



Weekly News

22nd December 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Breakfast Club: Farewell to the amazing Hannah and Steve

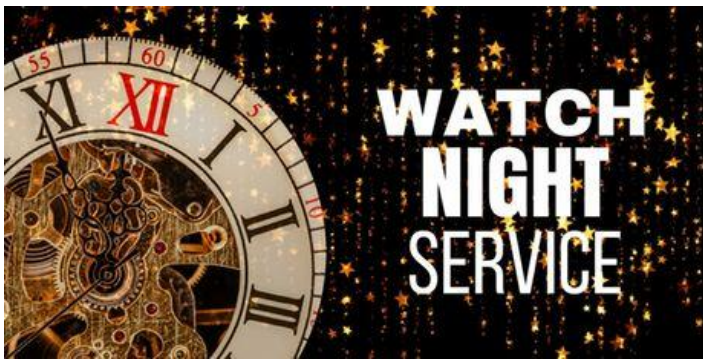


Breakfast Club – which, in recent times, has included: a hot breakfast every Monday to Saturday; a Thursday supermarket; evening meals on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and lunch every Sunday – has been a huge part of the life of St Peter's for more than twenty-five years. During that time, the central driving force has been Hannah Beck along with, for the last several years, Steve Gibb. It is a very big moment in the life of St Peter's, therefore, that Hannah and Steve are stepping down from their Breakfast Club roles at the end of 2024. Breakfast Club has been central to many people's understanding of

the identity, vision and purpose of St Peter's. That has been the case for me. Since my arrival in 2016, I have seen (just some of) the countless hours that Hannah and Steve have put into serving those who need a warm welcome, a hot meal, and day-to-day supplies. Their faithfulness day in and day out is what has made the scale and consistency of this ministry possible. It is truly an astonishing achievement.

As we look ahead to the New Year, we know how hard it will be to fill the enormous gap they leave behind. However, Clergy and Churchwardens have a complete commitment to Breakfast Club and believe that existing and new Breakfast Club members and volunteers can help us shape and deliver our food ministry in 2025. In the short term we will need to scale back a little, serving the daily breakfasts, and running the weekly supermarket. In the medium term we know Breakfast Club will evolve and grow in response to the food needs of people in Harrogate. Please be in touch if you would like to help us ensure that Breakfast Club continues in its important work. Contact one of the Clergy in the first instance if you would like to be part of the next stage of the Breakfast Club journey.

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church



Join us to bring in the New Year!

On 31st December, New Year's Eve, we are holding two special services: **Pray for 2025** - come and light a candle and pray for our nation and for the world, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Then later our atmospheric, candlelit **Watchnight Service** starts at 11:30 pm.

The Boxing Day Pilgrimage to Fountains Abbey

The traditional Boxing Day Pilgrimage, from Ripon Cathedral to Fountains Abbey, will take place again on Thursday. The celebration of Eucharist at the Cathedral begins at 9:30 am and then the pilgrims will walk the 4 miles to the Abbey where there'll be a service of carols and prayers from approximately 12:00 noon in the Cellarium. Entrance to Fountains Abbey is usually free if you are joining the pilgrimage.



Come to our *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* service tonight

Join us for our traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Peter's tonight Sunday 22nd December, at 6:30 pm. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings. The readings are interspersed with Christmas carols and anthems sung by our wonderful choir.

**Christmas Lunch
will be served here on
Christmas Day**

1:00 pm

Contact Hannah Beck
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BELIEVE *like* MARY
TRUST *like* JOSEPH
HOPE *like* SHEPHERDS
SEEK *like* WISE MEN
WORSHIP *like* ANGELS
LOVE *like* JESUS

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival 2024



Best Adult Group – The Breakfast Club



Best Individual Tree – Leigh Thompson

Congratulations to all our winners!
With many thanks to the organisers
- Annabel Hutchinson and Kristel
Graham. All the trees will be on
display over the Christmas season.



Best Children's Group – St Peter's Rainbows



**Children's Group runner-up –
St Peter's Sunday Club**

Today's Services: 22nd December 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion with the Baptism of River Richards

*There is **no** Sunday Club for school age children today, but all children and their parents are welcome to gather in the café area, where there are toys and activities to share during our Family Communion Service.*

Hymns We three kings of orient are; Ding dong merrily on high; **489** See amid the winter's snow; **491** See Him lying on a bed of straw

Readings Luke 1 v 38 - 45

Preacher: Karin Shaw

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Eve Hawkins and
Paul Medforth

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Dyson in F (Benedicite)

Hymns 29, 35, 601

Psalm 144

Readings Micah 5 v 2 - 5a
Luke 1 v 38 - 45

Anthem I sing of a maid (Jack Longstaff)

Preacher: Sarah Martin

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Service of the Word*

Preacher: Chris Clayton

6:30 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Please see separate order of service



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Over the last three Sundays we lit the candles of hope, peace, and joy. Today we prepare to light the candle of **love**. This symbolizes God's **love** for us, and the gift of his son, Jesus Christ, to the world. May the **love** of Christ be with you and your family this Christmas and always.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

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

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** The people of Mayotte, hit by Cyclone Chido last weekend
The French military airlifting in rescue workers and supplies
- Tues** All who work in foodbanks
St Peter's mini-supermarket
- Wed** Those spending Christmas Day alone
Everyone working this Christmas Day
- Thurs** That all the conflicts in the Middle East are brought to a peaceful and just end
Volodymyr Zelensky and the people of Ukraine
- Fri** Social care workers
St Peter's Music Group
- Sat** Karin Shaw and Steve Gibbin, our Curates
Catharine Davies, Licensed Lay Minister

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 130
Isaiah 52 v 13 – 53 to end
2 Peter 1 v 1 - 15
- Tues** ***Christmas Eve***
Psalm 45
Isaiah 54
2 Peter 1 v 16 – 2 v 3
- Wed** **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Psalm 110
Isaiah 62 v 1 - 5
Matthew 1 v 18 to end
- Thurs** ***Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr***
Psalm 13
Jeremiah 26 v 12 - 15
Acts 6
- Fri** ***John, Apostle and Evangelist***
Psalm 21
Exodus 33 v 12 to end
1 John 2 v 1 - 11
- Sat** ***The Holy Innocents***
Psalm 36
Genesis 37 v 13 - 20
Matthew 18 v 1 - 10

The Collect for The Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Common Worship)

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for The Fourth Sunday in Advent (Book of Common Prayer)

O Lord, raise up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end.

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 23rd** 9:00 am – 3:30 pm last drop off day for the Children's Clothes Bank at SHINE, West Bowling
- Tues 24th** ***Christmas Eve***
10:30 am– 12:30 pm Christingle Making with Carols
See full details of services below
- Wed 25th** ***Christmas Day***
See full details of services on the next page
1:00 pm Christmas Lunch – everyone welcome!
- Thurs 26th** ***St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day)***
11:00 am Holy Communion
- Fri 27th** 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
- Sat 28th**
- Sun 29th** ***The First Sunday of Christmas***
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Christmas Eve Services: 24th December 2024

3:00 and 4:30 Christingle Services

Preacher: Steve Gibbin

6:30 Carols for Christmas Eve by candlelight

Anthems: Midwinter (*Bob Chilcott*); The twelve days of Christmas (*John Rutter*); The Holly and the Ivy (arr. JL)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

11:30 Midnight Mass

Setting Darke in A

Hymns *Please see service sheet*

Readings Isaiah 52 v 7 - 10

John 1 v 1 - 14

Anthems Rocking Carol (arr. *Willcocks*); Star Carol (*John Rutter*)

Preacher: Chris Clayton

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Kate Blake, Ian Birt and
Paul Medforth

Next Sunday 29th December
The First Sunday of Christmas

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

11:00 Matins

Ethics Matters: starts on 9th January 2025

A free six-week lecture series by philosopher Dr Peter Vardy starts at St Peter's Church at 7:00 pm on Thursdays Please email: stpeterschurchhqtooffice@gmail.com to book.

Christmas Day Services: 25th December 2024



8:30 **Holy Communion**

9:30 **Family Communion**

Hymns **36** Away in a manger; **420** O little town of Bethlehem; **408** O come all ye faithful; **155** Hark! the herald angels sing

Readings Isaiah 9 v 2 - 7
Luke 2 v 1 - 14

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Warden today is:
Mo Atkinson

11:00 **Christmas Day Worship**

Hymns *Please see service sheet*

Readings Isaiah 62 v 6 to end
Luke 2 v 1 - 20

Anthems Ding dong merrily on high (arr. *Charles Wood*)
I saw three ships (arr. *John Longstaff*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

The Collect for Christmas Day

(Common Worship)

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

The Collect for Christmas Day

(Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.



The flowers in Church today are in memory of loved ones at Christmas:
Henry Pantin and Derek Clarkson
Derek's birthday was on 10th December.

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** will be served today at 1:00 pm. **Christmas Lunch** will be served here on Christmas Day. **Hot food** is available from 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Monday and Friday. **Our mini-Supermarket** is on Thursdays 4:30 – 4:50 pm.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next **full** edition of the Weekly News (5th January 2025) will be noon on Wednesday 1st January. 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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