



Weekly News

1st December 2024

The First Sunday of Advent

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St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate, HG1 1PB

The Church at the Heart of the Fayre

God calls us to minister to a particular location. Our job is to be the church in the marketplace, in the heart of the commercial district of our town. That is why last year, in response to the arrival of the enlarged town Christmas Fayre, we put on two Saturday afternoon carol services.

Thanks to the promotional efforts of Mary and Joseph here, more than two hundred people joined us for worship. This year four such services will be available: 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm on Saturday 7th and Saturday 14th December. These services are just twenty minutes long, with three classic carols, a reading, a prayer and a talk. Where this has been tried in other similar locations these events have grown to become something of a local institution and a treasured part of many people's Christmas calendars. As these services grow and develop, it will be great to have your support. Please pray for the events, tell neighbours who you think might be interested, and, if you're able to walk the final stretch into town, do come and join us yourself.



Our curate, the Revd Karin Shaw, and her husband, Graham, were sent out to the Christmas Fayre with leaflets to promote the Shoppers' Service last year!

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church



St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship's Christmas Party

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship will be holding their Christmas Party on Tuesday 10th December from 2:00 – 4:00 pm in Church, with carol singing and a festive Christmas afternoon tea. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Leigh Thompson (01423 884 899 or 07824 747 912 or leigh.a.thompson@hotmail.co.uk). It's important that places are confirmed as we have limited spaces and priority will be given to regular attendees.

Come to *The Market Day Café* next Thursday

The *Market Day Café* is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is next week on Thursday 12th December at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes!



Say it with Flowers

Why not mark a special occasion, such as an anniversary, a new baby or a birthday, by making a donation towards the flowers in Church? St Peter's Flower Team will make an arrangement on the pedestal to the right of the altar, and you will also receive a mention in the Weekly News. Please speak directly to Sue Heapy for further details (07540 355 305).



Join us this CHRISTMAS

St Peter's Christmas Fair
10:30 am – 3:30 pm 30th November
Advent Candle Service
6:30 pm 1st December
Saturday Shoppers' Carols
3:00 pm and 4:00 pm 7th December
3:00 pm and 4:00 pm 14th December
St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival
7th – 14th December
Performance of Handel's Messiah
7:15 pm 20th December
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
6:30 pm 22nd December

Christmas Eve
3:00 and 4:30 pm Christingle Services
6:30 pm Carols for Christmas Eve
11:30 pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day
8:30 am Holy Communion
9:30 am Family Communion
11:00 am Christmas Day Worship
New Year's Eve
4:00 – 6:00 pm Pray for 2025
11:30 pm Watchnight Service

Find all our services and events at www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk

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ST PETER'S CHURCH HARROGATE
G F Handel

Messiah



Jenny Stafford soprano
Elisabeth Paul mezzo-soprano
Toby Ward tenor
Andrew Greenan bass
Anthony Gray organ
John Longstaff director

Choirs of St Peter's and St Wilfrid's Churches
Harrogate Voices
Harrogate Handel Players (leader Fiona Love)

Friday 20th December 2024 7:15pm

Tickets £18 from Eventbrite (no booking fee) or from St. Peter's Parish Office 07425 161425 (cash or cheques only), or on the door (credit card payments accepted).

The first day of Advent and of a new church year



Today is the first day of Advent and the beginning of the new Liturgical year – Year C in the three-year cycle of readings. We will be lighting the first candle on our Advent wreath, which is purple and symbolizes **HOPE**. Three of the candles are purple, because it is the liturgical colour for Advent that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. The rose candle symbolizes **JOY** and will be lit on the third Sunday. Our Advent Candle Service starts at 6:30 pm tonight.

Thank you for your wonderful response to St Peter's Christmas Appeal



This year our Christmas Appeal will support vulnerable local families identified by North Yorkshire Council; elderly individuals living alone or in residential care; and a number of families known to St Peter's Church. Jan Edwards, our Lay Pastoral Minister and Pastoral Care Team Leader, writes: *'Thank you so much to everyone who took home and filled a Christmas Gift Bag this year. Your generosity and support for this appeal is always so very much valued - both by us and by the recipients. The bags will all be delivered over the run up to Christmas. Thank you on behalf of North Yorkshire Council and our Pastoral Care Team.'*

And thank you, Jan and Carole Raw, our Parish Administrator, for all your hard work!

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival: 7th – 14th December 2024

Our annual Christmas Tree Festival started yesterday and continues until next Saturday 14th December. During the Festival visitors will be invited to vote for their three favourite trees and the winners will be announced at the 9:30 am Family Communion next Sunday 15th December. Don't forget to vote!

A thank you from Judith Simpson:

Thank you to everyone who supported the vital work of Christian Aid by giving so generously to their Harvest Appeal. The splendid sum of £420.60 was raised, with a further £285.60 donated through Gift Aid. Please look out for our **'Pie and Pea Supper'** in the New Year!

Today's Services: 1st December 2024

The First Sunday of Advent

8:30 **Holy Communion**

9:30 **Family Communion**

*As it is the first Sunday of the month, there is **no** Sunday Club for school age children today. Please come to St Mary's Chapel after you have received Communion if you would like to pray with our Prayer Ministry Team.*

Hymns **1419** Light of the world; Christ be our light; Candle in the window; **336** Lift up your heads to the coming King

Reading Luke 21 v 25 - 36

Preacher: Karin Shaw

11:00 **Choral Communion**

Setting Day in B flat

Hymns 9, 36, 26, 362

Readings 1 Thessalonians 3 v 9 to end
Luke 21 v 25 - 36

Anthem The Truth from above (*Vaughan Williams*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

4:15 pm **Stepping Stones Service** *Celtic Worship*

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 **Advent Carol Service**

Please see separate order of service

Readings Isaiah 40 v 1 - 8
Mark 1 v 1 - 8
Luke 1 v 26 - 38
Matthew 16 v 15 - 28
Matthew 25 v 1 – 13



Our Duty Wardens today are:

Kate Blake and
Ian Burt



The First Sunday in Advent

The first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to centre our thoughts on **hope**. We read, pray, and reflect on the **hope** God's plan gives us (foretold by the prophets and fulfilled by the life and death of Christ), and we meditate on the promise of Christ's second coming in glory.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Olive Davenham, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Miriam Jones, Derek Mansfield, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Matthew Pindell, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

RIP Audrey Wood

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** The ceasefire between Israel and the terrorist group Hezbollah
That the displaced residents in Lebanon and Israel may soon return safely to their homes
- Thurs** The 999 and NHS 111 call centre staff
The Market Day Café
- Fri** Leigh Thompson, PCC secretary
St Peter's Sacristans
- Sat** St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival
John Longstaff and 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 each morning this week.

- Mon** Psalm 50
Isaiah 42 v 18 to end
Revelation 19
- Tues** *Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552*
Psalm 80
Isaiah 43 v 1 - 13
Revelation 20
- Wed** Psalm 7
Isaiah 43 v 14 to end
Revelation 21 v 1 - 8
- Thurs** Psalm 42
Isaiah 44 v 1 - 8
Revelation 21 v 9 - 21
- Fri** *Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c 326*
Psalm 25
Isaiah 44 v 9 - 23
Revelation 21 v 22 – 22 v 5
- Sat** *Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher, 397*
Psalm 9
Isaiah 44 v 24 – 45 v 13
Revelation 22 v 6 to end

The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

(Common Worship)

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Collect for the First Sunday in Advent

(Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

What's on This Week

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

The Fairtrade Christmas Shop is open in the Old Baptistery.

*Entries for **St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival** are being set up in Church this week.*

- Mon 2nd** 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
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 3rd** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 4th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 5th** 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 6th** 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
6:30 for 7:00 pm St Peter's Evening Fellowship Christmas Dinner at the Harrogate Club, Victoria Avenue
7:00 – 8:15 pm Bellringing Practice at St Peter's
- Sat 7th** ***St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival begins TODAY!***
3:00 pm Shoppers' Carols
4:00 pm Shoppers' Carols
These services will be just twenty minutes long, with three classic carols, a reading, a prayer and a talk.
- Sun 8th** ***The Second Sunday of Advent***
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch
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

Next Sunday 8th December **The Second Sunday of Advent**

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

The Breakfast Club provides a free, hot breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:15 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need. A hot **Sunday lunch** is also served each week at 1:00 pm, except for the third Sunday of the month when it is *Sunday Lunch Club*.
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.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Theology and Physics: Victorian or Modern – a seminar by Dr Jon Reynolds

This is on Saturday 7th December at Woodlands Methodist Church, Wetherby Road, starting with breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by the seminar from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Jon Reynolds has had an interest in the science and religion debate since secondary school and has taught both Religious Studies and Physics. He was the Director of Education for the St Albans Diocese from 1999 'til his retirement in 2015. Tickets cost £5, under 18s are free. Booking in advance via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com), visit hstm.org.uk/events for further details.



Let's unwrap the Christmas Campaign for 2024



The Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2024, **Follow the Star: Calm and Bright**, draws on the famous carol, Silent Night: '*Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright,*' The campaign focuses on bringing peace and joy during the busy Advent and Christmas seasons. You can read and listen to the daily reflections from 1st December

through the *Everyday Faith* app, the daily devotional app from the Church of England, visit: www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith.

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7.30pm

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20 minute Carols

3.00 & 4.00pm Saturdays
7th and 14th December

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Mothers' Union in Harrogate



The next meeting of the
Mothers' Union in Harrogate
will be on

Tuesday 3rd December
in St Mark's Church at 2:00 pm,
when there will be a
BEETLE DRIVE
Come along and join the fun!

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of
the Weekly News (8th December) will
be noon on Wednesday 4th
December. 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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