



Weekly News

25th December 2022

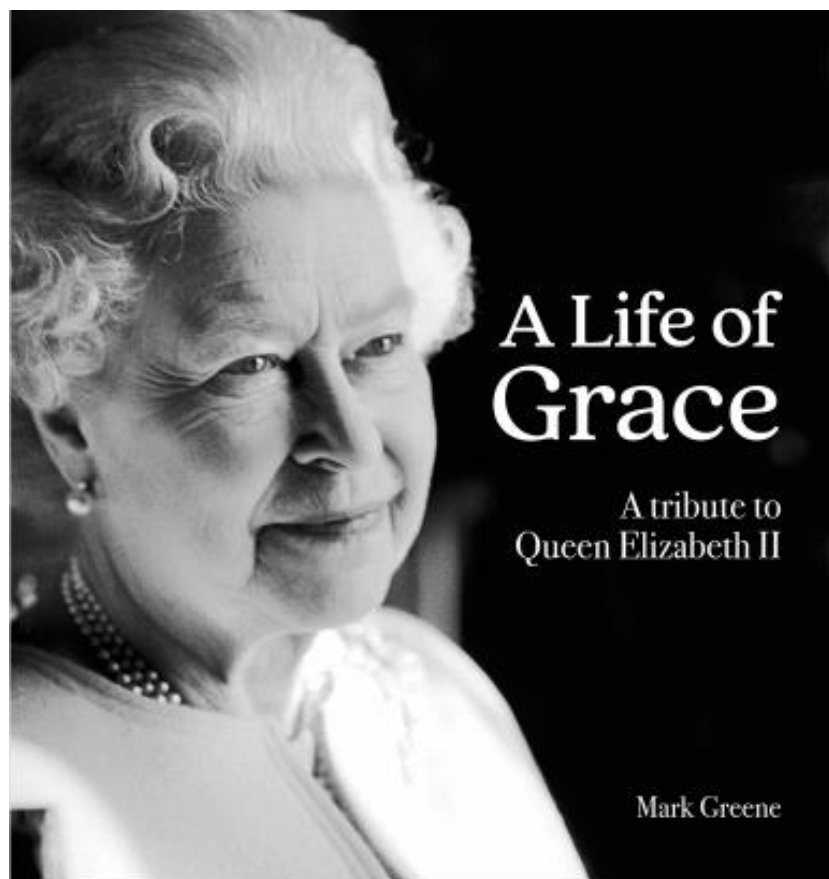
Christmas Day

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What difference does following Jesus make?

This year we witnessed both the Platinum Jubilee and the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. These events have caused us to reflect with gratitude on her seven decades of service and to marvel at her consistency in that role. How did she do it?



This Christmas we are giving away 200 copies of a beautiful book that explores why the Queen was so admired, respected, and loved by so many across the globe. As the Queen's recent Christmas broadcasts have highlighted, and as this book explores in greater detail, it was her dynamic Christian faith that shaped her vision for her role, and empowered her to be the inspiring servant and example she was, and remains.

The book's ten chapters consider how she lived out her faith in every sphere of life. From the young woman fresh to the throne, to the

monarch calling her people to their best, to the grandmother with the common touch. In her job and her home, as a leader and a person, she joined in God's work – setting an example for millions to follow.

If you would like to take a copy, please consider it our Christmas gift to you. And, as you read it, please consider the inserted invitation to join a course that begins here in St Peter's on Tuesday 17th January. The Start Course is an opportunity to explore the big questions of life and to find out more about God, Jesus and the journey of life.

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

Thinking about what it means to be a Church for Everyone

21st January 2023 10:00 am – 2:15 pm in the Brostoff Hall

Come and join our PCC and members of our congregation passionate about making St Peter's welcoming for everyone. We will think together about the barriers that prevent some people from feeling really welcome in our Church, and agree what we need to do to remove some of those barriers. At the end of the session we will have a plan - and people keen to make sure the plan works! Please let Sian Lockwood (sian.lockwood54@gmail.com or 07889 616 755) know if you can join the session on 21st January (or can't get to the session but want to be involved). Do get in touch by or before **7th January 2023**.



Join us to bring in the New Year!

On 31st December, New Year's Eve, we are holding two special services: **Pray for 2023** - 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 tomorrow. 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 free if you are joining the pilgrimage.



The Sunday Lunch Club meets TODAY!

It is open to everyone and there's no need to book or bring anything – although donations towards the cost will, of course, be very welcome! Lunch today will be served at 1:00 pm. Please speak to Hannah Beck (07503 186 455) or Yvonne Dawes (07960 779 381) if you need to know more.

St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

Just to remind you that the **Ladies who Lunch** are meeting this week on Wednesday 28th December at 12:15 pm at the Palm Court Café for food and fellowship. Please call or text Sue Heapy (07540 355 305) or send her an email (brynsusie@hotmail.com) if you need to know more.



The Christmas Tree Festival 2022



Congratulations to all our winners! *Clockwise from top left:*

Best Adult Group – *The Warmth of Christmas* by St Peter's Breakfast Club;

Best Individual Tree – *Dolly's Bling* by Hannah Beck;

Best Children's Group – *Recycling Reindeers* by St Peter's CE Primary School;

Most Creative Tree – *If music be the food of Christmas play on* by St Peter's Music Group.

Very many thanks to this year's organisers - Annabel Hutchison, Ellie Smith and Amy Moseley – for all your hard work!



Today's Services: 25th December 2022

Christmas Day



8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*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 **36** Away in a manger; Candle in the window; **408** O come all ye faithful; **155** Hark! the herald angels sing

Readings Hebrews 1 v 1 – 4 [5 - 12]

John 1 v 1 - 14

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:
Sian Lockwood, Richard Bion
and Ian Birt

11:00 Christmas Morning Service

Hymns *please see separate service sheet*

Readings Isaiah 52 v 7 - 10

John 1 v 1 - 14

Anthems Ding, dong, merrily on high (arr. *Charles Wood*)
Sans Day Carol (*John Rutter*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

This week's worship online

We are continuing to live stream Morning and Evening Prayer on Facebook and Zoom at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday. To join in follow the [links](#) on our website. Whenever we are unable to stream these services, it is possible to follow the day's liturgy via the national [Daily Prayer website](#).

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Robert Bickford, Ruth Bowes, Georgia Gabrielle Bradley, Michael Bradley, Margie Dickinson, Tony Edwards, Geni Emrullahu, Louise Emrullahu, David Fisher, Vicky Harrison, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Sheila Pantin, Frances Roxby-Proud and Michelle Simon

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Chris Clayton, Associate Vicar Our Lay Baptism Team
Tues	Rough sleepers and the homeless St Peter's Breakfast Club
Wed	Those delivering essential public services The Weekly News Editorial Team
Thurs	John Longstaff and St Peter's Choir Patients and staff in hospital over the Christmas period
Fri	Hannah Beck, Lay Reader Café RefleXions
Sat	Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's 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. Both services are livestreamed on Facebook and Zoom – join in by following the links on our website. These are the Bible readings we will be using each morning this week.

Mon	<i>Stephen, First Martyr</i> Psalm 13 Jeremiah 26 v 12 - 15 Acts 6
Tues	John, Apostle and Evangelist Psalm 21 Exodus 33 v 12 to end 1 John 2 v 1 - 11
Wed	The Holy Innocents Psalm 36 Baruch 4 v 21 - 27 Matthew 18 v 1 - 10
Thurs	<i>Thomas Becket, Martyr, Archbishop of Canterbury</i> Psalm 19 Isaiah 57 v 15 to end John 1 v 1 - 18
Fri	Psalm 113 Isaiah 59 v 1 – 15a John 1 v 19 - 28
Sat	Psalm 102 Isaiah 59 v 15b to end

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.

What's on This Week

*St Peter's Church is open as a **Warm Welcome Space** from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm every day except Sundays.*

Mon 26th	St Stephen's Day (<i>Boxing Day</i>)
Tues 27th	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 28th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 12:00 pm St Peter's <i>Ladies who Lunch</i> are meeting at the Palm Court Café
Thurs 29th	11:00 am Holy Communion NO Choir Practice
Fri 30th	9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room 10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
Sat 31st	<i>New Year's Eve</i> 4:00 – 6:00 pm Pray for 2023 11:30 pm Watchnight Service
Sun 1st	<i>New Year's Day</i> 1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch



URGENT – your empty egg boxes are needed!

St Peter's must be unique in its joyful giving away of eggs at the end of services. At the moment, however, we have a good supply of eggs (unlike some places) but a poor supply of egg boxes! If you have some stacked up at home, please do bring them with you next time you come to Church.

Thank you!

Next Sunday 1st January 2023
The Second Sunday of Christmas
9:30 Family Communion



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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.

St Peter's supports these charities *(click on the links to find out more)*

Generosity is one of St Peter's values. We rely on your generosity to function as a church community, and we also want to be a sign of God's generosity to others. That's why, from this year, the PCC has decided to change the way we support our mission partner, [Artizan International](#), and the other charities we support. Instead of using the funds raised at the Christmas Fair (which this year came to an amazing £2,660) we will be giving away 5% of our income from your Planned Giving. This should come to around £6,000. From this total, £2,000 will be divided between the local, and South American, expressions of [Artizan International](#), and a further £4,000 divided between [Wellspring Therapy and Training](#) in Starbeck; [Martin House Hospice](#) in Wetherby; [Mission Possible UK](#) working in Africa and Eastern Europe; and **St Andrew's Evangelical Mission** in Peru.



Artizan International was founded by Susie Hart in 2013 and now has projects in Peru, Ecuador and here in the UK. They enable, empower and support people with disabilities to meet their full potential, through therapeutic craft activities and social enterprise. Visit their shop and café in Harrogate.

Wellspring was established in 2003 and provides affordable, psychological support to people in distress and promotes good mental health through education and training. At their counselling and training centre in Starbeck they work to restore hope, develop resilience and facilitate positive change.



Martin House
hospice care for children
and young people

Martin House Children's Hospice in Wetherby provides family-led hospice care free of charge for children and young people with life-limiting illnesses.

Richard Wallis founded **Mission Possible UK** in 2007. The charity works in the Great Lakes Region of Africa and in Eastern Europe serving people at risk. Soon after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, they increased their operation in Odessa and have distributed 17,500 aid boxes as the war continues.



The Revd Brian Attwell and his wife Betty set up **St Andrews Children's Home** at Chosica, near Lima city, in Peru in 1984. Now Betty continues to care for just over 30 orphaned or abandoned children in the Home, as well as running a Day Nursery, Clinic and Dispensary for local people. In the future they hope to build their own Primary School.

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



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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**

The Parish Giving Scheme Tokens

If you give to St Peter's using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), please feel encouraged to take a PGS token from the Welcome Desk - then place it in the collection plate at the offertory to make your offering part of worship.

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.

The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next full edition of the Weekly News (8th January 2023) will be noon on Wednesday 4th January 2023. Please send any items to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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