



Weekly News

24th November 2024

Christ the King

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

St Peter's Christmas Fair

If like me, you haven't even begun to think about Christmas presents, the perfect opportunity to buy them is just a week away. Our Christmas Fair in Church is on Saturday 30th November and you are all warmly welcome, along with family and friends, to share in its joy with us.

There will be a delicious array of refreshments on offer, including homemade soups, sandwiches and cakes, all at very reasonable prices. We have a wonderful selection of stalls selling honey, hand-made ceramics, books, cards and gifts galore: all being amazing Christmas presents.

The Guides will be selling a range of goodies, raising money for both Church and the Birk Crag Project. Other charities raising money are *Open Arms Malawi*, *Cancer Research* and hopefully *Artizan* (unconfirmed at time of writing).

There will also be our usual impressive Book Sale, Bric-a-Brac and a Jarbola (like a tombola but the prizes are all jars). If you still have jars to donate, please bring them to Church during the week, or from 9:30 - 10:30am on the 30th.

A **huge thank you** to everyone who has donated items this year, I am very grateful to you. The same, of course, applies to all the stalls and refreshments, **thank you for the time, energy and effort you offer** to make the Fair a success, and in turn, raises money for Church funds.

If you are free on Saturday 30th November please do **come and support** the Fair, buy some presents, treat yourself to lunch and enjoy 'all the fun of the fair'.

God bless you this Christmas,

Sarah Martin (07913 259 490), Lay Reader at St Peter's Church



St Peter's Christmas Appeal - don't forget to bring back your bag TOMORROW!

Please return your bag with your card to St Peter's Church on Monday 25th

November from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm or Tuesday 26th from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. If that is not possible, please contact Carole Raw (07425 161 425) to make alternative arrangements. Thank you!



Stir Up Sunday!

Today is Stir Up Sunday – so called because it's the traditional day for making Christmas puddings, said to be inspired by the BCP collect for the day (see page 5) that begins: *Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people.* So, if you are making your pudding today – happy stirring!

Advent Candle Service

Next Sunday, 1st December, is the first Sunday in Advent, so please join us for our Advent Candle Service starting at 6:30 pm. St Peter's will be filled with beautiful words, music and candlelight, as we prepare for the coming of Christ into the world.



St Peter's Evening Fellowship Christmas Dinner is on 6th December

For further details contact Richard Bion richardbion9@gmail.com or 07966 073 867.

Benjamin Britten
A Ceremony of Carols
Plus a Feast of Festive Favourites




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Lucinda Taylor Anthony Gray
Conducted by
James Savage-Hanford

with
St Aidan's
School
Chamber Choir
conducted by
Jo Leonard

St Wilfrid's Church
Duchy Road
Harrogate HG1 2EY
Friday 6th December 2024
7.30pm
Adults £15, Students 9 and upwards £10
Refreshments available
Under 9s and essential companions or carers free.
Tickets available online at www.harrogatevocalis.org.uk
enquiries@harrogatevocalis.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).



Celebrating the life of John Stableford

John Stableford worshipped at St Peter's for nearly sixty years. He was Churchwarden at St Peter's for ten years from 2002 until 2012 and led the redevelopment of the Church building. Tonight, the Evensong Service at 6:30 pm is dedicated to his memory. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Many people from all our congregations will want to be there to remember John and celebrate his life.

Harrogate Christmas Fayre 2024: 29th November – 15th December

This year the Christmas Fayre will be on for seventeen days in the town centre. According to the North Yorkshire Council's website Cambridge Road and Cambridge Crescent will be closed from this Wednesday 27th November until Tuesday 17th December 2024. As far as we know, during the Christmas Fayre traffic from West Park is permitted up James Street, but the road around the War Memorial leading to Cambridge Road, Cambridge Street and Prospect Crescent will be closed; this includes access to and from the Church during the times listed below:

Days	Fayre opening times	Road closure times
Mondays - Saturdays	10:00 – 19:00	10:00 – 20:00
Sundays	11:00 – 16:30	11:00 – 18:00

Bakers needed for St Peter's Christmas Fair on Saturday

Please let Catherine Medforth (07876 653 765) know if you are willing to bake a cake for the refreshments at our Christmas Fair this Saturday 30th November. Food supplied, sold or provided at charity or community events, such as fairs, must comply with food laws, so we ask that cakes are brought in a clean container with a list of ingredients attached. Thank you very much!



Advent
Carol Service &
Procession
Sunday 1st December
5.30pm

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF ARTIZAN INTERNATIONAL.
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US ON THE JOURNEY

Join Us For Candlelight Carols

Thursday 28th November
Mince Pies and Mulled Wine from 6.30pm
Carols from 7pm

ST PETER'S CHURCH,
TOWN CENTRE HARROGATE

Shopping to follow at Artizan, 39 Oxford St, Harrogate

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Today's Services: 24th November 2024

Christ the King

The Sunday next before Advent (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 Today is the day we've been given; **1575** Wait for the Lord; **1407** King of the ages; **1200** Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Readings Revelation 1 v 4b – 8
John 18 v 33 – 37

Preacher: Chris Clayton

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Mo Atkinson and
Richard Bion

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Vaughan Williams in G (Te Deum)

Hymns 165, 460, Hail Redeemer, King Divine

Psalm 29

Readings Daniel 7 v 9 – 10 and v 13 – 14
John 18 v 33 – 37

Anthem Lift up your heart (*John Longstaff*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

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

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong - a celebration of the life of John Stableford

Setting Dyson in D

Hymns 398, 172, 546

Psalm 72

Readings Daniel 5
John 6 v 1 – 15

Anthem Zadok the Priest (*Handel*)

Preacher: Tony Shepherd

Refreshments will be available afterwards.



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, 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.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	St Aidan's CE High School The 10 th Harrogate St Peter's Guides
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	Our armed forces serving at home and overseas The Royal Airforce, working in defence of NATO airspace
Fri	North Yorkshire Council Stewart Davies, Lay Reader
Sat	St Peter's Christmas Fair taking place in Church today Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love

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	<i>Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th Century</i> <i>Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748</i> Psalm 96 Isaiah 40 v 1 - 11 Revelation 14 v 1 - 13
Tues	Psalm 97 Isaiah 40 v 12 - 26 Revelation 14 v 14 – 15 to end
Wed	Psalm 112 Isaiah 40 v 27 – 41 v 7 Revelation 16 v 1 - 11
Thurs	Psalm 125 Isaiah 41 v 8 - 20 Revelation 16 v 12 to end
Fri	Psalm 139 Isaiah 41 v 21 – 42 v 9 Revelation 17
Sat	<i>Andrew the Apostle</i> Psalm 47 Ezekiel 47 v 1 - 12 John 12 v 20 - 32

The Collect for Christ the King

(Common Worship)

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

The Collect for The Sunday next before Advent

(Book of Common Prayer)

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 now open in the Old Baptistery.

Please return your St Peter's Christmas Appeal Bags this week – on Monday 25th November from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm or Tuesday 26th from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm.

- Mon 25th** 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 26th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 27th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 28th** 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
11:00 am Holy Communion
7:00 pm *Artizan International* Candlelight Carols – mince pies and mulled wine from 6:30 pm
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 29th** *Harrogate Christmas Fayre starts today*
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 30th** ***St Andrew's Day***
10:30 am – 4:00 pm St Peter's Christmas Fair
- Sun 1st** ***The First Sunday in 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 1st December

The First Sunday in Advent

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Communion
4:15 Stepping Stones Service
– *Celtic Worship*
6:30 Advent Candle Service

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.

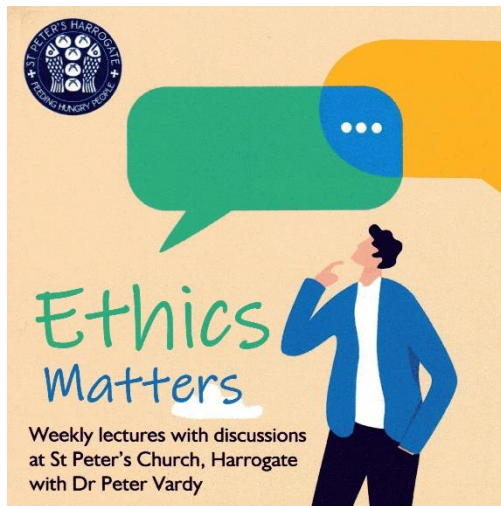
Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Theology and Physics: Victorian or Modern – a seminar

by Dr Jon Reynolds

This is on Saturday 7th December at Woodlands Methodist Church on 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 from full-time work 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.



Starting in January 2025: *Ethics Matters*

A six-week lecture series by eminent philosopher Dr Peter Vardy starts at St Peter's Church on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm on 9th January 2025. Peter has written extensively on religion and ethics and was vice-principal of Heythrop Jesuit College in London. Entry is free, but please book your place by emailing: stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com. Each lecture lasts around an hour, with the opportunity to discuss over wine and nibbles afterwards.

Ripon
Choral Society

Saturday 14 December
2024, 7.30pm
Ripon Cathedral

Handel Messiah

The trumpet shall sound!

John Dunford - conductor
Orchestra d'Amici

Tickets: £25 reserved; £22 unreserved (student concessions £10)

Book online at riponchoralsociety.org.uk
• on the door at each concert • in person at Ripon Cathedral Shop
• by email: info@riponchoralsociety.org.uk

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End abuse and violence now

RISE UP
against domestic abuse

Awareness & Action

Ripon Cathedral
All are invited to join with us....

Thursday 28th November
12.00pm Cathedral prayers lead by a member of Mothers' Union

12.15pm a service in the Mothers' Union chapel to remember and support victims of Domestic Abuse

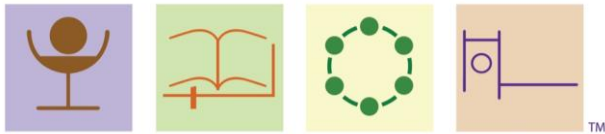
1.03pm A silent 2 minute vigil at the west door



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



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

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 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 (1st December) will be noon on Wednesday 27th November. 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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