



Weekly News

11th December 2022

The Third Sunday of Advent

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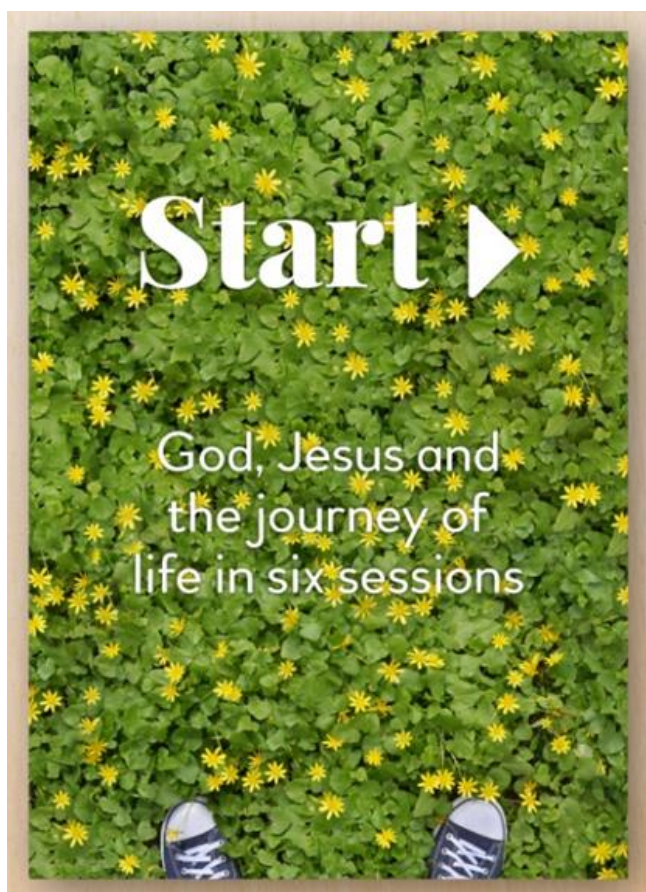
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Why not make a **START**?

Do you have questions about God, Jesus or the meaning of life? Have you ever wondered what a difference having God in your life makes? Do you have questions that you have never asked? Doubts you have been too nervous to raise. Answers you have been searching for but have yet to find?

Well then, why not make a **START**?

START is a six-week course which focuses on God, Jesus and life. It uses video clips, Bible study, discussions and interactive exercises to explore Christianity. **START** is accessible, fun and there is no prior knowledge assumed. However, it doesn't matter whether you are completely new to Church or have been a Christian for five minutes, five years or five decades - **START** offers something for everyone! Wherever we are on our journey with God and on our journey through life, it does us good to come together and to share with one another. It is also helpful, from time to time, to question our faith and to re-group, re-focus and re-affirm what we believe.



START will be running in the New Year on selected Tuesday evenings (17th January, 31st January, 21st February, 7th March, 21st March and 4th April) between 6:00 - 8:00pm. We will begin each session with food and fellowship, before engaging with the course material.

So, what are you waiting for? Why not take a leap of faith and make a **START**? To book your place, please speak to Alan Garrow, Chris Clayton or Judith Clark by 18th December (*contact details are on the back page*).

Judith Clark, Curate at St Peter's

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Join us for our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Peter's next Sunday, 18th December at 6:30 pm. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings. The readings are interspersed with Christmas carols and anthems sung by our wonderful choir.

St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

The **Ladies who Lunch** are meeting again on **Wednesday 28th December** at 12:15 pm at the Palm Court Café at the bottom of Montpellier Hill. If you would like to join us for food and fellowship, then please contact Sue Heapy (07540 355 305 or brynsusie@hotmail.com) before 18th December, so she can book a table.

Thinking about what it means to be a Church for Everyone

21st January 2023 10:00 am – 2:15 pm in the Brostoff Hall

Come and join our PCC and members of our congregation passionate about making St Peter's welcoming for everyone. We will think together about the barriers that prevent some people from feeling really welcome in our Church, and agree what we need to do to remove some of those barriers. At the end of the session we will have a plan - and people keen to make sure the plan works! Please let Sian Lockwood (sian.lockwood54@gmail.com or 07889 616 755) know if you can join the session on 21st January (or can't get to the session but want to be involved). Do get in touch by or before 7th January 2023.

Sian Lockwood OBE, Churchwarden of St Peter's Church

Well done Sarah Martin, for organising **St Peter's Christmas Fair** on Saturday 3rd December. Many thanks to all the stallholders and especially Catherine Medforth and her team for providing the refreshments. **The total raised for St Peter's was £2,663!**



Join us this CHRISTMAS

Advent Candle Service
6:30 pm 27th November

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival
10th – 17th December

Nine Lessons and Carols
6:30 pm 18th December

Christmas Eve
10:00 am Shopper's Carols
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 pm Pray for 2023
11:30 pm Watchnight Service

Find all our services and events at
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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



The Harrogate & Knaresborough
Amnesty Group are holding a
Refreshment Day on Saturday 17th
December from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.
Contact: Judith Simpson 01423 564842



The Church of England's Christmas 2022 campaign

After a series of difficult Christmases, churches are being encouraged to welcome people back to services and events this Advent and Christmas. This year's campaign, **Follow the Star: The Great Invitation** encourages everyone to share the joy of gathering together to celebrate the birth of Jesus – with their family, friends and neighbours.

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival

Come and see this wonderful display of decorated trees from 10th – 17th December (10:30 am - 3:30 pm daily) and then vote for your favourites. The winners will be announced at our Family Communion Service at 9:30 am on Sunday 18th December. There is also a Tree of Remembrance, for you to remember a loved one with a prayer or dedication hung on the tree.

All the trees will remain on display until after Christmas. Entry is free, but donations are always welcome.



Could you help to make Christingles?

This year we have two Christingle Services both on Christmas Eve, one at 3:00 pm and one at 4:30 pm, in aid of the **Children's Society**. We will be making hundreds of Christingles on the morning of Saturday 24th December from 10:00 am onwards in Church. If you would like to help please let one of the Clergy know or contact Kate Blake (kateblakefamily@gmail.com)

Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 17th December 2022

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. If you are planning to come please email Bryn Heapy at brynsusie@hotmail.com or text him on 07561 889076.

Gaudete Sunday – Rejoice in the Lord always!

The Advent Wreath in St Peter's Church has a white candle in the centre surrounded by four candles; three are purple, the liturgical colour for Advent, and one is rose pink - it will be lit today. In medieval times, Advent was observed as a fast of forty days before Christmas.

This Refreshment Sunday was a welcome splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent; a break in the fast. The readings and liturgy for today speak of joy; we are urged to: *Gaudete in Domino semper* - Rejoice in the Lord always. So, today became known as Gaudete or Rose Sunday.



Today's Services: 11th December 2022

The Third Sunday of Advent
The Third Sunday in Advent (BCP)

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 James 5 v 7 - 10
Matthew 11 v 2 - 11

Preacher: Judith Clark

Our Duty Wardens today are:
Rachel Fell
and Richard Bion

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Jackson in G (Benedicite)
Hymns 607, 595, 38 (omit *verse)

Psalm 68 v 1 - 19

Readings Isaiah 35 v 1 - 10
Matthew 11 v 2 - 11

Anthem I sing of a maid (*Jack Longstaff*)

Preacher: Judith Clark

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Holy Communion with the Baptism of Diane, Mark, Jordan, Abbey, Archie and Emily Harrison*

Preacher: Chris Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong

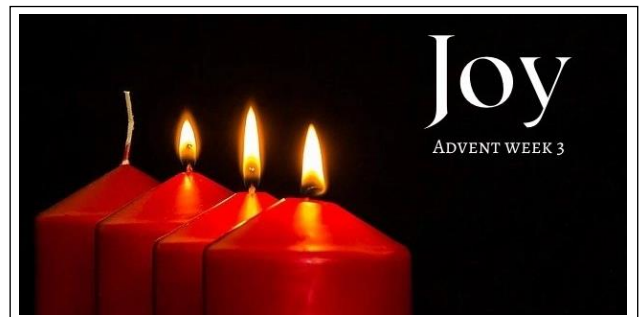
Setting Purcell in G minor
Hymns 25, 37, 33

Psalm 12

Readings Isaiah 5 v 8 to end
John 5 v 31 - 40

Anthem Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace (*S S Wesley*)

Preacher: Brian Hunt



This week's worship online

We are continuing to live stream Morning and Evening Prayer on Facebook and Zoom at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday. To join in follow the [links](#) on our website. Whenever we are unable to stream these services, it is possible to follow the day's liturgy via the national [Daily Prayer website](#).

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Robert Bickford, Ruth Bowes, Georgia Gabrielle Bradley, Michael Bradley, Margie Dickinson, Tony Edwards, Geni Emrullahu, Louise Emrullahu, Jo Fellows, David Fisher, Vicky Harrison, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Steve Martin, Sheila Pantin, Frances Roxby-Proud and Michelle Simon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	St Peter's CE Primary School <i>Martin House</i> , hospice caring for children and young people
Tues	Our retired Clergy: Sue Pearce, Michael Hunter, Graham Cornish St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship
Wed	Those struggling with debt Christian debt counselling charities
Thurs	Ambulance drivers and paramedics All who work in the medical and healing professions
Fri	St Peter's <i>Ladies who Lunch</i> All our local schools as they break up for Christmas
Sat	Those who are close to death St Michael's Hospice

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 40 Isaiah 49 v 14 - 25 1 Thessalonians 5 v 1 - 11
Tues	<i>Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse</i> Psalm 70 Isaiah 50 1 Thessalonians 5 v 12 to end
Wed	<i>John of the Cross, Poet</i> Psalm 75 Isaiah 51 v 1 - 8 2 Thessalonians 1
Thurs	Psalm 76 Isaiah 51 v 9 - 16 2 Thessalonians 2
Fri	Psalm 98 Isaiah 51 v 17 to end 2 Thessalonians 3
Sat	Psalm 71 Isaiah 52 v 1 - 12 Jude

The Collect for The Third Sunday of Advent

(Common Worship)

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:

give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for The Third Sunday in Advent (Book of Common Prayer)

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

What's on This Week

*St Peter's Church is open as a **Warm Welcome Space** from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm every day except Sundays.*

The Christmas Tree Festival runs from 10th – 17th December, don't forget to vote for your favourites – the winners will be announced on Sunday 18th December!

Mon 12th	1:30 – 3:00 pm The <i>Thinking about God</i> group meets in the Undercroft 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group 7:00 pm St Peter's Choir are singing at Rudding Park Carol Service
Tues 13th	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 14th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 11:30 am – 1:15 pm Harrogate <i>Rethink</i> Support Group 2:00 – 4:00 pm <i>Spectrum</i> , a social group for widows and widowers, meet in the Brostoff Hall 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 15th	9:30 am St Peter's School Christmas Service 9:30 – 11:00 am St Peter's Toddler Group in the Brostoff Hall 11:00 am Holy Communion 7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
Fri 16th	9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room 10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
Sat 17th	8:00 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's 10:00 am – 3:00 pm <i>Harrogate & Knaresborough Amnesty Group</i> are holding a Refreshment Day – tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes – all home-made. Please support!
Sun 18th	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 1:00 – 1:30 pm The Sunday Lunch Club

Next Sunday 18th December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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.



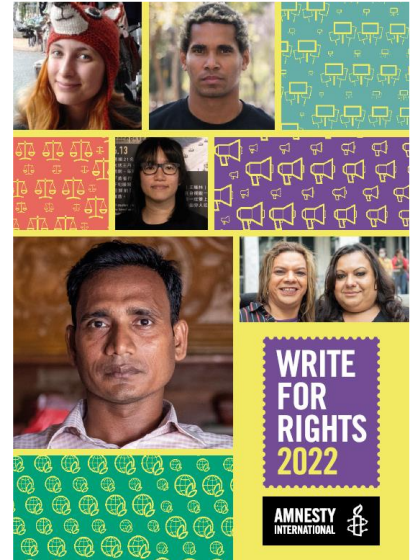
***Symphonie gothique* by Charles-Marie Widor**

Ripon Cathedral's Director of Music, Dr Ronny Krippner, is playing Widor's 'Symphonie gothique' (opus 70) as part of a devotional meditation service at Ripon Cathedral on Tuesday 20th December at 7:30 pm. One of his lesser-known works, Widor wove the chant of the introit for Christmas Day, 'Puer natus est nobis' (Unto us a Child is born), into many of the symphony's movements, taking the listener gradually from the *people that walked in darkness* to the birth of Christ.

Amnesty's *Write for Rights* campaign

This winter join hundreds of thousands of Amnesty supporters around the world by taking part in our annual **Write for Rights** campaign and show your support for people enduring prison, torture and other human rights abuses simply for speaking out and protesting against injustice. Your messages can bring about real change pressuring authorities to free prisoners and protect the vulnerable, and help provide comfort and support to those standing up for human rights. Please pick up a booklet at the back of Church, which tells you all you need to know.

For any further information, or news of our local group, contact Judith Simpson on 01423 564842 or email her: judiannesimpson@btinternet.com.



**Stand Up
for Human
Rights**



ARTICLE 1

ALL HUMAN BEINGS
ARE BORN FREE AND EQUAL
IN DIGNITY AND RIGHTS.

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS



75 UNIVERSAL
DECLARATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS
DIGNITY, FREEDOM & JUSTICE FOR ALL

*Fanfare
for Christmas*

Brighthouse & Rastrick Band
2022 British Open Champions
Harrogate Gilbert & Sullivan Society
The Royal Hall, Harrogate
Saturday 17th December 2022 18:00
Tickets from £16.50
Box office : 01423 502116
harrogatetheatre.co.uk

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



Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (18th December) will be noon on Wednesday 14th December. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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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 or some warm socks/gloves to bring to Church next week to put in the hamper.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring their **St Peter's Christmas Gift Appeal** bags and boxes to Church on Tuesday and Wednesday last week!

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.