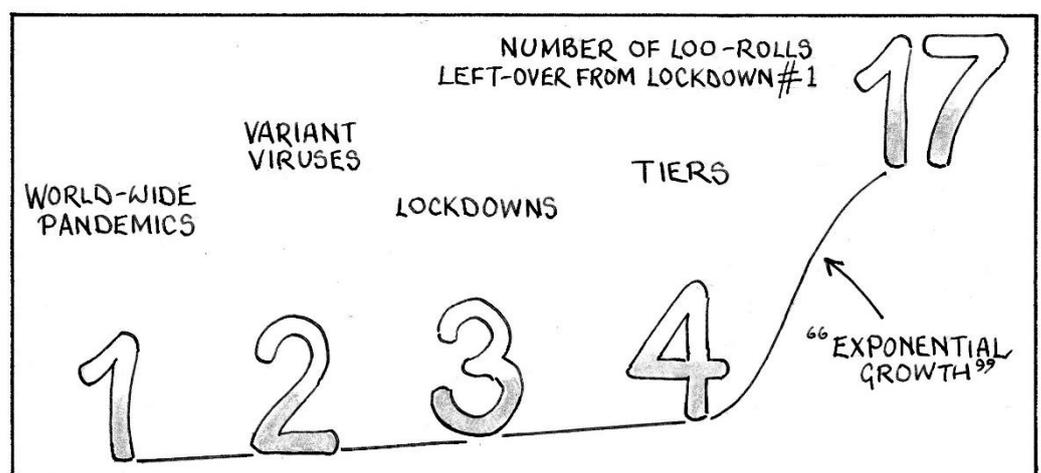
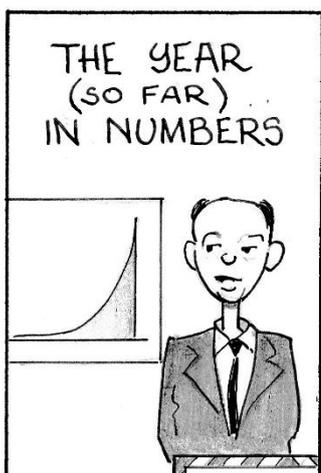


All this week's services are online

As in-person worship is suspended at St Peter's Church, we are continuing to live-stream all our services. To join in follow the links here or on the website: [9:30 am Holy Communion](#) and [11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion \(BCP\)](#). Or you can watch the services on [St Peter's 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.

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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** Schools and colleges, children and young people
Support and teaching staff in our schools
- Tues** The elderly, isolated and vulnerable
Those shielding at home
- Wed** Sarah Martin and the Alpha Team
The guests who are attending the first session tonight
- Thurs** The NHS and other key workers
Those manufacturing and distributing COVID-19 vaccines
- Fri** National and local government
Matt Hancock, responsible for oversight of the NHS
- Sat** All suffering with physical and mental ill-health
Hospital Chaplaincy Teams
supporting staff and patients

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 146
Amos 6
1 Corinthians 6 v 1 - 11
- Tues** *Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095*
Psalm 132
Amos 7
1 Corinthians 6 v 12 to end
- Wed** Psalm 81
Amos 8
1 Corinthians 7 v 1 - 24
- Thurs** *Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304*
Psalm 76
Amos 9
1 Corinthians 7 v 25 to end
- Fri** Psalm 27
Hosea 1 v1 – 2 v 1
1 Corinthians 8
- Sat** Psalm 122
Hosea 2 v 2 - 17
1 Corinthians 9 v 1 - 14

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;
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

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to
your glory, hidden through past ages and made known 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.

[Coffee and Chat Zoom Drop-in](#) – weekdays at 11:00 am

Mon 18th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Tues 19th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Wed 20th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away 7:00 pm Alpha Online – Session 1: <i>Is there more to life than this?</i> Contact Sarah Martin 07913 259490.
Thurs 21st	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Fri 22nd	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Sat 23rd	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Sun24th	The Third Sunday of Epiphany 9:30 am Family Communion 11:00 am Holocaust Memorial Service 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



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.

The World of Jesus

This eight week online course is led by Canon Gordon Dey, who has led many pilgrimage groups to the Holy Land. The course explores the places and people connected to Jesus' ministry. Through scripture, contemporary writing and archaeological evidence we will grasp better the amazing truth: *'And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us'* (John 1 v 14). It starts on Wednesday 3rd February from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Places will be limited so please book soon at:

learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/the-world-of-jesus/.



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.

Darkness today

Denial is one of the common features of every genocide. Often those responsible for genocide will restrict access to physical locations and evidence and seek to obscure their intentions and genocidal activity.

Today, denial of the Genocide in Bosnia is prevalent across Bosnian society. The current Mayor of Srebrenica, Mladen Grujicic, denies that the murder of Bosniak men and boys was genocide, and perpetrators have been lauded. In 2016, university halls in Pale, near Sarajevo, were officially named after Radovan Karadžić (*pictured right*) just days before he was found guilty on charges of genocide and war crimes. In 2019, Bosnia's current Serbian president, Milorad Dodik, called the genocide a 'fabricated myth'.



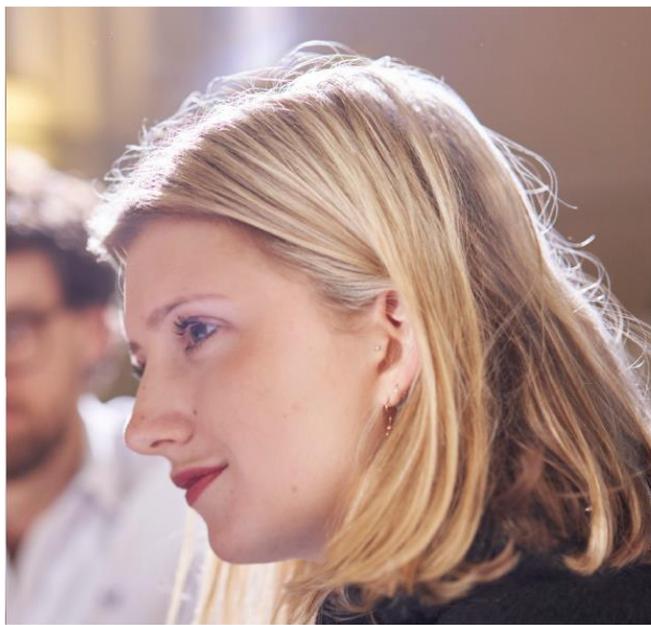
Prejudice and hostility against people based on their identity continues to hurt people and communities here in the UK. The number of hate crimes recorded by police in England and Wales rose by ten percent in the year October 2018 to October 2019, and for the seventh successive year since 2012.



The highest rises were in crimes against disabled people, LGBTQ+ people, and those of different races. The **Tell MAMA's** report on the impact of the 2019 Christchurch mosque shootings showed a sustained rise in anti-Muslim incidents in the UK recorded by them and police forces. It is everyone's responsibility to tackle the attitudes and actions which harm others, for a safer, better future.

Identity-based hostility also continues to mar societies around the world. The continuing injustices and atrocities faced by groups such as the Rohingya in Myanmar, and Uighur Muslims in China, require world leaders to take action.

Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims fled the violence in Myanmar and sought refuge in Bangladesh. Now the Bangladeshi government plans to 'relocate' them to a remote island.



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



Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (24th January) will be noon on Wednesday 20th January. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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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.