



Weekly News

12th January 2025

The Baptism of Christ

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Welcome to two St Hild's students training for ordination



People who want to train for ordination to the priesthood go through a selection process called the Shared Discernment Process. This usually involves initial conversations at a local level with their parish clergy or chaplain, followed by engagement with their Diocese and finally with the Bishop and his or her advisers.

If the person is recommended for ordination training, then they become ordinands and begin studying at a theological college. There are many different training pathways: full-time residential courses; context based courses, which involve a mixture of classes and learning by doing; or studying whilst working, which are part-time. They all involve placements, sometimes in a different area

of ministry, or away from their home-parish or in an international context. In January two students from St Hild's College will be coming to St Peter's Church on placement. Anna Boyce is a third year ordinand at St Hild's and is training part-time. She is married to Martin and has a grown up son. As well as working in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), Anna is a Lay Chaplain at Holy Rood House, a retreat house in Thirsk, one day a week. In her spare time she likes walking in the Dales.

Sam Clayton is in her second year at St Hild's and is also training part-time. Many of you will know her already as she often leads the Intercessions at our Family Communion Service and she also preaches at the Stepping Stones Service. She is married to Chris, our Associate Vicar, and they have two sons – Alexander and Daniel. During her placement she will be focusing on traditional styles of worship at our 8:30 am Holy Communion, Choral Matins and Choral Evensong, which all follow the Book Of Common Prayer. She is excited about the upcoming focussed training with John Longstaff, 'How to Lead Matins Well'.

Anna and Sam will be on placement at St Peter's from January to early April 2025.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

The Bishop of Kirkstall, Arun Arora, speaks on 'Living Faithfully: Rediscovering Michael Ramsey's Five Spiritual Helps'



Michael Ramsey (the 100th Archbishop of Canterbury, 1961-1974) offered his Five Helps as spiritual principles for living a faithful Christian life. Although Ramsay formulated these many decades ago, Bishop Arun will help us to understand how relevant they remain and how we can use them as foundations for a Christ-centered life. Bishop Arun is known as a thought-provoking and entertaining speaker.

This live lecture is at St Mark's Church on Saturday 18th January starting with breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets cost £8 (students £5 and under 18s free) and includes breakfast and refreshments. This lecture is also available on Zoom at a cost of £5. Fees are payable on the day or preferably in advance at [Eventbrite](#).

A date for your diary

In Holy Week there will be a performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion here at St Peter's Church at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 16th April. John Longstaff, our Director of Music, will direct the combined choirs of St Peter's Church and *Vocalis*, accompanied by Harrogate Bach Players. These are the soloists that have been announced so far: Toby Ward (Evangelist), Andrew Greenan (Jesus), Eleonore Cockerham, Emma Carrington and James Micklethwaite. Tickets will be available soon.

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Being With is a **life changing way to help people explore the Christian Faith.**

Starting: Sunday 26th and Wednesday 29th January for 10 weeks
Time: 7:15 – 8:45 pm
Location: online (Google Meet)
Address: the link will be emailed to you
Contact: Karin Shaw - 01423 568218 or karinmshaw@leeds.anglican.org

Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 18th January 2025

MEN'S BREAKFAST



every 3rd Saturday of the month

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.

Today is Plough Sunday!

Since medieval times the start of the agricultural year was marked by bringing a ploughshare (or a milk churn or even a lamb) into the local church for a blessing; often there was Morris dancing and a procession. Plough Sunday is traditionally celebrated after the twelve days of Christmas, on the first Sunday after Epiphany – this year that's 12th January. Although the nature of farming has changed over the centuries, Plough Sunday is still seen as a way of celebrating the work of farmers, to bless the ploughs and prepare the land for sowing.



Ripon Cathedral's Plough Sunday Service, supported by the Yorkshire Agricultural Society, takes place this afternoon at 3:30pm. Come at 2:30 pm to enjoy the Highside Longsword Dancers perform and hot pork rolls will be served.



ST. Cecilia
ORCHESTRA
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Winter Concert

Classical Gold

MENDELSSOHN *Fingal's Cave*
MOZART *Clarinet Concerto*
(Clarinet – Ruaridh Bakke)
BEETHOVEN *Symphony No 7*

Saturday 25 Jan – 7.30 pm
HOLY TRINITY, RIPON

www.st-cecilia.org.uk

Tickets: online from the orchestra website, from Little Ripon Bookshop & Harrogate Theatre, on the door, or by phone: 01423 531062. ALL SEATS UNRESERVED

Adults £20
Under 18s
FREE

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PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE; ASK THE EXPERTS!

A group of Harrogate parents are bringing together an online safety expert and a panel of community leaders in a FREE event to support local parents and carers navigating the digital world.

YOUR CHANCE TO ASK ABOUT

- Online safety
- Digital wellbeing
- Screens, social media and mental health
- Will my child miss out if they don't have a smartphone?

Join us for a FREE, non-

judgemental
discussion

7pm, Thursday 16th
January

Brackenfield School,
Duchy Road HG1 2HE



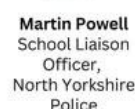
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Today's Services: 12th January 2025

The Baptism of Christ

The First Sunday of Epiphany

The First Sunday after the Epiphany (BCP)

PLOUGH SUNDAY

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 1541 There is a higher throne; 1630 Wonderful grace; 1188 Befriended; 1407 King of the ages

Readings Acts 8 v 14 - 17
Luke 3 v 15 – 17 and 21 - 22

Preacher: Alan Garrow

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Sumsion in F

Hymns 5, 233, 90

Readings Isaiah 43 v 1 - 7
Luke 3 v 15 – 17 and 21 - 22

Anthem How dear are thy counsels (*Crotch*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Holy Communion*

Preacher: Karin Shaw

6:30 Choral Evensong by candlelight

Setting Stainer in Bflat

Hymns 87 (omit verses 3 and 4), 488, 14

Psalm 47

Readings Isaiah 55 v 1 - 11
Mark 1 v 4 - 11

Anthem When Jesus our Lord (*Mendelssohn*)

Preacher: John Longstaff

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Kate Blake and
Paul Medforth



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, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Lynda Pilmoor, Matthew Pindell, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** St Peter's CE Primary School
Martin House, hospice caring for children and young people
- Tues** All our retired Clergy
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 Environment Action Group
St Peter's Flower Team
- Sat** Patients and staff in intensive care units
Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love

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 each morning this week.

- Mon** Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher, 367
George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers)
Psalm 2
Amos 1
1 Corinthians 1 v 1 - 17
- Tues** Psalm 9
Amos 2
1 Corinthians 1 v 18 to end
- Wed** Psalm 20
Amos 3
1 Corinthians 2
- Thurs** Psalm 21
Amos 4
1 Corinthians 3
- Fri** Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356
Psalm 67
Amos 5 v 1 - 17
1 Corinthians 4
- Sat** *The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*
Psalm 33
Amos 5 v 18 to end
1 Corinthians 5

The Collect for The Baptism of Christ (Common Worship)

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

The First Sunday after the Epiphany Book of Common Prayer)

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's on This Week

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

- Mon 13th** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
1:30 – 3:00 pm The *Thinking about God* group are meeting in the Undercroft to study St Luke's Gospel
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 14th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 15th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 16th** 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 am – 1:00 pm *Write for Rights* with the local branch of *Amnesty International UK*
7:00 pm 'Ethics Matters' six weekly lectures with Dr Peter Vardy:
2. *A good death?*
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 17th** 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
7:00 – 8:15 pm Bellringing Practice at St Peter's
- Sat 18th** 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's
- Sun 19th** ***The Second Sunday of Epiphany***
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall
5:30 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary, our youth group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall to do some junk modelling!

Next Sunday 19th January 2025

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
4:15 Stepping Stones Service
 – *Crafternoon Church*
6:30 Choral Communion

St Peter's Food Ministry:

The Breakfast Club provides a free, hot breakfast every morning from Monday to Saturday (8:15 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need.

Our mini-supermarket is on Thursdays from 4:30 – 4:50 pm – an opportunity to stock up on tinned, preserved and dried food and toiletries.

Sunday Series

Coffee Concerts at The Old Swan Hotel

The *Harrogate International Sunday Series* returns this month with an exciting new programme of concerts featuring some of the best young talent in classical music. For more than thirty years, the series has delighted audiences by bringing world-class classical musicians to the heart of Yorkshire, and now the hugely popular Sunday morning coffee concerts are back with more virtuoso performers. This year's five concerts, which run from January to April 2025, feature pianist Junyan Chen, violinist Leia Zhu, trumpet and harp duo Aaron Azunda Akugbo and Milo Harper, pianist Amiri Harewood and the renowned Fibonacci Quartet.

Opening the 2025 season on Sunday 26th January at 11:00 am at The Old Swan Hotel is Junyan Chen, who won the silver medal at the 2024 Leeds International Piano Competition. She will perform a programme featuring pieces by Bach, Beethoven, Bartók and Liszt. Tickets are available from:

<https://harrogateinternationalfestivals.com/whats-on/junyan-chen-26-january/>

WRITE FOR RIGHTS

A LETTER FROM YOU COULD
CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE

'The amount of messages
I received from Amnesty
activists gives me a lot
of hope despite all the
challenges.'

Azza Hilal Ahmad Suleiman, Egypt



The local group of Amnesty International UK hold a Write for Rights session on the third Thursday of the month from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in St Peter's Church.

Amnesty International

www.amnesty.org.uk/write



You are warmly invited to

Ripon Cathedral's Plough Sunday Service

supported by the
Yorkshire Agricultural Society

Sunday 12 January 2025

Hot pork rolls and dancing from the
Highside Longsword dancers from 2.30 pm

The service will celebrate farming in North Yorkshire and the Dales
as well as recognising the work of those who care for the land
in many different ways.

The address is given by The Right Revd John Inge,
recently retired Bishop of Worcester.

Service starts at 3.30pm

We look forward to seeing you there.



Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from



the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.



St Peter's is continuing to give out food seven times a week to those in need. Please, when you do your shopping this week, remember to pick up a few tins, jars or packets to bring to Church next Sunday. **Thank you!**

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (19th January) will be noon on Wednesday 15th January. Please send any items (including photos) to **The Weekly News Editor**, Marian Chambers, or to the Vicar, Alan Garrow.



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

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