



Weekly News

13th March 2022

The Second Sunday of Lent

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Living in Love and Faith – Identity

Living in Love and Faith is about celebrating God's gift to us of life, relationships and sexuality. The Bible has a joyful vision of God's purposes for human life and the more we understand this, the more we should want to receive it afresh ourselves.

As we approach this, we need to acknowledge our fears as we share with one another, learning to trust one another. It may be that we're afraid to listen to or hear about someone who is different from us. We might be afraid that we won't know what to say or how to respond. We may be afraid of approving of something that we might think is wrong.

Many LGBTI+ people experience fear because their identity or sexuality is met with hostility or rejection. This occurs within church communities as well as in wider society, with disagreement about how sexual orientation and gender aspects of identity relate to our identity in Christ.

The opposite of fear is a feeling of confidence and safety. Thankfully, most of us have one or more people with whom we feel really safe because they know us and accept us as we are – affirming our identity. In our relationship with God, we trust in his acceptance as we all stand in need of God's mercy and grace. Our job is to welcome one another just as Christ welcomed us.

I wonder how, as the community that is St Peter's Church we might learn to celebrate and affirm every person without discrimination.



Stewart Davies, *Lay Reader*

Fundraising Refreshment Day

There is a St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day to raise funds for Ukraine (see next page) on Saturday 19th March from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. If you are available to help in any way - perhaps serve, clear tables or wash-up on the day - or bake a cake, some scones or biscuits in advance – then please speak to *Catherine Medforth (07876 653765)* or *Sian Lockwood (07889 616755)*. If you are in town on Saturday, please come and support this fundraising event in Church. Thank you!



St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

The **Ladies who Lunch** are meeting again on Friday 25th March 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 Wednesday 23rd, so she can book a table for us.

A message from Daniel Brewer about the second-hand bookstall

The second hand bookstall is now set up in the Old Baptistery for people to browse and buy books when Church is open. There are small brown envelopes for the money – please place them in the Donations Box by St Mary's Chapel - so we can keep track of how well the bookstall is doing. All donations of books are most welcome, too.

'A Place at the Table' Lecture: Kitchen Visions of the First Christians 10:00 – 11:30 am, Saturday 9th April, St Peter's Church, Harrogate

Why did ordinary people in the First Century decide to follow Jesus? The message of salvation, death and resurrection was neither simple nor unchallenging. And yet, the church grew rapidly and showed remarkable resilience in the face of persecution. Why? One possible factor is the unique way the first Christians articulated Jesus' vision – through eating. As part of 'A Place at the Table', the Revd Dr Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Harrogate and Member of SIIBS at the University of Sheffield, explores the relationship between eating and Christian vision – and the implications for the way Christians eat and worship today.

Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 19th March 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. Please text Bryn Heapy on *07561 889076* if you are planning to come or email him at *brynsusie@hotmail.com*.



Ukraine Appeal – collection for *Mission Possible*



Richard Wallis (Executive Director of MPUK) visiting the team in Odessa

Several individual members of St Peter's already support *Mission Possible*. While we are more familiar with their work in Rwanda, *Mission Possible* has also worked in the Odessa area of southern Ukraine for many years. It is feared that the city will soon be under attack. Many people are now fleeing Odessa.

The *Mission Possible* team is helping to transport refugees to the Moldovan border crossing. Also, they are providing bedding, food, and spiritual and emotional support at the border. *Mission Possible* have also worked in the past few years in Moldova, so they have good contacts both sides of the border.

Mission Possible's Eastern European Director has sent this appeal to the office here in the UK: 'We need a lot of funds to help the needs of the refugees and also, if possible, to help in the villages where we have been working. Please raise everything you can.'

If you would like to give to this appeal you can do this by:

- transferring your gift directly into the Mission Possible UK bank account - sort code 40-52-40 - account no. 00092063;
- making a donation via our website www.mpuk.org;
- or sending a cheque (payable to MPUK) to MPUK, PO Box 597, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 9ET

There is no need to put a reference on your gift. All gifts received in the next 10 days except for regular standing orders will go to this appeal unless donors specifically request otherwise.

We will also be raising money for this appeal at our next Refreshment Day, on Saturday 19th March.



MPUK supports children in a remote village in Ukraine

A Place at the Table – a verse from this hymn will be sung by the Music Group at Family Communion each week in Lent.

For children of God, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,

And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!



Today's Services: 13th March 2022

The Second Sunday of Lent

The sermons will draw upon Living in Love and Faith; the theme for today is Identity.

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 646 All I once held dear; 991 Safe in the shadow of the Lord (v 1, 4, 5 and 6); 762 Here is bread; This little light of mine

Readings Genesis 1 v 24 – 31a
Luke 14 v 12 - 24

Preacher: Stewart Davies

Our Duty Wardens today are:

**Sian Lockwood
and Paul Medforth**

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Jackson in G (Benedicite)

Hymns 475 (omit *verse), 515, 455

Psalm 119 v 161 to end

Readings Genesis 1 v 24 – 31a
Luke 14 v 12 - 24

Anthem King of Glory, King of Peace (*Bach*)

Preacher: Stewart Davies

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Holy Communion*

Preacher: Sam Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Ayleward in E flat

Hymns 477, 532, 598

Psalm 135

Readings Jeremiah 22 v 1 – 9 and v 13 - 17
Luke 14 v 27 - 33

Anthem Salvator mundi (*Blow*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

This week's worship online

We are continuing to live stream the following services on Facebook and Zoom: 9:30 am Family Communion on Sundays (also available on *St Peter's YouTube channel* to watch later); and Morning and Evening Prayer at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday. To join in follow the [links](#) on our website.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Robert Bickford, Ruth Bowes, Geni Emrullahu, Louise Emrullahu, Jo Fellows, David Fisher, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Charlie Martineau, Richard Morgan, Sheila Pantin, Frances Roxby-Proud and Michelle Simon.

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	Those delivering essential public services The Weekly News Editorial Team
Thurs	The British troops deployed as part of NATO to Eastern Europe The residents of the Ukrainian city of Mariupol under siege with no power or water supplies and any evacuation attempts blocked
Fri	North Yorkshire County Council St Peter's Library and Resources Group
Sat	John Longstaff, Director of Music St Peter's Choir

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 32 Genesis 43 v 16 to end Hebrews 1
Tues	Psalm 132 Genesis 44 v 1 - 17 Hebrews 2 v 1 - 9
Wed	Psalm 35 Genesis 44 v 18 to end Hebrews 2 v 10 to end
Thurs	<i>Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland</i> Psalm 143 Genesis 45 v 1 - 15 Hebrews 3 v 1 - 6
Fri	Psalm 41 Genesis 45 v 16 to end Hebrews 3 v 7 to end
Sat	<i>Joseph of Nazareth</i> Psalm 25 Isaiah 11 v 1 - 10 Matthew 13 v 54 to end

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent (Common Worship)

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent (Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through 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 and the **A Place at the Table** exhibition is in the Glass Foyer.*

Mon 14th 1:30 – 3:00 pm *Thinking about God* discussion group in The Gallery. Contact Paul Gill (07580 310971)

2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group

6:00 pm AA meeting in the Music Room

Tues 15th **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**

Wed 16th **10:30 – 11:00 am Café Reflexions**

7:15 – 8:45 pm *Living in Love and Faith: The Course* in The Gallery. Session 2: *Identity*

7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus

Thurs 17th ***St Patrick's Day***

9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's

11:00 am Holy Communion

7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice

Fri 18th 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room

12:30 – 2:00 pm Wellbeing Choir in the Music Room

Sat 19th 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's

10:00 am – 3:00 pm St Peter's Church are holding a Refreshment Day for Ukraine – see page 3 for details

Sun 20th **The Third Sunday of Lent**

1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch

5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, our Youth group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for a fun-filled evening of challenges!

St Peter's Refreshment Days raise a total of £979.50

Thanks to the hard work of Catherine Medforth and her team the Refreshment Day on 22nd January raised £417.50 and the one on 26th February raised £562. Well done and thank you to everyone who helped!

Next Sunday 20th March

The Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

11:00 Choral Matins

4:15 Stepping Stones Service
– *Crafternoon*

6:30 Choral Evensong

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.



Get involved in 70 Acts of Service

This is an invitation to you to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by serving others. In honour of the Queen's 70 years of faith and service, HOPE Together has listed [70 Acts of Service](#). You can let them know how you get on by tagging them on social media with the hashtags #70acts #theplatinum jubilee. Here are the next five suggestions:

11. Become an Age UK Digital Buddy. Half of people over 65 feel out of touch with the pace of modern life. Learn how to inspire older people in your community to make the most of technology: www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/become-an-age-uk-digital-buddy/.
12. When you are out and about and look for simple ways to be generous – help someone carry a heavy bag, offer directions, acknowledge passers-by.
13. Chat to someone you might not usually 'see': the street vendor, the window cleaner, the station attendant, the homeless person who sits in the doorway.
14. The Do It Trust connects you on the spot with a volunteer opportunity near you. Find a way to instantly bless your community here: www.do-it.org/about.
15. Try to encourage everyone you talk to today. Everyone. This might actually be easier than you think – choose to prioritise encouraging words whenever you speak to others and it will come naturally.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Dr Selina Stone, sought-after speaker and consultant, speaks on 'Holy Spirit, Holy Bodies?'

Dr Selina Stone is Tutor and Lecturer in Theology at St Mellitus College and completed her PhD thesis 'Holy Spirit, Holy Bodies?: Pentecostalism, Pneumatology and the Politics of Embodiment' at the University of Birmingham in 2021. Dr Stone's research and teaching focus is on the themes of politics, power and social justice. She is currently leading a research project on the wellbeing of UKME clergy in the Church of England.



This live event is at St Mark's Church on Saturday 26th March, starting with a continental breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets cost £8 and are available via [Eventbrite](#) or visit hstm.org

Spiritual Conversations Course at Knaresborough

This Spiritual Conversations course develops the idea of moving from one kind of conversation to another - in other words, how to move from a pastoral conversation into a spiritual conversation. The course is at St John the Baptist on Tuesday, 15th March from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. For more details and to book contact Julia Robertson (Julia.Robertson@leeds.anglican.org).

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 (20th March) will be noon on Wednesday 16th March. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*The banns of marriage are published between **Lauren Dowse and Tyrone Crow**. And also between **Anna Faye Towers and Matt Benjamin Lloyd**.*

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.

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 or some toiletries to bring to Church next week to put in the hamper. Thank you!

**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.