



Weekly News

10th December 2023

The Second Sunday of Advent

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International Human Rights Day: 10th December 2023

Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Today, Sunday 10th December 2023, marks the 75th anniversary of one of the world's most groundbreaking global pledges: the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) (UDHR). This landmark document enshrines the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

The Declaration was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10th December 1948 and set out, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected.

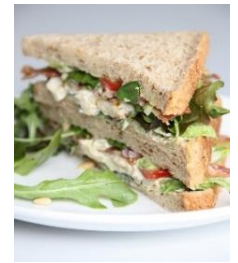


However, the promise of the UDHR, of dignity and equality in rights, has been under a sustained assault in recent years. As the world faces challenges new and ongoing – pandemics, conflicts, exploding inequalities, morally bankrupt global financial systems, racism, climate change – the values and rights enshrined in the UDHR provide guideposts for our collective actions that do not leave anyone behind.

Let's act in our own daily lives, to up hold our rights and rights of others, to work together for a more sustainable, just, and prosperous world - for this generation and those yet to come. Visit the website of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/get-involved/campaign/udhr-75>.

Come to *The Market Day Café* on Thursday

The *Market Day Café* is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is this week on Thursday 14th December at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, freshly made sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes!



The end of an era for St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship



St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship has met on the first Monday of the month at Gillian Taylor's home for several years. But Gillian has decided it is time for her to step down, so Monday 11th December will be the last time that we shall meet at her beautiful home. John Longstaff, our Director of Music, will play the piano and lead some carol singing and there will, no doubt, be a delicious afternoon tea. Please call Gillian on 01423 500482 if you would like to come.

Thank you, Gillian, for having been such a welcoming and wonderful hostess!

Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 16th December 2023

Beginning with Morning Prayers at 8:00 am for those who wish to take part, and breakfast from 8:30 to 9:00 am, followed by an informal discussion session in The Gallery for perhaps 30 minutes or so. Please text Bryn Heapy on 07561 889 076 if you are planning to come or email him at brynsusie@hotmail.com.



Come for lunch next Sunday

The Sunday Lunch Club meets again next Sunday 17th December. It is open to everyone and there's no need to book or bring anything – although any donations towards the cost will be gratefully received! Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. Please speak to Hannah Beck (07503 186 455) or Yvonne Dawes (07960 779 381) if you would like to know more.

St Peter's Strollers

Meet at the Library on Victoria Avenue at 10:30 am on 12th December for a stroll across the Stray and Valley Gardens culminating in coffee and mince pies (alternatives will be available) at a local hostelry. This is a sociable occasion for all who would like a gentle walk of approximately 1½ miles.



St Peter's Players production of *Narnia the Musical*



Zak Armour played Mr Tumnus, the faun

Congratulations to everyone who took part this year! Well done to Roy Taylor who organised the raffle and raised £775. A photo gallery will appear on the website soon.



Neil McNabb and Margaret Knight as Mr and Mrs Beaver



Jacob Bursall, Bethany McDonagh, Eleanor Garrow and Robert Marchbank-Denton played Peter, Lucy, Susan and Edmund



Eleanor Garrow lit the first candle on our Advent wreath last Sunday. Today the second candle will be lit; it is purple and symbolizes **PEACE**.

Hold up the rights of others



Pick up a copy of the **WRITE FOR RIGHTS 2023** booklet from St Peter's Church.

It contains information about the campaign as well as letter writing tips to help you maximise your impact.

Today's Services: 10th December 2023

The Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

There is Sunday Club for school age children today - please gather in the café area at the front of Church at the start of the service. Pre-schoolers and their parents are welcome to stay in this area, where there are Activity Bags to share.

Hymns 498 Silent Night; 243 In the bleak midwinter; 491 See Him lying on a bed of straw; 420 O little town of Bethlehem

Readings Isaiah 40 v 1 - 11
Mark 1 v 1 - 8

Preacher: Catharine Davies

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Jackson in G (Benedicite)

Hymns 24, 93, 29

Psalm 80

Readings Isaiah 40 v 1 - 11
Mark 1 v 1 - 8

Anthem The angel Gabriel (arr. Jack Longstaff)

Preacher: Catharine Davies



4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Holy Communion*

Preacher: Chris Clayton

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Sian Lockwood
and Ian Burt

6:30 Choral Evensong by candlelight

Setting Byrd (Second Service)

Hymns 25, 40, 608

Psalm 40

Readings I Kings 22 v 1 - 28
Romans 15 v 4 - 13

Anthem Ascribe unto the Lord (S. S. Wesley)

Preacher: Alan Garrow



Prayer Ministry at the 9:30 am service

At the 9:30 Service we offer prayer with members of our Prayer Ministry Team. If you would appreciate prayer for any reason, please come to St Mary's Chapel after you have received Communion and wait in the pews there. The team members will introduce themselves, ask for your prayer request and pray with you.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Beverley Cooper, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, David Fisher, June Hemmings, Jean Houlden, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Rachel Looby, Derek Mansfield, Steve Martin, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Dora Ringrose, Richard Sadler, Michelle Simon and Richard Skidmore.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Western Primary School St Peter's Sunday Club
Tues	Rough sleepers and the homeless St Peter's Breakfast Club
Wed	Café Connect The Weekly News Editorial Team
Thurs	Our armed forces serving at home and overseas The men and women of the Royal Navy submarine service
Fri	The more than 100 Israelis still being held hostage in Gaza All those working to negotiate a fresh deal between Israel and Hamas
Sat	St Peter's Choir John Longstaff, Director of Music

Daily Readings

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily. Both services are livestreamed on Facebook and Zoom – join in by following the links on our website. These are the Bible readings we will be using each morning this week.

Mon	Psalm 30 Isaiah 30 v 1 - 18 Matthew 14 v 1 - 12
Tues	Psalm 56 Isaiah 30 v 19 to end Matthew 14 v 13 to end
Wed	<i>Lucy, martyr at Syracuse</i> Psalm 62 Isaiah 31 Matthew 15 v 1 - 20
Thurs	<i>John of the Cross, poet, teacher, 1591</i> Psalm 54 Isaiah 32 Matthew 15 v 21 - 28
Fri	Psalm 86 Isaiah 33 v 1 - 22 Matthew 15 v 29 to end
Sat	Psalm 42 Isaiah 35 Matthew 16 v 1 - 12

The Collect for The Second Sunday of Advent

(Common Worship)

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

The Collect for The Second Sunday in Advent

(Book of Common Prayer)

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

What's on This Week

St Peter's Church is open to visitors from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm every day except Sundays.

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival is on from 9th – 16th December

Mon 11th	1:30 – 3:00 pm The <i>Thinking about God</i> group meets in the Undercroft 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group 2:00 – 4:00 pm <i>St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship</i> meet at Gillian Taylor's home 7:00 pm St Peter's Choir are singing at the Carol Service at Rudding Park in aid of <i>St Michael's Hospice</i>
Tues 12th	10:30 am <i>St Peter's Strollers</i> are meeting outside the Library 12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 13th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 14th	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 11:00 am Holy Communion 11:30 am – 1:30 pm The Market Day Café 7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
Fri 15th	9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room 10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
Sat 16th	8:00 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's 10:00 am – 3:30 pm <i>Harrogate Rotary Brigantes</i> are holding a Refreshment Day in Church 4:00 pm Shopper's Carols
Sun 17th	<i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i> 1:00 pm The Sunday Lunch Club 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall 5:30 – 7:00 pm <i>Sanctuary</i> , our youth group, are having their Christmas Party

Next Sunday 17th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
4:15	Stepping Stones Service – <i>Crafternoon</i>
6:30	A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

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** is also served each week at 1:00 pm, except for the third Sunday of the month when it is *Sunday Lunch Club*.

Hot food is available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Our mini supermarket is on Thursdays 4:30 – 4:50 pm.

The Mother's Union Christmas Tree supports *Harrogate Clothes Bank*



The Harrogate Clothes Bank offers good quality second-hand clothes free to people in need, with no referral necessary. You will find the Clothes Bank in the Hornbeam Business Park at *Disability Action Yorkshire* (rear entrance) *14a Hornbeam Park Oval, Harrogate HG2 8RB*. It is open for donations every Wednesday morning and every second Saturday of the month from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon - new socks, jogging tops and bottoms are always needed. At other times you can put

well secured bags of clean clothes or footwear in the labelled wheelie bin outside.

You can see the Mothers' Union entry at St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival which started on Saturday 9th December and runs until 16th December. Don't forget to vote!

Firm Roots Cancer Support Online Christmas Service

Join this online **Christmas Service** with carols, reflections and prayers for anyone affected by cancer on Wednesday 13th December from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Contact the Revd Helen Jones (Helen.Jones@firmroots.co.uk or 07936 186 028) for an invite.



Donations for the Christmas Flowers

Please give the names and any donation directly to Sue Heapy (07540 355 305) before Sunday 17th December. Please do not put it in the Donations box as Sue may not receive it in time. Thank you!



Join us this CHRISTMAS

St Peter's Christmas Fair
10:00 am – 4:00 pm 2nd December

Advent Candle Service
6:30 pm 3rd December

Saturday Shopper's Carols
4:00 pm 9th and 16th December
10:00 am – 12:00 pm 23rd December

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival
9th – 16th December

Nine Lessons and Carols
6:30 pm 17th December

Christmas Eve
3:00 and 4:30 pm Christingle Services
6:30 pm Carols for Christmas Eve
11:30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
8:30 am Holy Communion
9:30 am Family Communion
11:00 am Christmas Day Worship

New Year's Eve
4:00 – 6:00 pm Pray for 2024
11:30 pm Watchnight Service

Find all our services and events at www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk

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Christmas is Coming

A feast of Christmas music old and new

Conducted by
Alexander Kyle

St Aidan's School
Chamber Choir

Conducted by
Jo Leonard

Accompanist
Peter Brand

St Wilfrid's Church
Duchy Road
Harrogate HG1 2EY

Sunday 17th December 2023
3.00pm

Adults £12 Students £6
Under 19s and carers accompanying
people requiring assistance free
Refreshments available

Scan the QR code for tickets or go to
trybooking.com/uk/

enquiries@harrogatevocalis.org.uk
Find us on Facebook @vocalistHgt
www.harrogatevocalis.org.uk
Vocalis is a registered charity number 1000469

Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.



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St Peter's is continuing to give out food **every day** to those in need. Please, when you do your shopping this week, remember to pick up a few tins or some toiletries to bring to Church next week to put in the hamper. **Thank you!**

Next Week's Deadline

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

Welcome to St Peter's Church

You can join us
online or in person

New to St Peter's? Please fill in one of the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to one of the Clergy.