



Weekly News

31st January 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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Candlemas

Candlemas is a festival that has been enjoying a revival of interest and attention in recent years. It stands at the turning point between Christmas and Easter – and we need a turning point now like never before. In our morning worship this Sunday we will be reflecting on the experience of Simeon and Anna in their greeting and recognition of Jesus as he is brought to the Temple. There will also be a special online service of music and readings at 6.30 pm (*see inside for details*).

Candlemas – A Sonnet by Malcolm Guite

They came, as called, according to the Law.

Though they were poor and had to keep things simple,

They moved in grace, in quietness, in awe,
For God was coming with them to His temple.

Amidst the outer court's commercial bustle

They'd waited hours, enduring shouts and shoves,

Buyers and sellers, sensing one more hustle,

Had made a killing on the two young doves.

They come at last with us to Candlemas

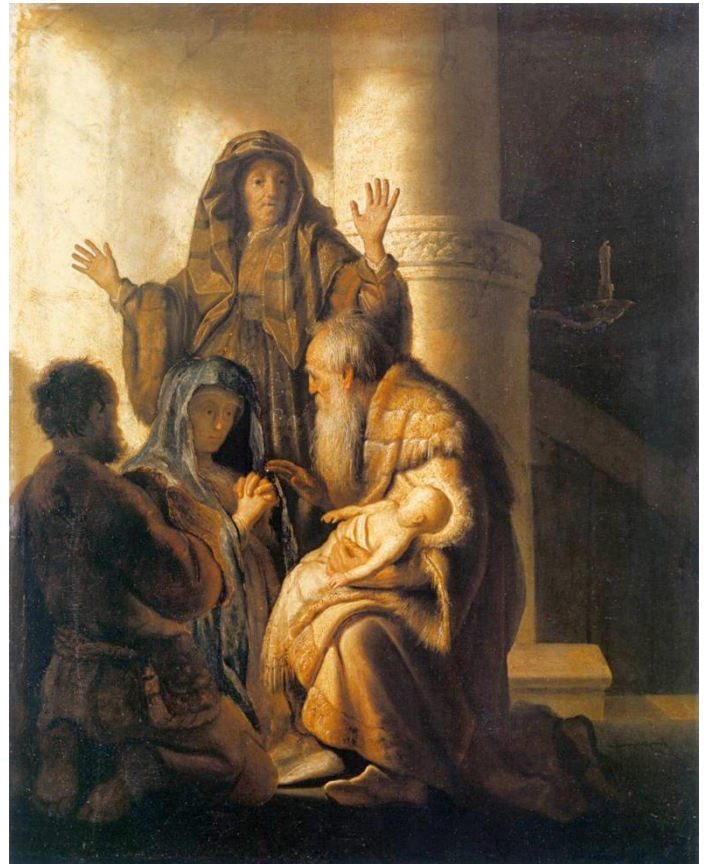
And keep the day the prophecies came true

We glimpse with them, amidst our busyness,

The peace that Simeon and Anna knew.

For Candlemas still keeps His kindled light,

Against the dark our Saviour's face is bright.



Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

The Venerable John Michael Oliver (1939 – 2021)

John Oliver, who died last week, was educated at Ripon Grammar School and went on to study at St David's College, Lampeter and Ripon Hall, Oxford. In 1964 he married his wife Anne and became Assistant Curate here at St Peter's Church under Canon Baines. He was ordained deacon in 1964 and priest a year later. In 1967 he was appointed Senior Curate at Bramley, Leeds, but returned to Harrogate when he became Vicar of St Mary's Church on Harlow Terrace from 1972 to 1978. He and Anne then moved to Leeds when he became Vicar of St Mary's Church in Beeston, an inner city parish to the south of the City, staying there until 1992. During this time he served as an Ecumenical Officer for Leeds, Rural Dean of Armley and was made an Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral. In 1992 he was appointed Archdeacon of Leeds and served for 13 years until his retirement in 2005. In his entry in *Who's Who* he listed cricket, theatre, cooking and reluctant gardener as his recreations. Please pray for his wife, Anne, their three daughters and all their family at this sad time.

Archbishops of Canterbury and York invite nation to pause, pray and remember 100,000 people who have died after contracting COVID-19



Dear friends

As we reach the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, we invite everyone in our nation to pause as we reflect on the enormity of this pandemic.

100,000 isn't just an abstract figure. Each number is a person: someone we loved and someone who loved us. We also believe that each of these people was known to God and cherished by God.

We write to you then in consolation, but also in encouragement, and ultimately in the hope of Jesus Christ. The God who comes to us in Jesus knew grief and suffering himself. On the cross, Jesus shares the weight of our sadness.

We therefore encourage everyone who is feeling scared, or lost or isolated to cast their fears on God. We also know that poorer communities, minority ethnic communities and those living with disabilities have been afflicted disproportionately and cry out for the healing of these inequalities. During this pandemic, we encourage everyone to do all they can to live within the guidelines and constraints given by government following the advice of the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientific Adviser. We show our commitment, care and love for one another by ensuring we do everything we can to stop the virus spreading.

None of this is easy. Very many of us are experiencing isolation, loneliness, anxiety and despondency like never before. Many people have lost their livelihoods. Our economy struggles. Also, the necessary restrictions we live with have also prevented us from being alongside loved ones as they died, or even at their graveside. All grief profoundly affects us, but this pandemic grief is so hard.

Therefore, we need to support each other. We do this by following the guidelines. But we also do it by reaching out to each other with care and kindness.

One thing we can all do is pray. We hope it is some consolation to know that the church prays for the life of our nation every day. Whether you're someone of faith, or not, we invite you to call on God in prayer. Starting on 1st February we invite you to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6pm each day. More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love. A number of resources will be made available [on our website](#).

Finally, we write of hope. We are grateful for the hope we have because of the service of our NHS and social care staff. What a blessing and lifeline for our nation. We are grateful for the service given in local communities by clergy, other frontline workers and so many good neighbours. We are grateful for the hope of the vaccine. It is a testimony to the God-given wisdom and gifts of scientists and researchers. We urge everyone to take the vaccine as soon as it is offered to you.

Most of all, we have hope because God raised Jesus from the dead. This is the Christian hope that we will be celebrating at Easter. We live in the hope that we will share in his resurrection. Death doesn't have the last word. In God's kingdom, every tear will be wiped away.

Please be assured of our prayers. Please join us.

✝ Justin Cantuar and ✝ Stephen Ebor

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A call to prayer for the nation



We remember before God those who have died and we pray that God's love will surround all who mourn them, now and always

Gracious God, as we remember before you the thousands who have died, surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.

Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair, and give us grace to persevere and face the future with hope in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Amen

Today's Services: 31st January 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Septuagesima (BCP)

9:30 Family Communion

Readings Malachi 3 v 1 – 5

Luke 2 v 22 - 40

Preacher: Alan Garrow

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Moeran in E flat (Jubilate)

Hymns 94 (omit*verse), 489, 627

Psalm 48

Readings Malachi 3 v 1 – 5

Luke 2 v 22 - 40

Anthem When to the temple Mary went (*Eccard*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

6:30 Music and Readings for Candlemas - on Facebook and via Zoom

Webinar ID: 829 9938 6994 (no password)

Organ Chorale Prelude: How brightly shines the morning star (*JS Bach*)

Reading Luke 2 v 21 - 35

Nunc Dimittis - Stanford in G

Reading Luke 2 v 36 - 51

Organ Intermezzo from Sonata no. 4 (*Josef Rheinberger*)

Reflection

Organ Chorale Prelude: Rhosymedre (*Vaughan Williams*)

Prayers and Blessing

Organ Fugue in G (*Mendelssohn*)

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, 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: The Venerable John Michael Oliver,
Curate at St Peter's Church, 1964 - 1967

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Schools and colleges
St Aidan's CE High School
- Tues** The isolated and vulnerable
Rough sleepers and the homeless
- Wed** Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing
All those who have been furloughed
- Thurs** The NHS and other key workers
The 100,000 people who have died and those who mourn them
- Fri** All who seek peace and reconciliation in the USA
President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris as they start their term of office
- Sat** Her Majesty the Queen as she enters the 69th year of her reign
Hannah Beck, Lay Reader

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 1
Hosea 9
1 Corinthians 12 v 12 to end
- Tues** ***Candlemas***
Psalm 5
Hosea 10
1 Corinthians 13
- Wed** Psalm 119 v 1 - 32
Hosea 11 v 1 - 11
1 Corinthians 14 v 1 - 19
- Thurs** Psalm 15
Hosea 11 v 12 - 12 to end
1 Corinthians 14 v 20 to end
- Fri** Psalm 19
Hosea 13 v 1 - 14
1 Corinthians 16 v 1 - 9
- Sat** ***The Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952***
Psalm 23
Hosea 14
1 Corinthians 16 v 10

The Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

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 1st	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Tues 2nd	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Wed 3rd	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away 7:00 pm Alpha Online – Session 3: <i>Why did Jesus die?</i> Contact Sarah Martin 07913 259490.
Thurs 4th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Fri 5th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Sat 6th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Sun 7th	The Second Sunday before Lent 9:30 am Family Communion 11:00 am Choral Communion 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

Become a Here to Help Volunteer Driver



**Harrogate and District
Community Action**

We now need more volunteer drivers, to offer transport to passengers without any other means to attend COVID-19 vaccinations and other essential health appointments. We are looking for people with a DBS check less than 2 years old and less than 3 points on their driving licence.

There is more information about the driving service we provide and the sign-up form on our website <https://hadca.org.uk/news/become-here-help-volunteer>.

If you have received your vaccination appointment from your GP and are struggling with transport, please call 01423 813090.

The Letters to Loved Ones service at Harrogate District Hospital

Relatives and friends of patients currently in hospital can now send letters and photographs to hdf.LovedOnes@nhs.net, and these will be delivered to patients. Please include the patient's full name, date of birth and the ward they are on. We will do the rest. Alternatively, if you are unable to email, please call us Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm on 01423 557985 and we can take down a message.

#LiveLent the Church of England's Lent resource for 2021

#LIVE LENT



God's Story
Our Story



LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story invites each of us to reflect on our own story of God and how we might share it through our everyday lives as part of our Christian witness.

It encourages us to take a fresh look at evangelism, exploring how Jesus and his first followers communicated the good news of God's love by inviting, listening and responding creatively to others.

For each of the 40 days of Lent, there is a short Bible passage, a reflection and a prayer. The daily reflections follow weekly themes - each with an accompanying action - drawn from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021, *Living His Story* by Hannah Steele ([SPCK](#)). There is a booklet available to buy from [Church House Publishing](#), as well as a free app, emails and audio – visit the [Church of England website](#) for more details.

Online programme from the Christian community at Scargill

Scargill House is sadly not able to welcome you in person at the moment, but they've created an exciting online programme to help you through the latest lockdown. With retreats, a virtual pilgrimage, sessions on mindfulness, enneagram and quiet days, there's something for everyone to dip in to. For more information on how to join in, visit their [website](#).

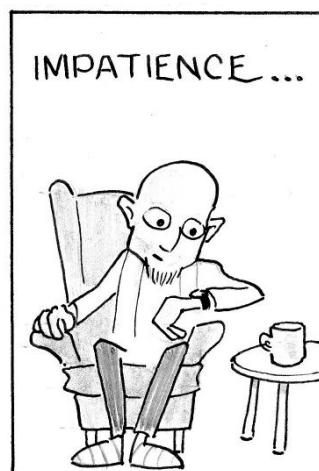
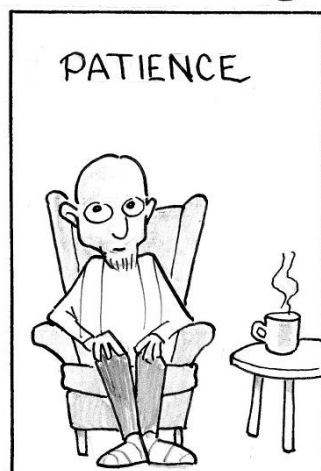


The resident community at Scargill continues with its daily rhythm of prayer and you are warmly invited to join them for [Evening Prayer on Thursdays at 4:30 pm](#) from Scargill Chapel. They will be opportunities to offer prayers for our nation and the world as we live through these difficult and disorientating times.

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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 (7th February) will be noon on Wednesday 3rd February. 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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**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.