



Weekly News

25th April 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Walking with God

As Alpha 2020 was cut short due to lockdown, some of us kept in contact through *WhatsApp* and spent an hour in prayer every evening at 8:00 pm for all in need.



For three of us lockdown created a daily routine of 'walking with God' early in the mornings. It is so uplifting to talk about prayers, and Alpha friends had introduced us to prayer reading apps such as BIOY, Lectio 365, ODB, Insights, First 15, UCB and Pray As You Go, which became valuable resources as we set out to listen and pray walking, within the limits of Covid restrictions. Enjoying the incredible beauty of God's Creation, a stunning sunrise or cloud formation, it is easy to imagine the experience of a 'thin place', a closeness with God, and His amazing presence everywhere. Stretching our spiritual thoughts - not just our bodies. This became the basis for early morning prayer discussions, strengthening our faith both in God and the power of prayer.

Our nightly prayer hour became known to many who asked us to pray for their friends and relatives. Those were challenging times during the pandemic, when our prayer list would be so long, our prayers far exceeding the allocated hour. The need for spontaneity in our prayers encouraged us to include our scripture readings.

Our 'St Peters postal service' evolved and still continues from when we wrote and delivered cards of encouragement to parishioners during lockdown. Our prayers and walks continue even now, as does our shared faith and friendship.

Jan Edwards, Helen Harrison, Roy Taylor and Gillian Thornton
(Members of the Alpha WhatsApp group)



Christian Aid's work in Kenya

Christian Aid has been working in Kenya since 1997. Through local partners they support people living in poverty to respond and adapt to the climate crisis. In Kitui, eastern Kenya, they are working together with communities to help them cope with drought as well as flooding with simple measures like building earth dams and planting trees.

Florence is a widow and was struggling, she had no water to grow crops, her children were hungry, and every day she faced a long and dangerous journey to collect water. Thanks to Christian Aid Week donations Florence and her community

have now built a water dam a short walk away from her village. She can grow tomatoes, onions and chillies and her children can eat healthy vegetables. Florence now keeps bees and can sell the honey for cash at the local market.

Florence and Michael Jr are fighting the climate crisis by planting trees.

If you would like to help with this year's collection please call Judith Simpson on 01423 564842 or email her at judiannesimpson@btinternet.com.

Christian Aid Week

10-16 May 2021



Please join us for our

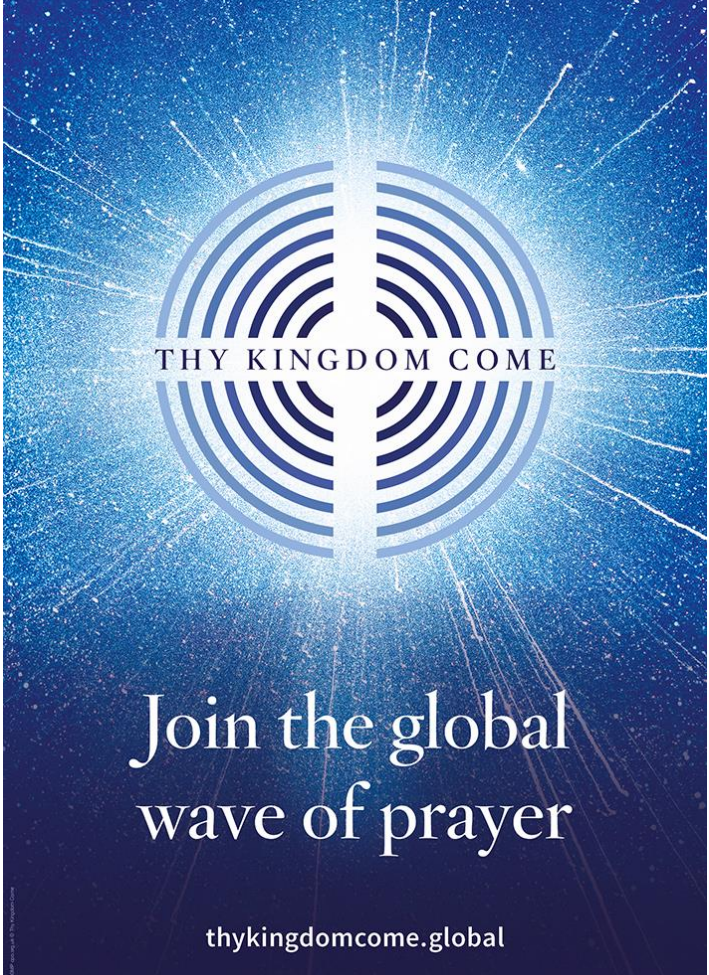
REFLECT PRAYER MEETING

TUESDAY 4 MAY

7:45 - 9PM ON ZOOM
MEETING ID: 913 2545 6842
PASSCODE: 61 24 96

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Using apps for daily prayer and Bible study

Praying and reading the Bible are two of the key ways that we grow as followers of Christ and in our relationship with God. You may have a daily pattern of prayer and Bible reading already, but here are details of some of the apps mentioned in the article on the front page that you might like to try:



[Bible in One Year](#) – each day is themed and includes a reading from the Bible (beautifully read by David Suchet). Then Nicky Gumbel, pioneer of Alpha, helps you to engage with what you've heard through inspiring reflections. This is available online, via app (search BIOY in *App Store* or *Google Play*) or you can sign up to have it emailed to you.



[Lectio365](#) – written by leaders of the 24/7 Prayer movement, this is a great app for a contemporary, short time of prayer, thought and Bible reading. Both text and audio options are available, and you can download up to a week in advance to listen to later.



[Our Daily Bread](#) – started as a radio broadcast in America, the OBD app claims to help millions of people all over the world to connect with God each day. The app is available in *App Store* or *Google Play* and there is also ODB 365 FOR TEENS written especially for young people.



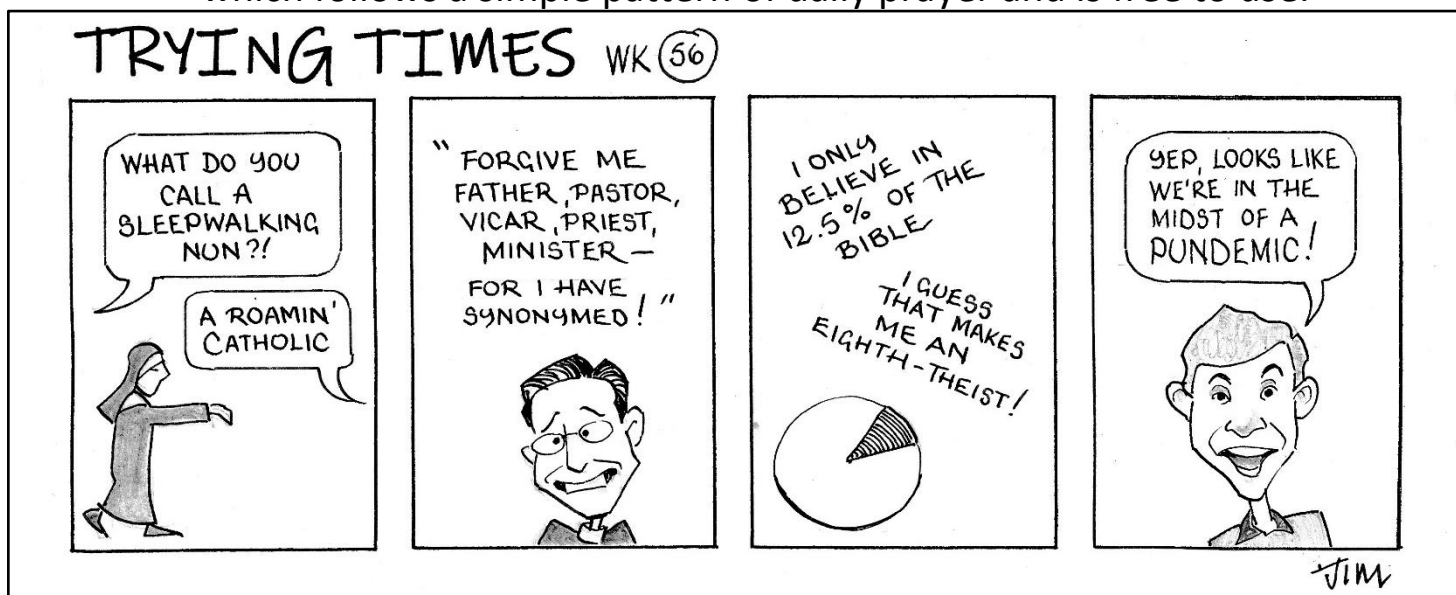
[Pray As You Go](#) – is a daily audio prayer session designed to be listened to while commuting, travelling or getting ready in the morning. The sessions last about 10 minutes and include music, Scripture and questions for reflection. It is written by the Jesuits and follows the Ignatian Examen.



[First15](#) – is a daily devotional to be used in the first 15 minutes of the day, with Scripture, reflection, prayer, musical worship, and a call to action each day. Craig Denison is the author of First15 and is based in Dallas, Texas.

Daily Prayer

[Daily Prayer](#) – the Church of England publishes several apps including *Daily Prayer* so you can follow Morning, Evening and Night prayer as well as Bible readings in contemporary or BCP formats; and *Time to Pray*, which follows a simple pattern of daily prayer and is free to use.



Today's Services: 25th April 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Third Sunday after Easter (BCP)

Please arrive no later than 5 minutes before the start of the service, so everyone can be safely seated at a distance

9:30 Family Communion

Hymns 537 The Lord's my shepherd (*traditional*); 1383 Jesus God's righteousness revealed; 1188 **Befriended**; This little light of mine

Readings Acts 4 v 5 - 12
John 10 v 11 - 18

Preacher: Alan Garrow

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Sumsion in G (Te Deum)

Hymns 144, 145, 612

Psalm 119 v 1 - 16

Readings Exodus 16 v 4 - 15
Acts 4 v 5 - 12

Anthem Christ the Lord is risen again (*Rutter*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

4:15 Afternoon Church

This week's worship online

We are continuing to live stream the following services: [9:30 am Holy Communion](#) and [11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion \(BCP\)](#) to join in follow the links here or on our website. [Morning and Evening Prayer](#) are at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday and will be live-streamed on Facebook and Zoom.

To keep everyone safe don't forget to:

- **wear a face covering and use the hand sanitiser**
- **follow the one way system** – down the side aisles and up the centre aisle;
- **keep your distance** at all times, even when you share the peace;
- **form a single, distanced queue** in front of the dais to receive Communion – a wafer, but not wine, will be distributed (please indicate in advance if you need a gluten-free wafer);
- **remember no refreshments** will be served after the service, but bottled water is available if you need it;
- **leave via the West Door** after the 9:30 am service, if you are able. **Thank you!**

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, Diana Braithwaite, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, Caroline Jackson, Miriam Jones, Jackie Kelly, Charlie Martineau, Sheila Pantin, Michele Roszak and Frances Roxby-Proud.

RIP: Shirley Dalton and Keith Helsby

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Vulnerable children with safeguarding and welfare needs
St Aidan's CE High School
- Tues** Those feeling lost, lonely and isolated
The team preparing and serving Sunday Lunch at St Peter's
- Wed** Businesses, our workplaces and economic wellbeing
Local pubs and restaurants who have no outside space so cannot open yet
- Thurs** The NHS and other key workers
GPs surgeries and health centres
- Fri** National and local government
Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer
- Sat** Stewart Davies, Lay Reader
Our families, friends and loved ones

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 in Church each morning this week. Why not read them at home if you are unable to come to the service?

- Mon** *Mark the Evangelist*
Psalm 37 v 23 to end
Isaiah 62 v 6 - 10
Acts 12 v 25 - 13 v 13
- Tues** *Christina Rossetti, poet*
Psalm 48
Deuteronomy 9 v 23 - 10 v 5
Ephesians 4 v 17 to end
- Wed** Psalm 135
Deuteronomy 10 v 12 to end
Ephesians 5 v 1 - 14
- Thurs** *Catherine of Siena, teacher*
Psalm 57
Deuteronomy 11 v 8 to end
Ephesians 5 v 15 to end
- Fri** Psalm 51
Deuteronomy 12 v 1 - 14
Ephesians 6 v 1 - 9
- Sat** *Philip and James, Apostles*
Psalm 139
Proverbs 4 v 10 - 18
James 1 v 1 - 12

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

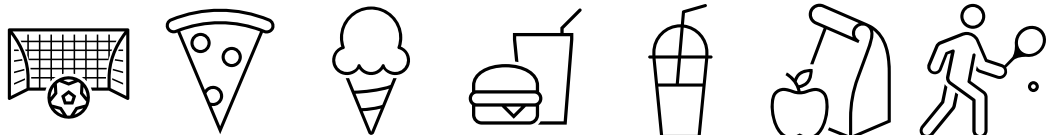
or

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

What's on This Week

St Peter's Church is open for private prayer from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm every day except Sundays.

- Mon 26th** 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Tues 27th** 4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
- Wed 28th** 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Thurs 29th** **11:00 am Holy Communion** (*no booking required*)
4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
- Fri 30th** 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Sat 1st** 4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
- Sun 2nd** **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch
4:00 – 5:00 pm **Sanctuary** meeting on The Stray for wide games and a *bring-your-own* picnic. Contact Chris Clayton for further details.



5:30 – 6:30 pm **Youth Confirmation Course** Session 3: *Where do we find truth nowadays?* Contact Chris Clayton at chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org or (07407 258733)

Join the Friday Morning Cleaning Team

We are looking for new members to join the Cleaning Team, 10:00 – 11:00 am on Friday mornings. Please speak to Sarah Martin, Churchwarden, 07913 259490.

Next Sunday 2nd May

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins

To check availability and to book a pew at our Sunday services contact our Parish Administrator, Carole Raw, by noon on Thursdays on 07425 161425 or at stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com

The Breakfast Club provides a free, hot breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:20 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need. A hot **Sunday Lunch** (with distanced seating) is served from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.

Hot food to eat in (with distanced seating) or take away, available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Food parcels are available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.



Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on 25th May at 7:00 pm in Church. If you are **not already** on our Electoral Roll, you will not be able to attend or vote - if you are over 16 and resident in this Parish (or have worshipped here for 6 months) then please fill in an [electoral roll form](#) and return it to the Parish Office by 10th May.

What is God's plan for you?

Today, the third Sunday after Easter, is **Vocations Sunday** - the day for churches to encourage everyone to reflect, discover and recognise God's call to them. God calls us as a people, and God calls each one of us - every person has a unique calling or a vocation. In responding to God's call and finding our place among God's people, we accept commitments that shape our identity and the roles we fulfil. **Vocation** is simply another word for the life-shaping

commitment God is calling you to. Discerning vocation starts with prayer. Pray that God would reveal how he is calling you. Try to find someone to talk to about what God might be calling you to - this might be a trusted friend, relative or your vicar. It might help to chat with a Christian you know in a similar working role, or with the same interests in community activities or wider societal issues. Explore their sense of calling to this role and in wider life. If you think that God might be calling you to a formal ministerial vocation (lay or ordained) then speak to our Vicar, Alan.

Flags of Hope go on display at Grinton Church



In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Janet Philips, the owner of *The Threshing Barn*, a craft shop in Reeth, had an idea to cheer people up during lockdown and to look to the future with hope. She called the project *Flags of Hope* and began by sending out kits to anyone who wanted them.

The project took on a life of its own, with more than 250 entries sent in by local crafters. *The Threshing Barn* had planned to hang them from their trade stand at craft shows this year,

but as the shows have not yet restarted, the flags were put on display in St Andrew's Church in Grinton in time for Easter Sunday.

The church will be open on Monday evenings (5:00 – 7:00 pm) from 12th April for visitors to enjoy the display.

Conversations have played an enormously influential role in my path to ordained ministry.

Clergy and lay people can play a vital role in helping people to realise their potential and encouraging people to explore their vocation.

At the heart of my journey was being open to God's prompting, leading and timing.

Rev'd Dr Catherine Okoronkwo,
Curate



Giving to support the work of St Peter's Church

No collection is taken during our services, but a plate is left by the door for your offering in support of the mission and ministry of this Church. If you would prefer to give by card, there is a contactless card machine in the South Transept. If you prefer to set up a bank transfer, please use these account details:
St Peter's Church PCC Harrogate
Sort Code: 53-50-21
Account No: 67137628
or **download a Planned Giving Form** from the website. **THANK YOU!**

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (2nd May) will be noon on Wednesday 28th April. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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*The banns of marriage are published between **Gillian Thornton** and **Colin Sinclair**. This is for the third time of asking.*

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New to St Peter's? Please give your contact details to one of the Clergy after the service.