



Weekly News

12th September 2021

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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St Peter's CE Primary School welcomes a new headteacher

St Peter's School community is delighted to welcome Mr Paul Griffiths as our new Headteacher from September. We are blessed to have an experienced leader, who has spent eighteen years in senior leadership roles and most recently as the Headteacher of the Federation of Follifoot and Spofforth CE Primary Schools. As a Governing Board we are confident that Paul has the knowledge, skills, dedication and integrity to lead St Peter's School into an exciting future.

Paul lives in North Rigton with his wife Vicky, a teacher, their three children - Lucy, James, and Harry - and their cat Bella.

During the interview process, pupils asked Paul to describe his

ideal Saturday: he told them of his love of playing and watching sport; baking and sampling his food; and most importantly enjoying family life. They were impressed. Paul is delighted to have the opportunity to lead St Peter's, working with all those who have invested in the school to enable every member of the school family to live, learn and SHINE in the light of God. As well as supporting each child to achieve their potential, he also recognises that personal development and wider curriculum opportunities are of equal importance to supporting children in their school lives, in their future careers and as members of the community. St Peter's Church family is looking forward to working with our new headteacher and I'm sure you will join with me in wishing Paul every success as he steps into this important role.



Linda McPhee, *Chair of Governors*

Today is Education Sunday

Education Sunday offers us an opportunity to celebrate all that is good in education, to give thanks for teachers and learners, leaders and support staff; to rejoice with those who succeed and provide reassurance and support for those who struggle. Today we pray that, through God's power, all those who study or work in schools, colleges or universities, may flourish and be open to God's love as they start this new academic year.



2021: A Word in Season

Earth: Returning to Dust

This reflection by Molly Boot was first broadcast on BBC Radio 4's Sunday Worship from Greenbelt on 29th August 2021. It was read for us so powerfully last week in Church by Eve Hawkins at our Climate Sunday Service:

To begin with, we were made from the earth and for the earth.

We were Adam, the soil itself, the waters rose up of their own accord to refresh us, and we lived in a garden.

The only difference between us and the dust of the ground
Was God's breath in our lungs.

We inhaled and exhaled in time with the ground of our being:
God's boundless creativity turning and growing, at the heart of all things.

And as we grew, we made what we needed to keep on growing;
and much of what we made reflected the Glory of God.

But we realised that we could grow up more quickly
if we wrung out the life of the earth that made us and grew up past others,
not waiting to see whether there was enough for us all to thrive.
It was easier if we forgot our earth, and our breath, and our kin.

So what if we paused to remember: that we are just dust with breath?
that we have no other way of living
than in relationship with the earth that makes us,
and that this relationship is in desperate need of love,
of tending,
of inspiration?

This pausing to breathe, to remember our connection to the earth,
to the divine and to one another is at the core of Climate Sunday.

As God's people here, it seems like we suspend our cynical disbelief for a second,
gather all the dreamers together and dare to ask, 'what if?'

What if we lived like we're one with the stuff that makes us?

What if we built like we're made of earth?

What if we breathed like we share God's breath with all of our siblings?

What if we realised how precious and wild and fragile this all is,
and decided to dance through the death and into new life

that makes everything what it was made to be?

As Christians, we have a manifesto that calls the spark that kindles all of this 'God'.

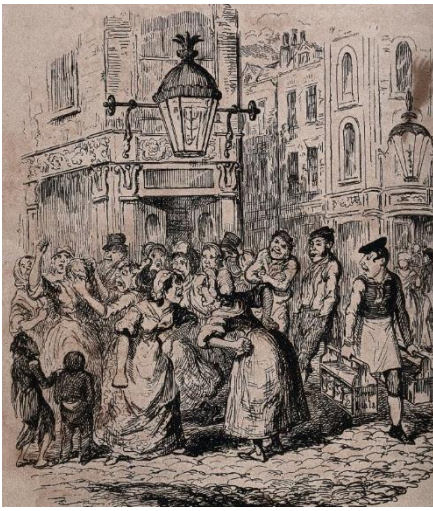
But however you recognise that spark —

we are united by our faith in the difference we can all make
when we pause and breathe and pull together,

Towards justice.

Towards hope.

Towards somewhere to believe in.

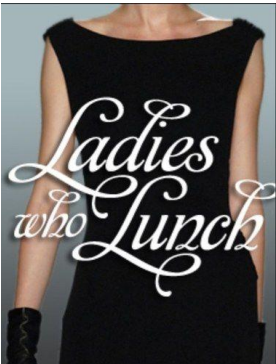


Come and paint the scenery!

The next production for our drama group, St Peter's Players, is the musical **OLIVER!** running from 4th – 6th November 2021 here at St Peter's Church. The actors have been cast and rehearsals started last week. Now they are looking for scenic artists to help create the scenery – the London of Charles Dickens. If you have any artistic talent and would like to join the crew, please speak to John Hain, the Director (*and also playing Fagin, my dears*), or email him at jmhhain@gmail.com.

Welcome back, Sanctuary!

Sanctuary, St Peter's Youth Group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for a **Welcome Back Party** tonight, Sunday 12th September, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm – music, food, candy floss and a chocolate fountain are promised! If you're at high school and you'd like to come speak to, Chris Clayton (07407 258733 or chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org)



St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

The **Ladies who Lunch** are meeting again at 12:15 pm on Wednesday 22nd September at the Palm Court Café at the bottom of Montpellier Hill. If you are interested in joining us for food and fellowship, then please call or text Sue Heapy (07540 355305 or email brynsusie@hotmail.com) before Sunday 19th so she can book a table for us.

Men's Breakfast at St Peter's - Saturday 18th September 2021

An informal social gathering of Christian men with a heart for exploring and sharing their faith with other men, *many of whom may be of little or no faith*, in a safe and friendly environment. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month, with prayers at 8:00 am for those who wish to take part, then coffee and a chat, followed by breakfast from 8:30 – 9:00 am. Finally there's an informal discussion about who and what we are, and where we are in our personal spiritual journey. If this sounds like something you would like to be part of, then call Bryn Heapy on 07561 889076 to book in.



If you would like to read and sign *The Climate Coalition's The Time is Now* declaration visit <https://thetimeisnow.uk>

Sunday Club returns in October

On the 3rd, 10th and 17th October Sunday Club will be available during our 9:30 am Family Communion Service again, but numbers will be limited. To check availability and to book a place email our Parish Administrator, Carole Raw, at stpeterschurchhgtooffice@gmail.com

Today's Services: 12th September 2021

Education Sunday

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Second Sunday of Creationtide

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion with the Baptism of Remi Sophia Watkins

Sunday Club will return in October, until then children and their parents are welcome to pick up an Activity Bag from the table by the entrance to explore during the service.

Hymns How great is our God; **935** My Jesus, my Saviour; **991** Safe in the shadow of the Lord (v 1,2,3,6); Faith as small as a mustard seed

Reading Mark 8 v 27 - 38

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Rachel Fell and

Paul Medforth

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Sumsion in G (Te Deum)

Hymns 492, 617, 609

Psalm 119 v 65 - 80

Readings Isaiah 50 v 4 – 9a

James 3 v 1 - 12

Anthem Cantate Domino (*Pitoni*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

3:00 Battle of Britain Service at Stonefall Cemetery

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service Holy Communion

Preacher: Chris Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Walmsley in D Minor

Hymns 11, 553, 582

Psalm 119 v 81 - 96

Readings Exodus 18 v 23 - 26

Matthew 7 v 1 - 14

Anthem O Lorde, the maker of al thing (*Joubert*)

Preacher: Michael Hunter

This week's worship online

We are continuing to live stream the following services on Facebook and Zoom: [9:30 am Holy Communion](#) and [11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion \(BCP\)](#) on Sundays; [Morning and Evening Prayer](#) at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday. To join in follow the links here or on our website.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, Graham Cornish, Geni Emrullahu, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, June Hemmings, Miriam Jones, Jackie Kelly, Charlie Martineau and Sheila Pantin.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Young people preparing to leave home for the first time to go to university
St Peter's CE Primary School
- Tues** Rough sleepers and the homeless
St Peter's Breakfast Club
- Wed** All those coming off furlough and returning to their workplaces
Claimants who have been told their Universal Credit is to be cut
- Thurs** Our armed forces returning from Afghanistan
Members of Parliament as they return from the summer recess
- Fri** The YCCN Relay to COP26
The *Prayer in the Square* event in Leeds today
- Sat** Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's
St Peter's PCC awayday at Holy Trinity in Ripon

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 30
Wisdom 6 v 12 - 23
Mark 11 v 1 - 11
- Tues** ***Holy Cross Day***
Psalm 2
Genesis 3 v 1 - 15
John 12 v 27 - 36a
- Wed** *Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258*
Psalm 34
Wisdom 7 v 15 - 8 v 4
Mark 11 v 27 to end
- Thurs** *Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c 432*
Psalm 37
Wisdom 8 v 5 - 18
Mark 12 v 1 - 12
- Fri** *Hildegard of Bingen, 1179*
Psalm 31
Wisdom 8 v 21 - 9 to end
Mark 12 v 13 - 17
- Sat** Psalm 42
Wisdom 10 v 15 - 11 v 10
Mark 12 v 18 - 27

The Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's on This Week

St Peter's Church is open for private prayer from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm every day except Sundays.

- Mon 13th** 1:30 – 3:00 pm *Thinking about God* discussion group in The Undercroft. Contact Paul Gill (07580 310971)
4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
7:00 pm **Oliver!** Rehearsal – *One boy, Boy for sale. He's going cheap, only seven guineas.*
- Tues 14th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 15th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Thurs 16th** 9:30 – 11:00 am Toddler Group
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 – 1:00 pm Amnesty Letter Writing
4:30 - 4:50 pm Mini Supermarket
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 17th** 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Sat 18th** 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's
10:00 am – 3:00 pm PCC Awayday at Holy Trinity, Ripon
- Sun 19th** **The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch
5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, St Peter's Youth Group, are holding a Games Night in the Brostoff Hall.

Next Sunday 19th September

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

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. A hot **Sunday Lunch** is served from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.

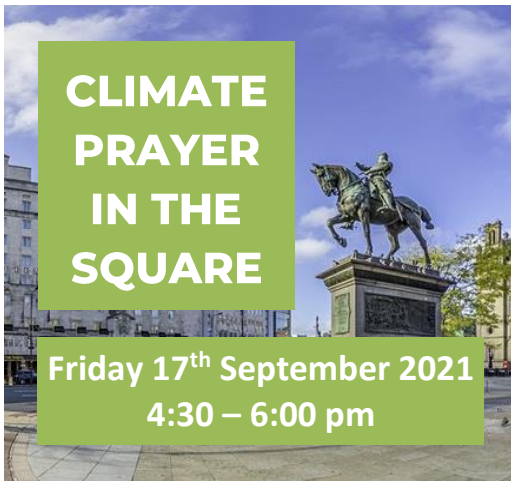
Hot food is available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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

St Peter's Library reopens today – Education Sunday

Education is lifelong, and books can inspire and help us on our journey through life. The Library books are on the shelves near the Welcome Desk. To borrow a book just sign in the exercise book on the lower shelf. It's free! Kathy Richards and Pauline Harrison

Save the Date – remember to keep lunchtime on Sunday 26th September free for a bring-and-share Church Picnic!



Climate Prayer in the Square

In support of the YCCN Relay to COP26

An opportunity on Friday 17th September at 4:30 pm in Leeds to gather publicly in City Square to welcome some of the Young Christian Climate Network walkers from the *YCCN Relay to COP26*; to hear about their campaign for fair levels of finance to support the world's poorest countries facing the effects of climate change; and to pray for the climate emergency.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, speaks on *Travelling Well: A Theological Reflection on the Place of Pilgrimage in the Christian Life*

The first lecture of the new season is at St Mark's Church on Saturday 25th September 2021, starting with a continental breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets cost £8 per session or £25 for the series of four (students £5 per session or £15 for the series) including breakfast and refreshments. Fees payable preferably in advance by the online booking system *Eventbrite* or on the day by contactless card or cheque.



Praying for the UN Climate Change Conference – COP26 Goal One



The first goal for COP 26 is to **secure global net zero by 2050 and keep 1.5°C within reach**. All countries are asked to put forward ambitious 2030 emissions reductions targets that align with reaching net zero by the middle of the century. In order to deliver these challenging targets, countries will need to phase out the use of fossil fuels, encourage investment in renewables and electric vehicles and drastically reduce deforestation.

We pray urgently for an increase of ambition from every country that has not yet made an adequate commitment – especially the major emitters. This is going to require a huge change of heart – and potentially quite a bit of negotiation. We pray that all leaders will appreciate the vital importance of this goal and make genuine and tangible commitments rather than just promised future action.

Pregnancy Loss Training

Reflect is a free support service in North Yorkshire for anyone facing a pregnancy choice and for those in need of support after experiencing pregnancy or neonatal loss. They are looking for volunteers to train to provide their structured support programme *Reflections: walking through loss*. The 12 session course starts on 4th October and costs £80. For more information visit <https://reflectyork.co.uk/>.



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 an extra few tins (meat, fish, soup or fruit) or some toiletries (toothpaste/brushes, combs, soap, wet wipes or shampoo) to bring to Church to put in the hamper. Thank you!



*The bans of marriage are published between **Nicola Katherine Doherty** and **Benjamin Richard Whiting**. This is for the second time of asking. If any of you know any reason in law why they may not marry each other you are to declare it.*



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

Next Week's Deadline

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

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