



Weekly News

19th January 2025

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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The Lunar New Year at St Peter's Church

This year Lunar New Year falls on Wednesday 29th January 2025, and celebrations culminate with the Lantern Festival on 12th February. The Chinese zodiac is a repeating 12-year cycle of animal signs and this Spring Festival marks the transition from one animal to the next—last year was the Year of the Dragon and this year will be the Year of the Snake.



Come and join our Hong Kong community as they prepare to celebrate the Lunar New Year on Saturday 25th January from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in St Peter's Church. There will be a demonstration of how *Fai Chun* (Spring Festival Couplets) are made. These refer to the traditional decorations used during the Chinese New Year, where auspicious words are beautifully written in calligraphy on red paper. These couplets are pasted on walls and doors in pairs and usually express best wishes for the coming year. You can choose your own words, and we will write a *Fai Chun* for you to welcome the Lunar New Year.

Traditional food will also be available: dim sum such as shrimp dumplings, siu mai, Chinese duck bun, sticky rice chicken, fried spring rolls and fried wontons! And for dessert why not try some: sweet lotus seed red bean soup, Laughing Dates, walnut pastry, black sesame bun, Hong Kong-style egg waffles or egg tarts? Hot drinks such as coffee, milk tea, Chinese tea and bubble tea will be served along with pastries and festive candies.

Join us to celebrate the arrival of Spring and enjoy delicious food! All donations towards the cost will be gratefully received and any profit will go towards new soft furnishings for St Mary's Chapel!!

Sunny Lee and Michelle Chong

The Archbishop of York takes on Interim Leadership

As Archbishop Justin stepped down from office on the Feast of the Epiphany, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell took on responsibility for leadership of the Church of England for the period of vacancy. He wrote a pastoral letter for the benefit of clergy, lay ministers and the people of the Church which can be found on the [Church of England website](#).

We pray for Archbishop Stephen as he takes a lead in steering the Church through some challenging months of transition. We also pray for God's grace and guidance for the members of the Crown Nominations Commission through which the calling of the next Archbishop of Canterbury will be discerned.



Bakers needed for St Peter's 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 February. Food supplied, sold or provided at charity 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!



Introducing Anna Boyce

Hello, my name is Anna Boyce. I am a third year ordinand at St Hild's Theological College, training part time. I will be on placement with you until March.

I hope to learn about preaching and leading services; so please feel free to give me feedback either formally (I have some feedback forms) or informally. I will, God willing, be ordained in June this year so appreciate all the help you can offer.

In other parts of my life, I work part-time in the NHS in children's mental health services and I'm a volunteer Chaplain at Holy Rood House in Thirsk. My husband Martin and I have a cat, Maverick, and I have a 26 year old son, Tom. You'll have to guess which one stays out all night, can make a lot of noise if he's not happy and is picky with his food!

I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and how you do things at St Peter's.



Do you remember David Yardley?

David Yardley, who used to be a deputy warden at St Peter's for several years, died just before Christmas and his funeral will be at midday, 12:00 pm, on Wednesday 29th January in St Peter's Church. This will be a service of joyful celebration of his life and it would be great if those who remember David's time here could support his son, Andrew, and family at the service. This should be a cheerful service so black is not the most appropriate colour! Refreshments will be served in the Church afterwards.

The online course, *Being With*, starts next Sunday



Being With: exploring Christian faith and life

This ten week online course starts on Sunday 26th January from 7:15 – 8:45 pm and is repeated next week on Wednesday 29th January. This is an opportunity to explore what Christian faith is all about, to reflect on the Christian story and to place your own story within it. Interested in finding out more? Please be in touch with our Curate, Karin Shaw, (karinshaw@googlemail.com).

Could you help us recycle?

We are looking for volunteers to help us keep on top of our recycling here at Church. Are you someone with a van or car who would be willing to help? If so, please see one of the Churchwardens (Mike Davies and Siân Lockwood), Carole Raw in the Parish Office or one of the Clergy. Thank you!

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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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025

Do you
believe
this?

A wyt ti'n credu hyn?
An gcreideann tú an méid sin?
A bheil thu a' creidsinn seo?

18-25 JANUARY 2025

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Today's Services: 19th January 2025

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany (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 **646** All I once held dear; Oh Lord hear my prayer; **1030** The Lord's my Shepherd; How great is our God

Readings 1 Corinthians 12 v 1 - 11
John 2 v 1 - 11

Preacher: Catharine Davies

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Eve Hawkins
and Rachel Fell

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Moeran in Eflat (Jubilate)

Hymns 558, 431, 444

Psalm 145

Readings Isaiah 62 v 1 - 5
John 2 v 1 - 11

Anthem Lo, star-led chiefs (*Crotch*)

Preacher: Catharine Davies

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Crafternoon Church*

Preacher: Ruth Thompson-Vear

6:30 Choral Communion by candlelight

Settings Stanford in C (Gloria, Credo, Sanctus)
Stanford in F (Benedictus, Agnus Dei)

Hymns 305, 327, 89, 430

Readings Ephesians 4 v 1 - 16
John 1 v 29 - 42

Anthem Lully, lulla (*Leighton*)

Preacher: Anna Boyce



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.

RIP: David Yardley

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** The U S Presidential Inauguration in Washington, DC, today
Sanctuary, St Peter's Youth Group
- Tues** All those providing care or help to a vulnerable person
St Peter's Pastoral Support Team
- Wed** Delivery drivers and postal workers
Carole Raw, Parish Administrator
- Thurs** The staff and officers at Harrogate Police Station
All who serve as Police Chaplains
- Fri** Mike Davies, Churchwarden
St Peter's Home Groups
- Sat** *Wellspring Therapy & Training*, supporting people in distress and promoting good mental health
All those suffering from anxiety and depression

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** Psalm 146
Amos 6
1 Corinthians 6 v 1 - 11
- Tues** *Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304*
Psalm 132
Amos 7
1 Corinthians 6 v 12 to end
- Wed** Psalm 81
Amos 8
1 Corinthians 7 v 1 - 24
- Thurs** Psalm 76
Amos 9
1 Corinthians 7 v 25 to end
- Fri** *Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher, 1622*
Psalm 27
Hosea 1 v 1 – 2 v 1
1 Corinthians 8
- Sat** *The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends*
The Conversion of Paul
Psalm 66
Ezekiel 3 v 22 to end
Philippians 3 v 1 - 14

The Collect for The Second Sunday of Epiphany (Common Worship)

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for The Second Sunday after the Epiphany (Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life;
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 20th** 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 Gallery to study St Luke's Gospel
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 21st** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 22nd** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 23rd** 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
11:00 am Holy Communion
7:00 pm 'Ethics Matters' six weekly lectures with Dr Peter Vardy:
3. *Sex/Life*
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 24th** 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
11:30 am Funeral in Church
7:00 – 8:15 pm Bellringing Practice at St Peter's
- Sat 25th** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm *Lunar New Year Event* in Church - Join us to celebrate the arrival of Spring and enjoy delicious food! All proceeds will go towards new soft furnishings for St Mary's Chapel!
- Sun 26th** ***The Third Sunday of Epiphany***
5:30 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary, our youth group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for their own *Bake Off* Challenge
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* course starts online, Week One:
Meaning
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 26th January 2025

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 **Holocaust Memorial Service**
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.

Holocaust Memorial Day: Monday 27th January 2025

27 January is #HolocaustMemorialDay

In 1995, 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys were murdered at Srebrenica. This was the largest incidence of mass-murder in Europe since World War Two.

'I hope that by telling my story history will not repeat itself. The next generation must be educated about the perils of hate, prejudice, and intolerance.'

Sanela Saracevic,
survivor of the Bosnian War



HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1

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This Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia will also be remembered.

The Bosnian war resulted in the death of around 100,000 people, and the displacement of over two million men, women and children. A campaign of war crimes, 'ethnic cleansing' and genocide was perpetrated by Bosnian Serb troops under the orders of the

President, Slobodan Milošević, and Radovan Karadžić, leader of the Bosnian Serbs. In July 1995, Bosnian Serb troops and paramilitaries led by Ratko Mladić began shelling the town of Srebrenica. On 11th July Srebrenica was taken by the Bosnian Serbs. On 12th July, Muslim men and boys over the age of twelve were forcibly separated from the women and younger children, who were deported on trucks and buses. The violence culminated in a massacre that began on 13th July and lasted three days, when around 8,000 Muslim men and boys were murdered in and around Srebrenica. Many were shot in the act of trying to escape. Their bodies were bulldozed into mass graves and concealed.

The genocide at Srebrenica is the largest incidence of mass-murder in Europe since the Second World War.

At St Peter's we will be marking Holocaust Memorial Day at a special memorial service next Sunday 26th January at 11:00 am. Please join us.

Meet the new Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven

It was announced in December that the Revd Canon Dr James Theodosius, currently Rector of Holy Trinity, Skipton, will be the new Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven. He knows the Ripon Episcopal Area well as he was Vicar of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale for ten years, before serving at Skipton, where he is also Area Dean. The Installation will take place at Ripon Cathedral on Sunday 6th April at 3:30pm with Bishop Nick Baines officiating.



Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from



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



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

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (26th January) will be noon on Wednesday 22nd 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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