



# Weekly News

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

*The Second Sunday before Lent*

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## 'Ethics Matters' – a reflection

Those who attended Peter Vardy's 'Ethics Matters' weekly lectures will not have left with an extra spring in their step or smile on their face – because every lecture was grimly challenging. As we face old age, how, and to what extent, do we value human life? As technologies develop, to what extent do we take the opportunity to modify the genes of future generations to eliminate disease, disabilities, or certain characteristics? As the geopolitical map shifts before our very eyes, from what perspective should we view the justice or otherwise of today's wars? As the rich get stupendously richer, how do we work for justice and what do we ultimately value? And, most challenging of all, how do we respond to the seemingly inexorable rise and power of Artificial Intelligence?



The questions posed by these lectures were tough and plentiful. Answers not so much. I did, nevertheless, leave with an enhanced sense of the value of what we do here in St Peter's. We value people because they are people. We understand ourselves and our value in relation to a loving Creator God who made us, redeemed us, and made us for relationship with him. I was particularly struck by the importance of meeting together. I was left with the sense that spending time in the physical presence of other human beings is, in and of itself, a powerful act – a way of reminding ourselves of what matters most.

Alan Garrow, *Vicar of St Peter's Church*

There is to be a PANCAKE PARTY on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, with games, fun and - pancakes. Open to everyone, donations welcome!

## St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Church. There is usually a speaker or sometimes an entertainer, and always a delicious afternoon tea. The next meeting is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Please call Leigh Thompson 01423 884 899 or 07824 747 912 if you would like to come.



## St Peter's Evening Fellowship AGM

The next meeting will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at which we will be holding our AGM followed by a talk entitled '*Montenegro- The Black Mountain Country*' by Sue and Bryn Heapy following their recent visit to the country. You are most welcome to join us, current member or not. For further details contact the Secretary, Richard Bion (07966 073 867 or [richardbion9@gmail.com](mailto:richardbion9@gmail.com)).

## Consultation on the nomination of the next Archbishop of Canterbury

The process for the appointment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury is underway and a key part of this is a public consultation. The themes that emerge from this consultation will sit alongside the 'Statement of Needs' produced by the Diocese of Canterbury, as well as other information provided by the National Church and the Anglican Communion.

Jonathan Hellewell (the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary) and Stephen Knott (the Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments) would like to hear from you. You are invited to share your thoughts on what qualities, values, and vision the future Archbishop should embody. Your feedback will play a vital role in shaping the decision-making process as they seek God's guidance on who should be nominated as the next Archbishop of Canterbury. You can send your response by post to: Canon Stephen Knott, The Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments, Canterbury Crown Nominations Commission (CNC), Lambeth Palace, London, SE1 7JU. Or you can submit your views online at [www.churchofengland.org/ABC106Consult](http://www.churchofengland.org/ABC106Consult).

The consultation closes on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

## Fundraising Refreshment Day and Book Sale

There is a St Peter's Refreshment Day and Book Sale to raise funds for our Church on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm. They will be serving morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas. And, a great selection of books will be available to buy in the Glass Foyer. If you are in town on Saturday, please come and support these events.





## 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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. Duncan and Fran Goodwin have agreed to come along and entertain us. Please come and support *Christian Aid!*

## Bipolar UK Support Group returns to St Peter's


Bipolar UK is the only national charity dedicated to empowering individuals and families affected by bipolar. There are over 80 online and in-person peer support groups registered in the UK. All groups are open to anyone affected



by bipolar, with or without a diagnosis, as well as their family, loved ones and friends. After a long break, the Harrogate Bipolar UK peer support group is returning to St Peter's Church. They will meet on the **last** Wednesday of each month, starting on 26<sup>th</sup> February, in the Music Room from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Please come early this Wednesday from 6:30 pm onwards to register.

## 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



International Women's Day



## Accelerate Action

March 8

[www.internationalwomensday.com](http://www.internationalwomensday.com)

# Today's Services: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

*The Second Sunday before Lent*

Sexagesima (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** 379 Majesty; 189 Hosanna; 302 Jesus shall take the highest honour; 418 O Jesus, I have promised

**Readings** Revelation 4  
Luke 8 v 22 - 25

**Preacher:** Karin Shaw

**Our Duty Wardens today are:**

Siân Lockwood  
and Rachel Fell

## 11:00 Choral Matins

**Setting** Howells Collegium Regale (Jubilate)

**Hymns** 577, 494, 398

**Psalm** 104 v 1 - 12

**Readings** Genesis 2 v 4b – 9 and v 15 to end  
Luke 8 v 22 - 25

**Anthem** Jesu, joy of man's desiring (*Bach*)

**Preacher:** Karin Shaw

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

**Preacher:** Steve Gibbin

## 6:30 Choral Evensong by candlelight

**Setting** Sumsion in A

**Hymns** 267, 385, 502 (omit \*verses)

**Psalm** 147

**Readings** Genesis 1 v 1 – 2 v 3  
Matthew 6 v 25 to end

**Anthem** How lovely is thy dwelling place (*Brahms*)

**Preacher:** Alan Garrow



## 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, Michelle Simon and Suzanne Simon.

**Also in our prayers this week:**

- Mon** President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the people of Ukraine on the third anniversary of the full-scale Russian invasion of their country That any future peace talks must include Ukraine and Europe
- Tues** All who work in foodbanks  
St Peter's mini-supermarket
- Wed** Siân Lockwood, Churchwarden  
All our Duty Wardens and Sidespeople
- Thurs** Social care workers, helping people to live independently and with dignity  
All who read the lessons at our services
- Fri** St Peter's Evening Fellowship  
Karin Shaw and Steve Gibbin,  
Curates at St Peter's
- Sat** Chris Clayton, Associate Vicar  
Our Lay Baptism Team

**The Collect for The Second Sunday before Lent (Common Worship)**

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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** ***Matthias the Apostle***  
Psalm 71  
Ecclesiastes 7 v 1 - 14  
John 19 v 1 - 16
- Tues** Psalm 73  
Ecclesiastes 7 v 15 to end  
John 19 v 17 - 30
- Wed** Psalm 77  
Ecclesiastes 8  
John 19 v 31 to end
- Thurs** *George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633*  
Psalm 78 v 1 - 39  
Ecclesiastes 9  
John 20 v 1 - 10
- Fri** Psalm 55  
Ecclesiastes 11 v 1 - 8  
John 20 v 11 - 18
- Sat** *David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c 601*  
Psalm 76  
Ecclesiastes 11 v 9 – 12 to end  
John 20 v 19 to end

**The Collect for Sexagesima (Book of Common Prayer)**

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do:  
Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Judith Simpson writes, "An enormous thank you to all who helped in any way to the success of our **Christian Aid Refreshment Day** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February. We raised the splendid sum of £685.50 for their much-needed work supporting the people of Gaza. Thank you to you all!"

## 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 24<sup>th</sup>** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church  
1:30 – 3:00 pm *The Thinking about God* group in the Undercroft  
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup>** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup>** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**  
7:00 – 9:00 pm Bipolar UK Support Group in the Music Room  
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* online course. Week Five: *Bible*  
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's  
**11:00 am Holy Communion**  
**NO** St Peter's Choir Practice tonight!
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup>** ***St David's Day***  
10:00 am – 3:30 pm St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day in Church and Book Sale in the Glass Foyer
- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>** ***The Sunday next before Lent***  
5:30 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary, our youth group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for *Blindfold Sandwich Making!*  
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* online course. Week Six: *Mission*  
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

### Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

#### ***The Sunday next before Lent***

- 8:30 Holy Communion  
9:30 Family Communion  
11:00 Choral Communion  
4:15 Stepping Stones Service  
– *Celtic Worship*  
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...Sexagesima

As we leave behind the season of Epiphany there is a time of transition in which we begin to look to Lent, the Cross and Easter. Last Sunday was Septuagesima, the third Sunday before the start of Lent, and marked the beginning of preparations for Lent. Today is **Sexagesima** (*sixtieth in Latin*), the eighth Sunday before Easter and the second before Lent. Having been delivered from sin (Collect for Septuagesima), in the Collect for Sexagesima we ask God to defend us from all that can cause us to deviate from following Jesus as life goes forward:

***O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP)***

While we continue to trust in God to protect us and to forgive our transgressions, lapses and disobedience, there remain many dangers and distractions that hinder our following of the example of Jesus: both external cares and worries and internal weaknesses. But God will guide us all through our Lenten discipline if we put our trust in him.

### ***The BIG Conversation About Food at St Peter's***

Have you taken part in the survey about our Food Ministry? There are questionnaires on the Welcome Desk or you can download a copy from our website. To access the online version please follow [this link](#) or use the QR code. Please post your questionnaires in the box at the Welcome Desk by **5th March 2025**.



ST. Cecilia ORCHESTRA  
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# Spring Concert

*Over Land and Sea*

MAHLER *Symphony No 1*  
ELGAR *Sea Pictures*  
MUNKTELL *Breaking Waves*  
(Beth Taylor - Mezzo)

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> March - 7.30 pm  
RIPON CATHEDRAL

Tickets: Adults £20/£28/£35; Under 18s FREE  
[www.st-cecilia.org.uk](http://www.st-cecilia.org.uk)

Reserved tickets available online only. Unreserved tickets from the Little Ripon Bookshop, Harrogate Theatre, on the door, or book by phone: 01423 531062



JERVAULX SINGERS  
DIRECTOR CHARLES COOPER SMITH

# DINNER IS SERVED

A lavish ten-course tasting menu of choral music, song and opera

featuring

SOUP BERNSTEIN Oxtail Stew	STARTER BIZET Omllette Quartet	MAIN TAVENER The Lamb	DESSERT WEILL Ice Cream scene <small>from Street Scene</small>
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and much more...

01 SAT MAR 2025

St. John's Church SHAROW  
7:30 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM

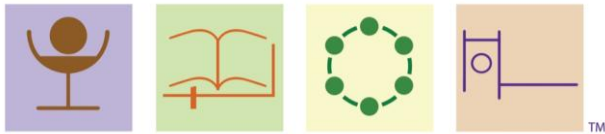
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07729 882 344 On the door - CASH OR CARD

£20 · FREE FOR UNDER 18s

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



### Join the Parish Giving Scheme



PARISHGIVINGSCHEME

If you would like to support St Peter's financially, the simplest and most tax efficient way to do so is via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). You can join using their website [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) or give them a call on 0333 002 1260. St Peter's PGS number is: **460646304**

### Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (2<sup>nd</sup> March) will be noon on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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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