



Weekly News

16th February 2025

The Third Sunday before Lent

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Thank you to our retired Clergy!

Thank you to Sue Pearce, Michael Hunter and Graham Cornish. From the beginning of my time here at St Peter's these three priests have been crucial to the sustaining of our regular pattern of worship. I am prompted to thank them now because of Graham Cornish's recent decision to hand in his 'Permission to Officiate' (PTO). The Bishop's PTO is something without which Clergy and Readers may not engage in public ministry. Graham's health has restricted his mobility for some time now, and so it makes sense for him to make this choice. It is a momentous one, nonetheless. Over the last few years, as Graham, Sue and Michael have been leading fewer services at St Peter's, the need for more retired Clergy has become increasingly apparent. I am delighted, therefore, that we have more recently been joined by Ruth Harris, John Knott, David Wheeler, and rejoined, as it were, by my predecessor Tony Shepherd. So, thank you retired colleagues all. St Peter's (and in the wider Deanery) could not be what it is without you.



Graham Cornish

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church



From left to right: Michael Hunter, Tony Shepherd, David Wheeler, Sue Pearce, Ruth Harris and John Knott

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Christian considerations of potential changes in law regarding 'assisted dying' – a live seminar by David Hanson

This is on Saturday 22nd February at Woodlands Methodist Church on Wetherby Road, starting with breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by the seminar and a group discussion from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. David's career as a consultant surgeon included senior lectureship at the University of Leeds. Tickets cost £5, under 18s are free. Booking in advance via *Eventbrite*, visit hstm.org.uk/events for further details.



International Women's Day 2025

On 7th March Sheila Pantin, member of our congregation and a leading inspirational woman, will launch Harrogate's *International Women's Day 2025*, which will be the biggest the town has ever held. Harrogate has too many inspirational women to be highlighted in just one day so this year there's a 12-month programme entitled ***Women Winning*** bringing local inspirational women to new audiences.



Sheila in her ATS uniform

If you missed Sheila's talk ***Road to the Concentration Camps*** when she launched the centenary of Harrogate's war memorial in 2023 (the year she reached her own centenary), now's your chance to hear this wonderful lady's long and amazing life-story. Sheila was one of the first British service women to enter a German concentration camp in April 1945 - in her case Belsen. After being demobbed she went on to become a pioneering physical education teacher.

Congregation member Nigel McClea and Paula Stott Chair of Harrogate Film Society and member of the Harrogate Theatre Board will be ***In conversation with Sheila Pantin*** in Church at 2:30pm on Friday 7th March. Entrance is free and no booking is required. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Bakers needed for the next St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day

Please let Catherine Medforth (07876 653 765) or Siân Lockwood (07889 616 755) know if you are willing to bake a cake for our next fundraiser on Saturday 1st March. Food supplied, sold or provided at charity or community events, such as fundraisers, must comply with food laws. So that those with food intolerances or allergies can make safe choices we ask that cakes are brought in a clean container with a list of ingredients attached. Thank you.



Enjoy a Pie and Pea Supper and support *Christian Aid*!



Once again, we are delighted to invite you to our *Pie and Pea Supper* to raise funds for the work of *Christian Aid* to be held in Church on Saturday, 8th March at 6:30 for 7:00 pm. We will be serving meat and vegetarian pies and peas, with trifle to follow. Tickets cost £7.50 and can be purchased after Sunday services from Judith Simpson (judiannesimpson@btinternet.com or 01423 564 842) or from the Parish Office (07425 161 425).

Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements. We are delighted that Duncan and Fran Goodwin have agreed to come along and entertain us. Please come and support *Christian Aid*!

Lent Retreat with the Bishop of Ripon

Saturday 15th March from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Ripon Cathedral

You are invited to observe *A Holy Lent*. These words open the Ash Wednesday Liturgy as Lent begins. This quiet day will explore what this means for us as our Lenten journey gets underway, led by Bishop Anna Eltringham and Canon Matthew Pollard. Drinks will be provided, but please bring your own packed lunch. For further information or to book a place please contact cathedraladmin@riponcathedral.org.uk.



World Day of Prayer

Wesley Chapel HG1 1PP

Friday 7th March 2025 at 2pm

Refreshments served afterwards

You are very welcome to join us



Women Winning.

FRIDAY, 7TH MARCH

2:30PM

ST PETER'S CHURCH
CAMBRIDGE ROAD,
HARROGATE

101 year-old WWII veteran, Sheila Pantin, will be sharing her inspirational life story - from her childhood as the daughter of a local businessman, to being one of the first British service women to enter a German concentration camp. She is pin-sharp and a brilliant raconteur. Even if you have heard this talk, she still has more to tell in this rich and sprawling memoir.

THIS TALK WILL LAUNCH "WOMEN WINNING", A 12-MONTH PROJECT FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025, THE AIM BEING TO BRING INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE INTO THE SPOTLIGHT.

FREE, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Today's Services: 16th February 2025

The Third Sunday before Lent
Septuagesima (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

Sunday Club is closed for half-term, but all children and their parents are welcome to gather in the café area, where there are activities to share during our Family Communion Service.

Hymns **859** I will worship with all of my heart; **912** Lord you have my heart; **762** Here is bread; **935** My Jesus, my Saviour

Readings 1 Corinthians 15 v 12 - 20
Luke 6 v 17 - 26

Preacher: Stewart Davies

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Mike Davies and
Richard Bion

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Howells Collegium Regale (Te Deum)

Hymns 334, 416, 627

Psalm 7 v 1 - 11

Readings Jeremiah 17 v 5 - 10
Luke 6 v 17 - 26

Anthem Turn back, O man (*Holst*)

Preacher: Stewart Davies

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Crafternoon Service*

Preacher: Ruth Thompson-Vear

6:30 Choral Communion by candlelight

Setting Darke in E

Hymns 562, 209, 598, 499

Readings Galatians 4 v 8 - 20
Matthew 5 v 21 - 37

Anthem Ave Maria (*Lindley*)

Preacher: Karin Shaw



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, Nicole Crane, 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** The children sponsored through *Compassion UK*
Catharine Davies, Licensed Lay Minister
- Tues** Those who live in danger of violence, persecution and oppression
Amnesty International, standing up for human rights
- Wed** Sarah Martin, Lay Reader
The audio-visual team
- Thurs** Nigel and Asim, our caretakers
Our Communion Administrants
- Fri** The House of Commons and House of Lords in recess this week
All those MPs visiting their constituencies
- Sat** Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Daily Readings

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

- Mon** *Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr 1977*
Psalm 44
Ecclesiastes 1
John 17 v 1 - 5
- Tues** Psalm 48
Ecclesiastes 2
John 17 v 6 - 19
- Wed** Psalm 119 v 57 - 80
Ecclesiastes 3 v 1 - 15
John 17 v 20 to end
- Thurs** Psalm 57
Ecclesiastes 3 v 16 – 4 to end
John 18 v 1 - 11
- Fri** Psalm 51
Ecclesiastes 5
John 18 v 12 - 27
- Sat** Psalm 68
Ecclesiastes 6
John 18 v 28 to end

The Collect for the Third Sunday before Lent (Common Worship)

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

The Collect for Septuagesima (Book of Common Prayer)

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Temporary storage needed: are you able to help?

Have you got a garage, shed or empty space suitable for storing some furniture, including a single and a double bed, for a short time? If you can help, please contact Yvonne Dawes on 07960 779 381. **Thank you!**

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 17th** 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 18th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 19th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* online course. Week Four: *Church*
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 20th** 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* session with the local group of *Amnesty International UK*
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 21st** 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 22nd** 10:00 am – 3:30 pm *Harrogate Bellringers* are holding a Refreshment Day in Church
- Sun 23rd** ***The Second Sunday before Lent***
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* online course. Week Five: *Bible*
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 23rd February 2025

The Second Sunday before Lent

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
4:15 Stepping Stones Service
– *Service of the Word*
6:30 Choral Evensong

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.

Approaching Lent...Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima

As we leave behind Christmas and the Epiphany there is a time of transition in which we begin to look towards Lent, the Cross and Easter.

According to the Book of Common Prayer, today is Septuagesima, the third Sunday before the start of Lent. Traditionally, it marked the beginning of preparations for Lent. It is followed by Sexagesima and Quinquagesima.

While the name Septuagesima means seventieth day in Latin, it is not 70 days before Easter, but only 63. One theory is that the names started with Quinquagesima (fiftieth), which is 49 days before Easter, or 50 if you include Easter Day. Then the previous two Sundays, working backwards, become Sexagesima and Septuagesima. These Sundays lost their designation when the revision of services took place towards the end of the twentieth century. The names remain in the Book of Common Prayer, but not in the Alternative Service Book or in Common Worship, which we use now at our Family Communion service.

In earlier times the Lenten fast was begun immediately after Septuagesima but for us these 'gesima' Sundays can act as a precursor for Lent by using the collects and readings to set the scene. The themes can help us to orientate our thoughts towards keeping Lent.

The Collect for Septuagesima brings to mind motifs which appear in Lent: confession of sin, the punishment that sin warrants, forgiveness and God's mercy. These themes direct our thoughts towards the keeping of Lent and remind us of how we should follow the example of our Lord in fasting, prayer and resisting temptation. The balance between the punishment we deserve and deliverance by God's grace is expressed in the collect for today:

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (BCP)



Thank you so much if you remembered to bring some groceries, toiletries or treats to put in the hamper today!



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



Banns of Marriage



The banns of marriage are published between **Cecille Beswyan Callisen** and **Robert James Cadiogen**.

This is for the third time of asking. If any of you know any reason in law why they may not marry each other you are to declare it.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (23rd February) will be noon on Wednesday 19th February. 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.

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