



# Weekly News

24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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## Being the light in the darkness today

*Today we are marking Holocaust Memorial Day with a special service at 11:00 am.*

The theme for 2021 is **Be the light in the darkness**. This year's theme asks all of us to recognise that the responsibility for genocide education and prevention does not lie only with survivors sharing their testimony. Their experiences hold lessons for all of us and it is vital that we listen to their experiences and become witnesses for them.

There are many ways that **we can all bring light and dispel darkness**. As the world deals with the unprecedented challenges of the Coronavirus pandemic, dangerous myths and hate-filled conspiracy theories are spreading quickly on social media blaming and demonising people because of their identity. It is crucial that we work together and **speak out with the truth** whenever we see lies and fake news.

If refugees reach safety, there are still significant challenges for them to overcome, including navigating asylum processes, learning a new language, finding work and a safe place to live. There are many ways we can support and **welcome those fleeing persecution**, through local charities and refugee centres.

The persecution of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar and the ongoing treatment of Uighur Muslims in China must not be left unchallenged. Using our voices to **raise awareness** of their treatment helps shine a light on situations around the world and helps **hold those responsible to account**.



Holocaust Memorial Day enables us to remember – for a purpose. Everyone can step up and use their talents to tackle prejudice, discrimination and intolerance wherever we find them.

Marian Chambers, *Weekly News Editor*

# Today's Services: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## The Third Sunday of Epiphany

### 9:30 Family Communion

Readings 1 Corinthians 7 v 29 - 31

Mark 1 v 14 - 20

Preacher: Chris Clayton

### 11:00 Holocaust Memorial Service

Psalm 121

Readings Genesis 12 v 1 – 9

Psalm 133

Anthem Lord God of Abraham (*Mendelssohn*)

Preacher: Dr Elies van Sliedregt, Professor of International and Comparative Criminal Justice at Leeds University



### 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:**

<b>Mon</b>	Children and young people St Peter's CE Primary School
<b>Tues</b>	The elderly, isolated and vulnerable Staff and residents of care homes
<b>Wed</b>	Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing Those suffering from work-related stress
<b>Thurs</b>	The NHS and other key workers All the staff at Harrogate Hospital
<b>Fri</b>	National and local government Rishi Sunak, Chancellor of the Exchequer
<b>Sat</b>	Sian Lockwood, Churchwarden All who are grieving – especially those unable to attend the funeral of a loved one

**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?*

<b>Mon</b>	<b><i>The Conversion of Paul</i></b> Psalm 66 Ezekiel 3 v 22 to end Philippians 3 v 1 - 14
<b>Tues</b>	<i>Timothy and Titus</i> Psalm 36 Hosea 4 v 1 - 16 1 Corinthians 10 v 1 - 13
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 46 Hosea 5 v 1 - 7 1 Corinthians 10 v 14 – 11 v 1
<b>Thurs</b>	Psalm 47 Hosea 5 v 8 – 6 v 6 1 Corinthians 11 v 2 - 16
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 65 Hosea 6 v 7 – 7 v 2 1 Corinthians 11 v 17 to end
<b>Sat</b>	<i>Charles, King and Martyr</i> Psalm 68 Hosea 8 1 Corinthians 12 v 1 - 11

**The Collect for the Third Sunday of the Epiphany**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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**

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in 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

<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away <b>7:00 pm Alpha Online</b> – Session 2: <i>Who is Jesus?</i> Contact Sarah Martin 07913 259490.
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b> <i>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</i> 9:30 am Family Communion 11:00 am Choral Matins 1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch <b>6:30 pm Music and readings for Candlemas</b> 6:00 – 7:00 pm <b>Sanctuary's Drop-in Zoom Session</b> Meeting ID: 960 6015 0061 Passcode: 766049

## Harrogate Fairtrade Shop Update

Given the challenging year we've all had it is a relief and a joy to report that the local Fairtrade shop at St Peter's Church has managed to keep afloat. The uncertainty of the spring lockdown was an anxious time, but the summer brought loyal customers and visitors back to the town. The November lockdown came as a blow as we rely so heavily on Christmas sales but out of adversity came opportunity and a new collaborative effort with Henshaw College as they sought new opportunities for their students to gain work experience with us. They helped set up our new online shop, with a limited range of our more popular items and Christmas stock, and for the past two months have handled orders, invoicing and packaging, with deliveries to the doorstep being made by our volunteers.

The website has now been updated to include our food and household ranges plus some popular local-themed items so you can continue to support Fairtrade online <https://harrogatefairtradeshop.selz.com>. It's more important than ever to support our overseas producers and by shopping with us you are also supporting a local charity so please help if you can.

Gillian Parkin (*HGFT Trustee and PMC member*)

## Online Pastoral Conversations Course

Lockdown has made us aware of those around us struggling. We can sometimes feel powerless to help when others share their difficulties with us, but an effective pastoral conversation can help more than we know. This level 1, introductory, online course offers an opportunity to receive some training and support from the comfort of your own home around how to best ensure that your conversation nurtures and empowers people to cope with the difficulties they face. There are two options depending on your learning style: a [Zoom Course](#) starting on 25<sup>th</sup> February 7:00 – 9:00 pm or a [Self-paced Course](#), if you prefer to study at your own pace on your own.

## 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. It starts on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/](http://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/the-world-of-jesus/).



## Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

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

This online seminar via Zoom is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://hstm.org.uk) for full details.



## Virtual Thursday Concerts from Ripon Cathedral

### Six Sixes - a series of organ recitals by Tim Harper, Assistant Director of Music

Having been silenced since March, the Thursday Concerts now triumphantly return and can be viewed on [Ripon Cathedral's YouTube Channel](#).

Six is regarded as a *perfect* number since  $1 + 2 + 3 = 6$  and  $1 \times 2 \times 3 = 6$ . In the Bible, it is also the number of days God took to create the world before resting on the Sabbath.



Therefore, composing works in sets of six holds a certain attraction for composers.

Over the course of this series, we will hear six of them: J. S. Bach's six Trio Sonatas and 'Schübler' Chorales; Mendelssohn's Six Sonatas (Op. 65); Howells' Six Pieces of 1940; John Joubert's Six Short Preludes on English Hymn-Tunes for chamber organ (1990); and, in celebration of his 150th anniversary, the Finals from Louis Vierne's six Organ Symphonies.

THANK YOU

St Peter's gives out food every day to those in need. Thank you so much if you remembered to bring some groceries or toiletries to put in the hamper recently.



## CORONAVIRUS STAY ALERT TO STAY SAFE

To control the risk of infection:

- ☉ Stay home as much as possible
- ☉ Limit contact with other people
- ☉ Keep washing hands regularly

For more ways to stay safe go to [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES

## Welcome to St Peter's Church

*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.

## Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (31<sup>st</sup> January) will be noon on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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